



**WILLOWBROOK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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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
<https://willowbrookumc.org>



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday—8:30am—4:00pm

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

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:**

- Donna Barr
- Richard Ceser
- Dennis Lopic
- Lois McCrea
- Fern McKnight

- Avanti Senior Living
- Highland Park Asst. Living
- Cami Assisted Living
- Doc's Place
- Sagewood Assisted Living



March 2024 Issue

GOOD NEWS

Willowbrook United Methodist Church
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"
19390 North 99th Avenue
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
(closed 12:00-12:30 p.m. for lunch)

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Office Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-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.

Ashes to an Empty Tomb



Our Lenten journey began on Valentine's Day, February 14, with a service for the imposition of Ashes. This worship reminded us that the greatest gift of Love ever given was God's unconditional love. We will explore God's gift of Love in many ways during our Lenten journey toward Easter.

(See Below)

- Daily scripture reading to print out and do at home (found in your February 8th & 11th E-News)
- The Lectionary Study on Mondays at 11:00AM in the church library where you will read the story of Christ leading to his death and resurrection.
- "The Chosen" video series Season 1 – We are viewing together and discussing each of the 8 episodes which tell some of the possible back stories of Jesus' disciples. (Remember we will start watching Season 2 on April 15th (Following the same time schedule)
- Maundy Thursday Service will be a reader's theater worship service at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary including communion.
- Good Friday in the Sanctuary between 1:00 and 2:30pm we will experience a self-guided worship through interactive walk-through stations. Enter in silence and reflect on the words of Christ during a personal time including hands-on-activities guided by posters shared by members of the Art & Soul Small Group.
- The weekend services will explore the Spiritual Gifts God has given each of His followers.
- Easter weekend will be a joy-filled worship experience as we celebrate the resurrection together at 5:00pm Saturday or 9:30am Sunday.

Pastor Ruth



Willowbrook Readers Club!

Hooked on Books usually meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the church library at 1:30pm.

Here are some of the books we plan on reading and discussing in the New Year:

March 28—*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

April 25—*Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas

May 23—*All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers

June 27—*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki

If you enjoy reading and would like to join us, you are always welcome!!

Welcome To Willowbrook!

Photos Courtesy of Laurie Lineberry

Introducing...



Debbi Keslar
Joined: Jan. 28, 2024

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

Whether you are a lion or a lamb, you will be welcomed to Kris Krafters as we work together to create items to donate to multiple local charities. We meet in Wilson Fellowship Hall at 9 AM on the first and third Thursdays of each month.



Recent activities included a visit from Cliff Yoder, Donor Relations Manager from Benevilla, a road trip, an assembly line and a yarn delivery from Turkey. Cliff Yoder spoke of the origin, purpose and programs of Benevilla which serves the West Valley. Benevilla provides numerous programs which serve older adults, adults with disabilities, children and the families who care for them. He also thanked the Kris Krafters for their generous donations which have enriched many lives.

A few of the Kris Krafters made a road trip to the Quilt-Craft-Sew Exhibition at the AZ State Fair Grounds. There were miles of fabric, hundreds of sewing/quilting machines many quilters and crafters. What a fun road trip!

An assembly line of cutters, sewers and stuffers was formed to make pink felt pillows for Sandra Core & PAP to deliver to breast cancer patients. Next up, we will make red heart pillows for heart patients. Special yarn for making cancer caps has arrived and it was distributed to knitters and crocheters. The first months of the new year have been busy ones!

Pictured to the RIGHT: Kris Krafter Karen DeVerna & Cliff Yoder from Benevilla



ABOVE: Jill Zitt, Karen Anthony, Colleen Ellenburg, Sharon Sullivan, Gerri Joncas, Cheryl White, Kathy Allingham-Elder, Karen DeVerna, Vinnie Liscomb

RIGHT: Cathy Hoben Calhoun, Marge Rodriguez, Nancy McPhee, Kathy Allingham-Elder and Barb Sepiol. Not pictured Diane and David Perez

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group offered at Willowbrook is a community of caregivers that share the struggles and successes of constantly caring for a loved one. New caregivers attending a group usually feel great relief knowing they are not alone. Periodically, professionals from different disciplines are invited to provide much-needed information and services.

Caregivers acknowledge that the group has made them feel less alone on the journey, and are relieved to learn that anything shared in the meeting stays in the meeting. The group is for those who are dealing with general caregiving needs and for caregivers with loved ones who have various diagnoses. Willowbrook is blessed to have trained facilitators from Benevilla oversee the meetings. The group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.



