

# Willerup Whispers

To Glorify Christ in Word & Deed

February  
2020

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2020

## Ministry Servants

### **Pastor**

Marvin Singh

### **Accountability**

### **Leadership Board:**

#### **Chair**

Ron Dayton

#### **SPPRC**

Dick Legge

### **Finance Team Lead**

Shannon Ghorbani

### **Trustees**

Gerry Fosdal

Lisa Kalata

### **Lay Leader**

Jeanette Retzlaff

### **Goals/Teams**

Judy Vasby

Dearest Parishioners,

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### My roots in the Methodist Church

1856 The Methodist Episcopal Church sent missionaries to India. The first one was William Butler. My great-grandfather Genda Singh of Hardoi in United Provinces was given the gospel and was baptized in 1870. My grandfather Sohan Singh and his sister were sent to boarding school for education and upbringing in faith. My grandfather was a member of a local Methodist Church. He died in 1953 at Ajmer, Rajasthan and is buried at the Methodist Cemetery at Gugra Ghati Ajmer. My parents were active in the local church, my father was the local lay preacher and was connected with the Epworth League beside his regular job as auditor in Railways (Railroad).

I am the fourth generation and Andrew is the fifth generation of Methodists and preaching the gospel, which was once shared with our family long time.

The reason our family accepted Christ is there is no salvation in any other except in Jesus Christ. All other religious leaders are dead and gone but Christ lives, and lives thorough transformed life and his body, which is the Church.

The missionaries taught us to believe in the Apostles Creed which talks about the uniqueness of Christ in the multi-religious and syncretistic society of India - Virgin birth of Christ, death and the resurrection of Christ, forgiveness of sins through him and his coming back. They also taught that the Holy Bible not only contains the Word of God but IT IS THE WORD OF GOD.

The sinners, who have separated from the Fellowship of God, can return to him through the reconciliation made by Christ who paid the price and become Savior of the world. Anyone one can come to Him through repentance of sins and putting their faith in the work done on the cross.

How do I know that Jesus loves me? - Jesus loves me this I know  
for the Bible tells me so.

### The Present State of United Methodist Church

The year 2020 is a year of historical significance in the life and history of our denomination. The General Conference at Minneapolis in May 2020 is where the global delegates will decide the future of the denomination. Our Willerup Accountability Leadership Board will be informing you and updating you on the happenings.

Please pray:

1. For the General Conference / delegates / decision at Minneapolis in May 2020.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to direct the delegates to come out with a decision which will continue to do the mission of the church.
3. The local Willerup church will continue to do the ministry.
4. We will continue to uphold the Bible – the Word of God for our faith and ministry.

### Intercession for the family of God:

\* grieving family of Marilyn Johnson - when some loved one(s) dies it affects us all as we remember our lost loved ones too.

\* Samantha Fisher, Dave Behm, Cris Trieloff,

Ivan and Betty Springstead, Betty Prescott, LaVonne Reschke, Norma Borchardt, Duane Woolever, Bernadine Christianson

\* College students - Robin Witt, Hannah Hoffman, Laura Kriedeman, Avery Kendall, Gray Levertson, Blake Gieck, Makayla Martin, and all others.

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

Thank you all for your love for this church and your service to the Lord and support through your presence, prayers, gifts, witness and service.

Pastorally Yours,

*Marvin and Nalini Singh*



# February 2020



Sermons on Cable 987  
Sundays 4:00 pm  
Mondays 6:30 am  
Mondays 4:00 pm  
Tuesdays 6:30 am  
Tuesdays 4:00 pm

