

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Prelude singing
Call to worship

Worship in song
Children's time

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: *Blessed are the Peace Makers*
by Amela Puljek-Shank

Song

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's class (basement)
Youth and Adults: Sharing by Amela Puljek-Shank

A special welcome to Amela Puljek-Shank, area director of Europe and Middle East for Mennonite Central Committee. Amela will share with us during our worship service and a combined adult Sunday school class. We also welcome Krista Dutt, our Illinois MCC staff person. Plow Creek will not be joining us, as originally planned, due to the deaths of Jim and Rich.

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.

Kids Klub will be held Wednesday, January 18, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Classes for K-8th grade.

Elders meeting, Thursday, January 19, 7:30 pm at Elaine Gerber's home.

Next Sunday, January 22, plan for a congregational meeting after a carry-in meal. Some agenda items: budget/giving update, Willow Springs Evangelism Coordinator, and other updates.

Our sympathies to the families of Jim Harnish and Rich Foss, both of Plow Creek. Jim, a gifted artist, passed away on Monday. Rich, a long-time pastoral elder of Plow Creek, passed away on Wednesday. **A funeral for Rich Foss will be held here at Willow Springs this afternoon, 4:00.** An inurnment will be held for Jim Harnish at a later date.

A copy of the book *The Bible as Story* has been placed in the Willow Springs library in recognition of Pastor Cal and Carol and the Willow Springs congregation sustaining and nurturing a pastorate over 25 years.

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Upcoming winter events at Menno Haven:

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.

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

Worship Leader: Cal Zehr
Song leader: Phil Kaufmann
Children's story: Lori Boekeloo
Message: Amela Puljek-Shank