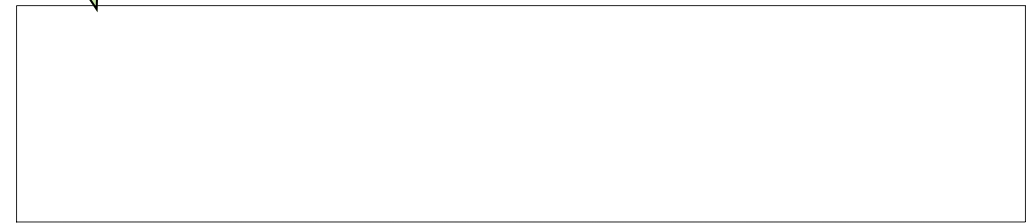




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GOOD NEWS

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8:30am-noon Friday*

*Outside office hours leave a message on the main phone number, 623-974-5637, and we will get back to you.
Send prayer chain requests to prayerchain@willowbrookumc.org.*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Worship
5:00 p.m.—Chapel

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary AND
9:30 a.m. Sunday Live Stream
worship available on
willowbrookumc.org



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Nine graduates received their certificates for completing the Disciple IV Bible Study. Completing Disciples I through IV is a seven to eight year commitment at Willowbrook. Pictured are Margaret Davis, Judy Browning, Karen DeVerna, Ginny McClain, Debb Pearson, Sherry Mellenthin, and facilitator, Patricia Ross, with Pastor Ruth Blum in the back. Not pictured are Judy Arkwright and Janice Caron.

Willowbrook United Methodist Church

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

*The ministers of this church are its members
Those who assist them are:*

Dedicated Lay Ministry—Stephen Ministry
Gary Kennedy—Senior Pastor
Ruth Blum—Associate Pastor
Lois Hedden—Pastor of Visitation
Laurie Lineberry—Director of Laity
Rev. Jon Ierley—Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director
Carol Virolainen—Worship Musician
Loretta Nash—Sabbath Musician
Nicholas Capatch—Live Stream
Russ Koan—Lay Leader
Dr. Linda Reese—Staff Counselor



**Pray for the following members in a
Group Home or Care Facility:**

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| • Richard Ceser | Highland Park Asst. Living |
| • Joanna Lynn | Guardian Care Home |
| • Lois McCrea | Doc's Place |
| • Fern McKnight | Sagewood Assisted Living |

DEADLINE FOR the JULY 2023
Good News is June 4, 2023

Easter Lilies



This year following the Easter service Stephen Ministers and members of the Worship Committee delivered Easter lilies to folks unable to attend the service in person. Pictured is a smiling Regina Winemiller receiving her Easter Lily.

SIGN UP FOR

Beginning
June 1
Cost is
\$50.00



ALTAR FLOWERS



June is a good month for . . .

In the old days, "June, July and August" were magical words! Summer vacation. No school for three months. Wow! Those three free months meant endless possibilities! Remember? Then we got older, and school was replaced with work. The magic of "June, July and August" became different. There were still warm days for outdoor activities and family vacations but it seemed there wasn't time for those "endless possibilities of youth." Well who says we can't have new outlooks and "endless possibilities"? Let's start one step at a time. Let's begin with June. As we look ahead to the month of June, what new possibilities might we experience. We could exercise more, we could read more, we could eat better, we could learn a new language. How about that? We could also take on a new spiritual endeavor. Why not take one of those Bible Studies that we hear about at church? It's more than just becoming more knowledgeable about the Bible, it's about getting to know God better and growing spiritually. A little self-reflection along the way might be our own spiritual self-help program. Interesting!

I read an article in one of the "Daily Bread" devotional books. It talked about self-reflection. It made the point that before mirrors and polished glass, people rarely saw themselves. Possibly in a puddle of water, but other than that, folks didn't spend much time looking at themselves. Nowadays we probably spend too much time looking at ourselves outwardly in the mirror compared to time spent looking at ourselves inwardly in terms of character, or integrity.

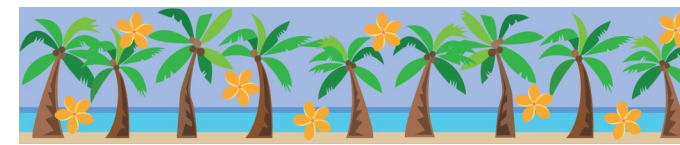
How about starting in June and doing some positive self-reflection? Maybe make some June-resolutions to start off the summer right. Let's choose to be positive, glass half-full people instead of glass half-empty folks. It can't hurt to try.

For the early church, community was critical and that's when the church was the strongest. I think if we endeavor to bring to the church a positive attitude and the results of creative self-reflection, it is bound to strengthen the church. The early church shared Christ in their hearts and the new beginning of living out their faith with others who were equally interested in spiritual growth. The devotion book I read concluded by saying, "Self-examination promotes unity with others and a healthy relationship with God." Got to start somewhere! How about June, July and August?