**February Food Pantry  
Request:  
Pancake Mix & Syrup**



|                     |                    |                    |                            |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Celebrations</b> | 9 Dale Koplin      | 15 Chase Jarlsberg | 27 Ron Dayton              |
| <b>Birthdays</b>    | 9 Erik Peppey      | 21 Brett Heagney   | <i>Anniversaries</i>       |
| 1 Zachary Fisher    | 10 Jannette Becker | 21 Lori Woolever   | 2 David & Mary Behm        |
| 2 Dale Yerges       | 10 Donna Kenas     | 22 Alan Lund       | 2 Arlen & Henny Lund       |
| 6 Marlene Koplin    | 10 Ken Schemenauer | 22 Andrea Kendall  | 25 Alan & Janice Lund      |
| 6 Aaron Lund        | 15 Tammy Brigham   | 26 Samantha Fisher | 26 Steve & Carol Armstrong |

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| 2  | 8:15am Prayer<br>8:45am Sun Sch Adults<br>10:00am Worship<br>3:00pm GriefShare                             | 3  | 7:00pm Prayer Group<br>7:00pm Thompson<br>Center Ministry                                       | 4  |  | 5  | 11:45am Retiree's<br>Potluck Lunch<br>3:25pm Awana Club<br>K-5th<br>6:00pm Youth Group     | 6  | 5:30pm Attend<br>Community Cafe<br>6:00pm Jefferson Jail<br>Ministry | 7  | 10:00am Thompson<br>Center Ministry                    | 8  | Youth Winter Retreat<br>8:00am Men's Study  |
| 9  | Youth Winter Retreat<br>8:15am Prayer<br>8:45am Sun Sch Adults<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:01am Mission Focus | 10 | 4:00pm Sing-a-long at<br>Our House<br>7:00pm Prayer Group<br>7:00pm Thompson<br>Center Ministry | 11 |  | 12 | 3:25pm Awana Club,<br>Youth Leader Night,<br>Thank You Night<br>6:00pm Youth Group         | 13 | 6:00pm Jefferson Jail<br>Ministry                                    | 14 | Valentine's Day<br>10:00am Thompson<br>Center Ministry | 15 | 8:00am Men's Study<br>2:00pm Citizenship<br>Celebration Uli W.<br>6:00pm High School<br>Fellowship at |
| 16 | 8:15am Prayer<br>8:45am Sun Sch Adults<br>10:00am Worship  | 17 | President's Day<br>7:00pm Prayer Group<br>7:00pm Thompson<br>Center Ministry                    | 18 |  | 19 | 3:25pm Awana Club<br>K-5th<br>6:00pm Youth Group   | 20 | 6:00pm Jefferson Jail<br>Ministry                                    | 21 | 10:00am Thompson<br>Center Ministry                    | 22 | 8:00am Men's Study  |
| 23 | 8:15am Prayer<br>8:45am Sun Sch Adults<br>10:00am Worship  | 24 | 4:00pm Sing-a-Long at<br>Our House<br>6:30pm ALBoard<br>7:00pm Prayer Group<br>7:00pm Thompson  | 25 |  | 26 | 3:25pm Awana Club,<br>Talent Show<br>6:00pm Youth Group<br>7:00pm Ash Wednesday<br>Worship | 27 | 1:00pm Mary Circle<br>6:00pm Jefferson Jail<br>Ministry              | 28 | 10:00am Thompson<br>Center Ministry                    | 29 | 8:00am Men's Study  |

Feb 1

6:00am No Regrets  
Men's Conference

6:00pm Fellowship at  
Nickelsburgs





# Open Doors



## WORLD WATCH LIST



### What is the World Watch List?

The World Watch List is an annual report on the global persecution of Christians, ranking the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Released at the beginning of each year, the list uses data from Open Doors field workers and external experts to quantify and analyze persecution worldwide.

### How are the countries ranked?

Countries are ranked by the severity of persecution of Christians, calculated by analyzing the level of violent persecution plus the pressure experienced in five spheres of life. For the detailed methodology, visit [ODUSA.org/WWLMethodology](https://odusa.org/WWLMethodology).

