

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Prelude singing
Call to worship
Confession and words of assurance (on overhead)
Worship in song
Children's time

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42
Sermon: "I Can Have Living Water!"
Song

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes (age 2 through 7th grade) (basement)
Youth class (Pine Room)
Adult classes: "God Loves Us" (Maple Room)
Talk It Over class (Pastors Study)
Connecting in conversation

Welcome to all to our worship this morning! A special welcome to all from Plow Creek. Our overall Lenten theme is "Restore us O God!"

Theme for today Lent 3: "Restore us, O God! We thirst."

Focus statement: Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

The plastic bank passed during the offering time is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger.

Following Sunday school, all are welcome to stay for a fundraiser nacho bar meal. The youth group and sponsors are working on details of attending the MCUSA Youth Convention in Orlando the beginning of July. Registration is in and flights are booked. They have a goal to raise \$1400 before July 1.

Come and Dine will be Wednesday, March 22 at Cal and Carol's home. After a simple supper, we'll follow *Take Our Moments and Our Days, an Anabaptist Prayer Book*, for a time of guided prayer and worship for half an hour. Supper will be at 6 pm, prayers at 7 pm. **Please sign up on the bulletin board to share in the meal.**

Kids Klub will be held Wednesday, March 22, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. It will be a pizza party to conclude the season.

Church board meeting, Thursday, March 23, 7:30 pm at the home of Cal Zehr. Faith sharing by Phil Kaufmann.

Cotton Patch Gospel performance, Saturday, March 25, 6:30 pm at St. Louis Church's Harkrader Hall in Princeton.

We are each invited to "Compelled by Love," the Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly to be held at Menno Haven on March 31-April 1. Friday will be a worship service beginning at 7 pm. The Saturday meetings begin at 9 am. Each member congregation is allowed 5 delegates for the business sessions. Are you interested in attending as a delegate from Willow Springs? Contact a church board member or Cal.

Pray for the family of Martyne Wetzel who passed away on Thursday. Conrad and Martyne were part of Plow Creek for many years. They currently lived close to their son Bruce in Kansas. Conrad's address: 8919 Greenway Ln, Lenexa KS 66215.

Pray for the family of Earl Peachey who also passed away this week. Earl and Virginia were part of Willow Springs many years ago. The funeral was yesterday in Galesburg. Virginia's address: 311 East Simmons St, Galesburg IL 61401.

CALENDAR

March 31-April 1 IMC Annual Assembly at Menno Haven
May 5-6 Women's Retreat at Menno Haven

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