Address/Email/Phone Changes

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EASTER Lilies Think about someone you want to honor or memorialize with a lily so we can have a wonderful representation of lilies this Easter. Purchase the lily and either keep it or take it to a loved one after the Easter Service.

Watch for further information soon.

Dear Willowbrook,
Thank you so much for allowing Ginny to sell Girl Scout cookies on January 27th. She was very nervous as the date got closer to her reality. Your kindness drew her out to speak about cookies! Your generosity helped her quickly add/subtract figures! You'll be excited to know that 159 boxes were donated to Justa Center and 87 boxes were taken home—246 total boxes sold to support Troop 2159!



Ginny, her troop and girl parents want to thank you for supporting the growth and enrichment of 11 kindergartners and first graders.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Lerley & Ginny
PS—Ginny was too nervous to write a note.
PPS—Ginny is top seller in her troop!



(We celebrate 90 years or more)

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| 1 | Joyce Chotena Neary |
| 2 | Bob Cooper |
| 5 | Betty Jones |
| 5 | Viola Seibel |
| 7 | Mary Ruth Linde |
| 8 | David Monk |
| 15 | Mary Ann Rearick |
| 15 | Norma Hamilton |
| 23 | George Hoffman |



(We Celebrate 50 years or more)

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| 6 | Bruce & Melissa Cole | 53rd |
| 10 | George & Jan Caruso | 62nd |

IN LOVING Memory Our condolences to family and friends on the death of the following Willowbrook members and/or family & friends:

- Anne King on January 23
- Joanna Lynn on February 5
- Duva Roth on February 4 (approximate)
- Ginny McClain on February 14



Willowbrook Handbells
Meet every Tuesday
1:30 pm—Music Room
Info: Carolyn Smith

March 2024

February 2024						
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April 2024						
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CH—Chapel
 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>Feed the Hungry Non-perishable Food WATER IS ALWAYS NEEDED</p> <p>Next Food Drive: March 2 & 3, 2024</p>						
<p>3 COMMUNION—FOOD BANK 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am New Member Class—LL 3:00 pm Desert Brass Concert—Sanc</p>	<p>4 10:00 am UW Faith Team—MR 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—CR 3:00 pm The Chosen—CR</p>	<p>5 9:00 am Staff Parish—CR 1:30 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:00 pm Men’s Fellowship—LL</p>	<p>6 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 1:00 pm Winsome Widows— Campbell’s, 9098 W Pinnacle Peak Rd 2:00 pm Worship Committee—CR</p>	<p>1 2:00 pm Youthful Seniors Board—LL</p>	<p>2 FOOD BANK 2:30 pm Disciple II—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p>10 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am New Member Class—LL</p>	<p>11 9:30 am Mary Circle—WFH 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle—LL 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—CR 3:00 pm The Chosen—CR</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Rachel Circle—LL 1:30 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:00 pm Men’s Fellowship—LL</p>	<p>13 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen—CR 4:00 pm Dorcas Circle—WFH 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Trustees—CR 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL</p>	<p>15 1:00 pm UW Faith to Wesley Center</p>	<p>16 2:30 pm Disciple II—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p>17 ST. PATRICK’S DAY 9:30 am Worship—Sanc</p>	<p>18 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 12:00 pm UW Faith Lunch —WFH 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—CR 3:00 pm The Chosen—CR 3:30 pm Stephen Leaders—CR 4:00 pm Stephen Ministers—WFH</p>	<p>19 SPRING 9:30 am M.E. E.—CR 12:00 pm 3rd Tuesday @12—WFH 1:30 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:00 pm Men’s Fellowship—LL</p>	<p>20 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 9:30 am Foundation—CR 12:00 pm Kitchen Committee—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc</p>	<p>21 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 2:30 pm Outreach—CR</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 NEW MEMBERS 2:30 pm Disciple II—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY/NEW MEMBERS 9:30 am Worship—Sanc</p>	<p>25 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—CR 2:00 pm 3rd Tuesday Planning—WFH 3:00 pm The Chosen—CR</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Church Council—CH 1:30 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:00 pm Men’s Fellowship—LL</p>	<p>27 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc</p>	<p>28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 1:30 pm Hooked on Books—LL 3:00 pm Maundy Thursday—Sanc</p>	<p>29 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross—Sanc</p>	<p>30 2:30 pm Disciple II—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY 5th SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE FOR HART 9:30 am Worship—Sanc</p>						

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