See you in church and/or Live-Stream

Rev. Gary Kennedy

Willowbrook Strong



Thank you so much for your prayers for my husband and I following my auto accident on our vacation. I am doing well and we have been able to get a replacement vehicle. I truly believe we were able to get this done quickly because of many prayers.

Blessings to you all,
Betty Shepherd



I would like to thank Rev. Gary for coming to see me in the hospital, Lois Hedden for her follow-up call, and the prayer chain and other friends for their prayers. Special mention to Thelma Muse and Anne Tingley who sent cards for every occasion. The get-well cards are still coming. I am getting stronger every day. I do thank God for the love of Willowbrook friends!

-Marilee Reetz

JUNE Birthdays

(We celebrate 90 years or more)

6	Helen Woodward
15	Dora Mowry
18	Regina Winemiller
19	Peggy Johnson
19	Joan Koster
23	Helen Hunt

JUNE Anniversaries

(We Celebrate 50 years or more)

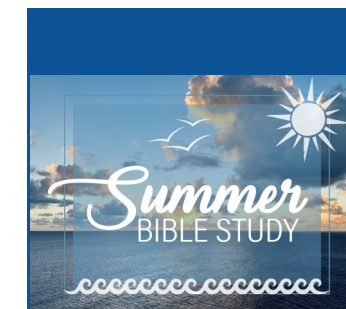
3	Dave & Priscilla Funk	57th
4	Rhett & Carol Sears	63rd
6	Bill & Shirley Pitzer	69th
10	Mike & Jo Allen	56th
10	Jon & Robbie Ierley	51st
14	Ed & Loretta Allen	65th
17	Steve & Lorraine Arend	56th
17	David & Pat Shontz	56th
19	Ron & Kathryn Laumann	58th
22	Tony & Karen Anthony	60th



Feeding the Community

Willowbrook Feeds the Hungry
Non-perishable Food
WATER IS ALWAYS NEEDED

Next Food Drive:
June 3 & 4, 2023
at Sabbath Service &
Sunday in Fellowship Hall



Beginning, Sunday, June 4, Pastor Ruth will be teaching a class each week entitled "Faith Fundies" (a study of basic Fundamentals of Faith.) In the relaxed atmosphere of the church library, join with others at 11:00am every Sunday morning.

See You There!



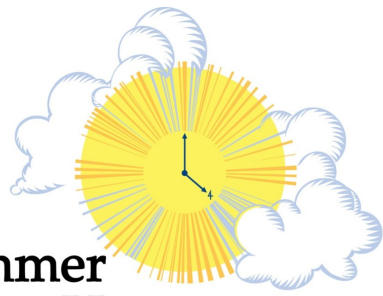
The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of reading through the Bible based on the synoptic (similar) gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The years are titled A (Matthew), B (Mark) and C (Luke). The Christian liturgical year begins the first Sunday of Advent and ends on Christ the King Sunday. If you read all the lections for all three years, you will read 85% of the Bible. Come and join us on Monday mornings at 11:00 am to read the upcoming Sunday's lectionary and to talk about it. We finish at noon.



The weekly readings for **JUNE** are:

CLASS DATE	DATE USED
May 29 NO CLASS	June 4
Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalms 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 5	June 11
Gen. 12:1-9	Psalms 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25	Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26
June 12	June 18 Father's Day
Gen. 18:1-15	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8	Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
June 19	June 25
Gen. 21:8-21	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11	Matt. 10:24-39
June 26	July 2
Gen. 22:1-14	Psalms 13
Romans 6:12-23	Matt 10:40-42



Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday-8:30 to 4pm
Friday-8:30-Noon

GRIEF SHARE *GriefShare* is a nationally known support group for people grieving loss through death. Using a video featuring experts on grief, along with a workbook and group discussion we help each other sort through those erratic emotions and peaks and valleys. *GriefShare* meets each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.

There are 13 sessions in the cycle. You don't have to attend in sequence. No matter when you begin, you will find encouragement. You don't have to be a member, or attend the church, to be a part of the *GriefShare* program.

June	7	The Journey of Grief: Part 1
June	14	The Journey of Grief: Part 2
June	21	Grief and Your Relationships
June	28	Why?
July	5	Guilt and Anger



Willowbrook Readers Club!

Hooked on Books is for you if you like to discuss books you are reading! We welcome new people! We

meet in the church library at 1:30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month

Check out the next few books!

- *June 22 *The Last Train to Key West* by Chanel Cleeton
- *July 27 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
- *August 24 *The Good Left Undone* by Adriana Trigiani
- *Sept 28 *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce
- *Oct 26 *Mitford Affair* by Marie Benedict



Benevilla™

Caregivers Support Group

EVERY THURSDAY
9:30-10:30am

Willowbrook Library Lounge
Hybrid: in-person and on ZOOM

This group is for caregivers of loved ones with various diagnoses who want to connect with other caregivers for support. It is a safe place to share, learn and support others who are experiencing the challenges of being a caregiver.