## Ranking Methodology



### Pressure

Degree of pressure in **five spheres** of Christian life

Max score per sphere: 16.7



### Violence

Amount of violent incidents against Christians and the Church

Max score per sphere: 16.7



Church life



Community life



Private life



National life



Family life



Violence

Pressure



MAX SCORE  
83.3

+

Violence



MAX SCORE  
16.7

=

Rank  
Number

MAX SCORE  
100

The 50 Countries where it's most dangerous to follow Jesus:

- 1 North Korea
- 2 Afghanistan
- 3 Somalia
- 4 Libya
- 5 Pakistan
- 6 Eritrea
- 7 Sudan
- 8 Yemen
- 9 Iran
- 10 India
- 11 Syria
- 12 Nigeria
- 13 Saudi Arabia
- 14 Maldives
- 15 Iraq
- 16 Egypt
- 17 Algeria
- 18 Uzbekistan
- 19 Myanmar
- 20 Laos
- 21 Vietnam
- 22 Turkmenistan
- 23 China
- 24 Mauritania
- 25 Central African Republic
- 26 Morocco
- 27 Qatar
- 28 Burkina Faso
- 29 Mali
- 30 Sri Lanka
- 31 Tajikistan
- 32 Nepal
- 33 Jordan
- 34 Tunisia
- 35 Kazakhstan
- 36 Turkey
- 37 Brunei
- 38 Bangladesh
- 39 Ethiopia
- 40 Malaysia
- 41 Colombia
- 42 Oman
- 43 Kuwait
- 44 Kenya
- 45 Bhutan
- 46 Russian Federation
- 47 United Arab Emirates
- 48 Cameroon
- 49 Indonesia
- 50 Niger

# Upcoming Events!

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## Youth Sunday

March 1

We will be blessed by our 6-12th grade youth group at 10 am worship on March 1. Our talented youth will teach, preach, and share songs, skits, and insights. They will attend Winter Retreats February 7-9th and will be ready to show what they have learned.



## Nights with the Nickelsburgs

All, Each week we sit and church and learn something new about someone in the congregation. It is wonderful to be able to do this! And we want to do it more often, more deliberately. We want to open our home.

And so, the first Saturday of every month we would like to invite the congregation to a Night with the Nickelsburgs. Let's get together, eat, play games, fellowship, and pray. Let's enjoy one another's company and grow. No need to cook, Kurt is excited to try out new recipes (seriously, his cooking is amazing). A sign-up sheet will be in the Cafe this week, just so we can get a rough idea of numbers. 6PM-10PM.

In addition the third Saturday of every month will be High School Youth Night. Let's get together, eat, play games, fellowship, and pray. 6PM-10PM. This is open to ANY AND ALL high school students.

We look forward to seeing you!

All our love in Christ,

*The Nickelsburgs*

## Lent and Easter

February 26

Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm,  
imposition of ashes and  
communion

March 8—April 5

Lent Sunday School for High  
School and Adults 8:45 am,  
And 10 am Worship Sermon series  
on *He Chose the Nails* by Max  
Lucado

April 9

Holy Thursday Soup Supper 6:30  
pm, followed by Worship at 7pm,  
communion

April 10

Good Friday Worship 7 pm

April 12

Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service 7 am  
Easter Breakfast 8-9:45 am  
(no Sunday School)  
Worship 10 am

## Weekend to Remember Marriage Seminar

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## Youth Pancake Breakfast/Brunch

January 12, 2020

Fundraiser for Youth Retreats  
which will be Feb 7-9th

(photos by Andrea Kendall)



Heard at the breakfast:  
*"Better than IHOP!"*



Many youth participated, but pictured here are:  
Spencer Davis, Tessa Schmude,  
& Sam Nickelsburg;  
Jonas Boshart;  
Mary Hommen;  
Liam Brown & Caleb Kendall





## Cambridge Wellness Expo

January 26, 2020, 12-3 pm

Cambridge Elementary School

Local churches were invited to have a booth on Spiritual Wellness.

