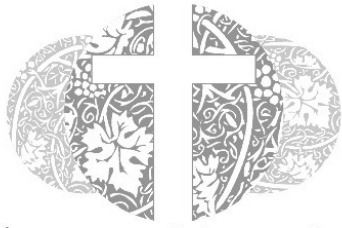




Love Is Honoring
the Divine in All of Us

June 28, 2026



Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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June 28, 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

We ask that everyone wear nametags so that we can be welcoming to all. There are listening devices available for those that may need them. An usher will be happy to assist you. Following the service in the Sanctuary after worship, everyone is invited to a time of Fellowship in the Zeckhausen Room which is immediately across from the Sanctuary.

**All who are able to stand, may do so.*

UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: The God of Abraham Praise, traditional Hebrew Melody arr. M. Parks

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Pastor Julie

***GATHERING HYMN #2238 vs. 1 & 2 (TFWS)**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Mantler

Liturgist: We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who hears and responds to our cries and conditions.

People: We gather though weary of the world, because we trust in God’s steadfast love.

Leader: Our hearts may ask, “How long, Oh Lord?” Yet our souls rejoice in the love of God.

People: We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because our hope is in God’s unwavering love.

Leader: We gather to sing and praise our steadfast God, who has been faithful and generous with us.

All: We worship and work as testimony of the goodness of the God who prevails. Let us worship the God of Life!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. We glorify your name, for you, Holy and Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation. We open our hearts and minds to remember the testimonies of the past and to receive the truth revealed in your word for the present. May you delight in our praise as we honor you and encourage one another in the journey of faithful living. Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE # 334 (UMH)**

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response # 2193 (TFWS)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10: 40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Love, the Work

Pastor Julie

***HYMN – #116 vs. 1 & 2 (UMH)**

The God of Abraham Praise

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Mountain Top

Patti Colkos, soloist

B. Bannister

***Doxology #94 (UMH)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN #2238 vs. 4 & 5 (TFWS)**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #664 (UMH), verse 2:**

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Excerpts from: Jerusalem &
Voluntary on "Jerusalem"

arr. J.S. Dixon
arr. D. Lasky

Welcome Visitors! *Is this your first visit to United Church? If you wish to be contacted by a member of the church or our pastor, please leave your contact information with one of the ushers or place a visitor card in the collection plate.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Julie Olmsted

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Joyce Pierangelo, Skip Dearborn

Liturgist: Bob Mantler

Greeters: Gail & Chris Lima



Altar flowers this morning are given by Jo Miner and family in loving memory of Lee.

Rev. Julie Olmsted: Pastor (pastor@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x 103

Bobbie Morkin: Music Director (musicdirector@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x106

Deb Trimble: Administrator (admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x100

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*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Julie or the Church Office.
After office hours, Rev. Julie can be reached at 937-409-1375 (until 8pm, unless it's urgent).*



Please Pray For:

Catherine Gardner

Connie Law

Sharon McAbee

Shey McAbee

Michelle McBride

Bill McCullough

Claire McCullough

Ed McCorkindale

Jean Michon

Jim Trimble

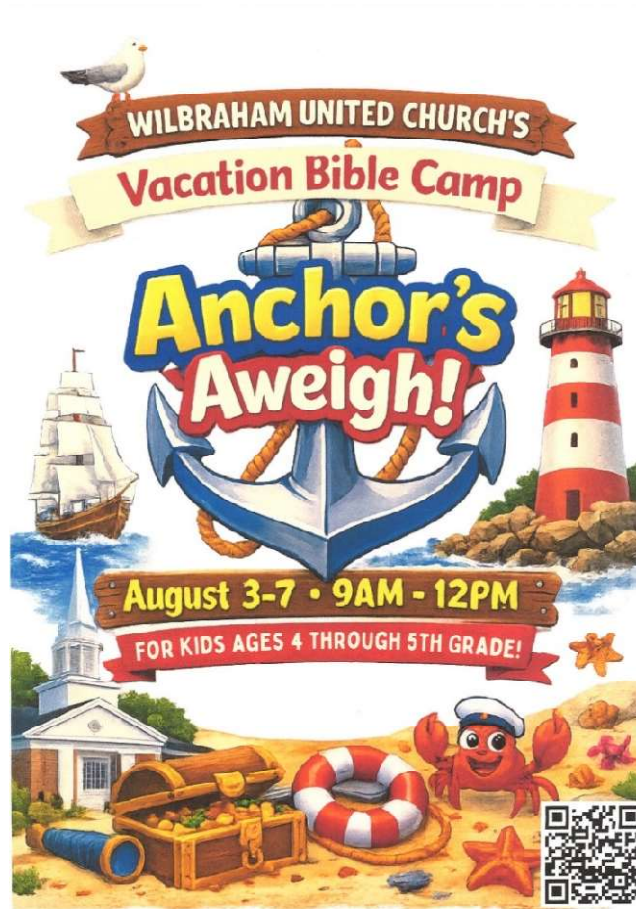
The Hungry

The Homeless

The victims of violence and their families

Our troops, our country and our world

“News for the Pews” for the Week of June 28, 2026



It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp 2026! Registration for both campers and volunteers can be found on the church's website:

www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)

1:30 – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, June 29, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Church Office 11:00 – 2:00

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, July 3, 2026

Church Office closed

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Church Office closed

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)