Facilitated by Benevilla—623-584-4999

Summertime and the living is easy . .



United Women in Faith

. . . so join United Women in Faith for lunch out during June, July and August. All of the Willowbrook ladies are invited and we encourage you to invite a friend. Just sign up the three Sundays prior so we can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

June 10—Mercers, 9720 West Peoria Ave, Peoria—11:45 a.m. Sign-up June 4, 11 & 18
July 17—Brothers, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria—Sign-up July 2, 9 & 16
August 21—Good China, 9180 W Union Hills, Peoria—Sign-up August 6, 13, & 20

During the summer in our area school supplies become available. We will do a collection of school supplies to support our mission programs. So bring some school supplies to the JULY luncheon. a SUGGESTED LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE July newsletter.

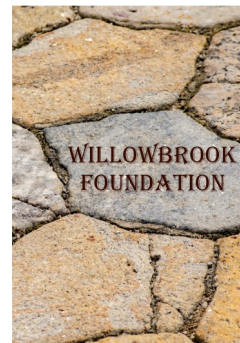
There are two Mission U opportunities. The first one is on June 23/24 on zoom and registration can be made through the conference newsletter or our own mailchimp newsletter. July is in-person at Prescott UMC and is an overnight. July 21 (12:30 pm)—July 22. If you have never attended, there is a scholarship available for first time attendees. The theme for the adult study is *Living the Good News and Living the Kingdom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer a Spiritual Practice for Transformation* is the study book.

If you are traveling during the summer, we will miss you and hope you will be back and rested in September.



KRIS KRAFTERS Christmas in June? Items for the November Holiday Craft Faire are beginning to show up at Kris Krafters. Sneak peeks of crocheted dolls, various kitchen items and unique purses have been seen. Several quilt tops were unearthed from the Kris Krafters closet. Thanks to the combined talents of Diane and David Perez, Marian Wittenberg and Joan Wright, these tops are being transformed into beautiful quilts. Items for local charities continue to be made by the industrious Kris Krafters.

Craft items, yarn and new fabric donations are always welcome. Kris Krafters meet the first and third Thursdays of the month, June 1st and June 15th. All are welcome from 9-11 a.m. in Wilson Fellowship Hall. See you there!



Ever hear of the Willowbrook UMC Foundation?

In the coming weeks and months, we will be sharing information about the Foundation...our purpose and why it is vital to the ongoing mission of the Church. We can...and we must...keep Willowbrook Strong!!



St. Mary's Food Bank®

Help Sort Food!

Are YOU available to help sort food? Willowbrookers will again be going to St. Mary's in June and July.

Join us on Wednesday, June 21 from noon to 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's is located at 13050 E Elm Street, Surprise.

Look for a sign-up sheet in Wilson Fellowship Hall or contact Liz Peck.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 19 when we will again help sort food.



The Youthful Seniors will host two movie nights in June.

The first:

Friday, June 9, 5:00pm
Menu: Sandwiches, chips, ice cream bars
Movie: *Parent Trap*
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Sign up: May 28 and June 4

The second:

Friday, June 23, 5:00 pm
Menu: Potluck, bring your own place setting
Movie: (Disney) *Iron Will*
Cost: \$5.00
Sign up: June 11 and June 18

June


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 CR—Conference Room
 CT—Courtyard
 LL—Library Lounge
 MR—Music Room
 PR—Prayer Room
 Sanc—Sanctuary
 WFH—Wilson Fellowship Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 FOOD BANK COLLECTION COMMUNION 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am “Faith Fundies”—LL</p>	<p>5 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH</p>	<p>1 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 FOOD BANK COLLECTION 3:00 pm Disciple 1—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
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<p>18 FATHER’S DAY 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am “Faith Fundies”—LL</p>	<p>19 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 11:45 am UWF Summer lunch— Mercers, 9720 W Peoria Ave* 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 3:15 pm Stephen Leaders—CR 4:00 pm Stephen Ministers—WFH</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Membership Evangelism Ed- ucation—CR 12 pm Lunch & Learn—WFH</p>	<p>14 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH</p>	<p>15 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL 3:30 pm Outreach—WFH</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 3:00 Disciple 1—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p>25 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am “Faith Fundies”—LL</p>	<p>26 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>	<p>21 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 9:30 am Foundation—CR</p>	<p>21 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 9:30 am Foundation—CR</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL 1:30 pm Hooked on Books—LL</p>	<p>23 5:00 pm Youthful Seniors Event—WFH</p>	<p>24 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
				Desert Southwest Annual Conference in Mesa Arizona		
	<p>* Register for the UWF Summer Lunch either June 11 or 18</p>		<p>28 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH</p>	<p>29 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Each month we join other churches in prayer for churches of the West District in the Desert Southwest Conference.</p> <p>JUNE Haven UMC, Jerome Lakeview UMC Sun City Liberty UMC, Buckeye</p>

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