Pictured are Father Dave Timmerman of St Pius X and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek of Grace Lutheran. Also present at the booth were Pastor Brenda Lovick of East Koskonong Lutheran, and our own Pastor Marvin Singh, Accountability Board Chair Ron Dayton, and Megan Retzlaff (kids ministry rep).



## Awana Staff Meeting

Our Awana (K-5th grade) staff take their ministry seriously!

This staff meeting was January 22, after club. Adult staff and Jr Leaders were planning Youth Night. On February 12th, our Jr Leaders will lead parts of club—music, games, and teaching. We look forward to seeing our youth rise up as leaders in Christ!



**Willerup United Methodist Church  
Accountability Leadership Board  
Board Meeting #1  
Meeting of January 22, 2020  
Lighthouse Room – 6:30 PM  
Summary  
Subject to Approval**



**Call to Order 6:30 pm**

**Members Present**

Ron Dayton - Chair  
Lisa Kalata – Trustee  
Gerry Fosdal – Trustee  
Shannon Ghorbani – Finance  
Judy Vasby – Goals and Communications  
Pastor Marvin Singh  
Dick Legge - SPPRC  
Megan Retzlaff – Secretary

**Unable to attend:**

Jeanette Retzlaff – Lay Leader, due to illness

**Opening Prayer given by Pastor Singh**

**Review of Agenda for Additions/Corrections**

**Leadership Teaching – Pastor**

Phil 3:7-14

Will create prayer card to distribute within church:

Pray for local church and church leadership  
Pray for general conference meeting in May  
Pray for WI Annual conference meeting in June  
Pray for our congregation to be informed

**Card Ministry – Explanation (Ron) –**

Determined that card ministry will continue.

Five cards, including: Thank you to Hometown Bank for running Singing Christmas Tree ad

**Consent Agenda Items:**

Minutes of December Church Council Meeting

December Budget Reports

Motion to Approve By: Dick Legge; Second By: Lisa Kalata

Overview of 2019 church income: 75% of income was by check, 7% by cash, 12% online, 6% in interest

Determination: Approved

**Action Items For This Agenda: None**

**Reports Received from each ALB Member. Notable Items:**

Lay Team Leader (Jeanette) – home due to illness, but sent documents to meeting.

Shared documents about recent proposal for UMC church split – please take home, read, understand, ask questions.

Judy notes: There will be presentations in coming months in the district.

Group affirms we would like to try to attend a presentation together as a group.

Staff Pastor Parish Team Leader (Dick)

Will attend SPPRC training event Feb 1 with Pastor

**Discussion Items:**

Wellness Expo Coverage – 12:00-3:00 CES (Megan)

Lay Opening of Service Plan (Dick)

Lay person opening service, it is going well, perhaps rotate others in over time.

Worship team will discuss this and other lay contributions to worship.

(Dick) Do ALB members receive reimbursement for travel? Yes, reimbursement for gas.

Receipt of Painting and Cross-stitch [Placement and Note] (Ron)

Suggestion to put in history display case for now, possible other location later.

Review and Processing of Event Planning Meeting of January 19

Presentation of ALB in worship - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

**Tasks Planning:**

Task Planning Template Review – Ron will prepare

ALB Regional Meetings Attendance

Meetings held twice a year, next is Tuesday April 21, 10am-1pm, Sun Prairie UMC

Willerup ALB Utilization Plan Development

There is a structure for ALB, but individual churches must customize according to needs.

At future meeting, we plan to go through original ALB documents from Rev. Jones.

Willerup Goal Setting Planning – What are our “big rocks”? What will need to be part of our Strategic Plan?

Upcoming Denominational Split

Ministries – Which to Sustain, Enhance, Abandon?

Outreach

InReach – keeping ourselves growing and maturing

Next Generation Willerup – Younger leaders, families with kids

Lighthouse Room Purpose / Development /

Future of WUMC in Methodist World Church Planning  
Read and discuss documents received from Lay Leader (see reports).

