

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 WORSHIP

Prelude singing
Gathering/Confessing/Reconciling with candle lighting

Worship in song
Children's time

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10
Sermon: *God's Road: Out of the Desert!*
Song

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes: Age 3 – 7th grade (basement)
Youth class (Pine Room)
Adult classes: An Ordinary Day with Jesus (Maple Room)
Talk It Over class (Pastors Study)
Connecting in conversation

Welcome to the third Sunday of Advent with the theme “The Holy Way: Walking in the way of God's Heart.” God comes directly to us to impact our walking through life. Today's focus statement: God's healing and restoration is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

The plastic bank passed during the offering time is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger. Proceeds are divided between MCC hunger projects and the local food pantry.

All are welcome to Cal and Carol's Christmas Open House at 130 N Galena St in Tiskilwa this afternoon from 3 -7 pm.

Thanks to all who helped with Advent/Christmas decorations last Sunday!

Kids Klub will be held Wednesday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Classes for K-8th grade.

Plan for the Tiskilwa Christmas Worship Service, next Sunday at 7 pm at Plow Creek. Bring cookies or other finger foods to share in a time of fellowship following the service.

End-of-year matching fundraiser! Please consider a gift to the youth group as they raise money to go to the Mennonite Youth Convention next summer in Orlando, Florida. This fundraising goal of \$2500 will be matched by a donor for a total of \$5000!

Upcoming winter events at Menno Haven:

January 6-8 Young Adult retreat
January 20-21 Junior High retreat with Jon & Lindsey Birkey
January 27-29 High School retreat with Kristin Jackson
Go to mennohaven.com for cost and registration details.

Apply now for a college scholarship. If you or your parents are Everence members and you'll attend an accredited undergraduate or trade program for the next academic year, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Learn more at everence.com/college-scholarships.

CALENDAR

December 18 Aaron Kaufmann sharing during Sunday school
December 18 Tiskilwa Community Christmas Worship Service, 7 pm, Plow Creek
December 19-21 MCC meat canning, Freeport
December 25 Christmas Worship, 9:30 am. No Sunday school
December 31 New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion, 7 pm
January 15 Amela Puljek-Shank, area director of Europe and Middle East MCC here
January 22 Congregational meeting

Available for your use:

*accessible restroom by library
*staffed nursery for children through age 4 (following children's story)
*elevator located inside main door and by library
*large print hymnals & hearing devices available from ushers