**Items For Next / Future Agenda**

Goal Planning Next Steps

Task Planning Updates / Next Steps

**Next Meeting: Beginning in Feb, we will meet on Fourth Mondays each month.**

**Next will be Feb 24, 6:30 pm, Lighthouse Room**

**Motion to Adjourn: Judy; Second: Gerry**

**Closing Prayer (Offered By: Dick)**

***Thank you always, Board Members, for your service for God's Purposes for Willerup! Bless you!!!***



## Who are We at Willerup?

### Our Mission

To **Seek** the Lost, To **Strengthen** the Lord's Disciples, and To **Serve** in the Lord's Kingdom

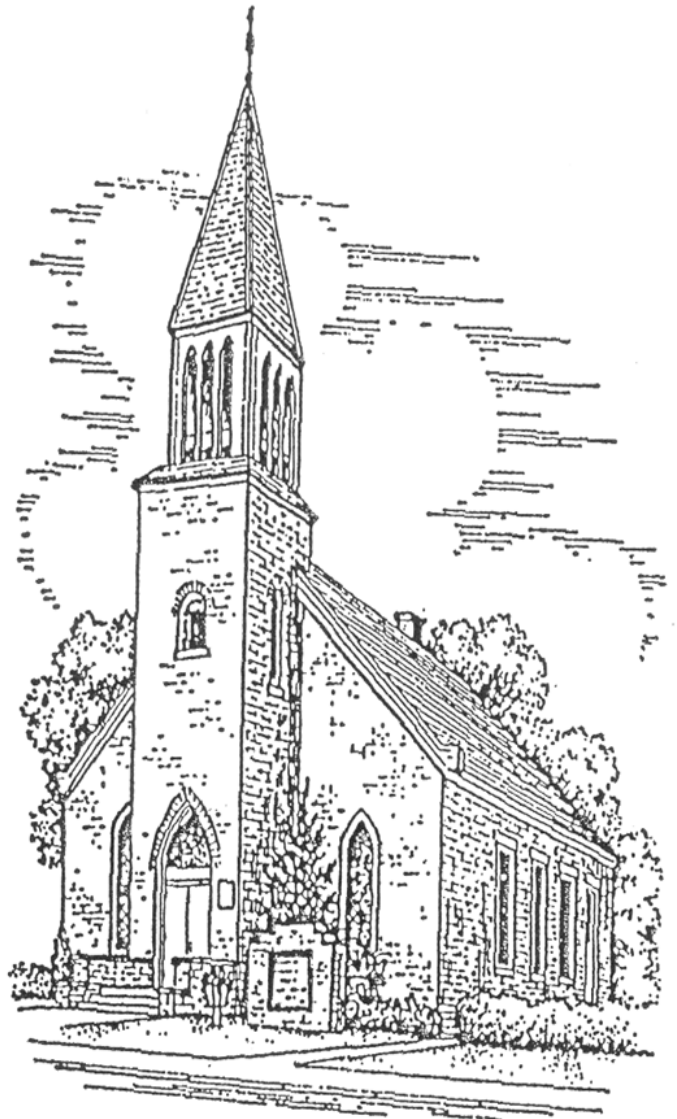
### Our Purpose

To **Glorify Christ In Word and Deed by....**

- ♥ Reaching out and receiving new people, introducing them to the person of Jesus Christ.
- ♥ **Connecting people** to the community of **faith** which is growing in the **grace** and **knowledge** of the **Lord**.
- ♥ **Developing** people to **Christ-like** maturity.
  - ♥ **Equipping & sending disciples** in ministry & mission.
  - ♥ ... All to the end of **exalting & honoring God's name**.

### Our Conviction

**We Believe** a Great **Commitment** to the Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission**  
Will Grow a Great **Church!**



### Sunday Schedule

8:15 am Prayer

9:00 am Sunday  
School, ages 5-100

10:00 am Worship

### The Willerup Whispers Newsletter

(1 Kings 19:11-12)

*Available by Email or in Print*

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WMC Administrative Assistant

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