

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Singing
Call to worship
Confession
Lighting of Advent candle
Words of Assurance

Singing
Children's time
Special music from the IVEPers

Dramatic Reading: *Wisdom and Wonder*
Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:26-27, 32-37
Sermon: *Waiting – with Faith and Hope*
Songs/Anointing

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes (age 2 through 8th grade (basement))
Youth and adults: Sharing by IVEPers

Worship Leader: Heather Munn Song leader: Phil Kaufmann
Children's story: Lori Boekeloo & Randy Hermanson
Message: Cal Zehr

A special welcome to the International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) participants who are volunteering in the MCC Great lakes area. They will share special music in our worship and bring input to adult and youth Sunday school.

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 the local food pantry and MCC hunger projects.

All are welcome to stay for a carry-in meal after Sunday school. After lunch, let's join together in decorating the church for Advent.

Kids Klub, Wednesday, December 6, 6 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Activities for grades K-8.

Church board meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 pm at the home of Cal Zehr.

Mennonite Women meeting, Thursday, December 7, beginning at 9:30 am at the church. Come to fellowship and work on projects.

Christmas Open House at the Cal and Carol Zehr home, 130 N Galena St, Tiskilwa, Sunday, December 10, 3-7 pm. All are welcome!

Hungry World Farm activities this week:

Presentation at Princeton Rotary Club – Tuesday, December 5
Plow Creek closing/ Hungry World Farm beginning – Saturday, Dec. 9

MCC project: Towels, soap, fabric. Pick up details from the MW table.

CALENDAR

December 10 Christmas Music at Prairie Arts Council Building, 1:30 pm
Christmas Open House at Cal and Carol Zehr home, 3-7 pm
December 17 Tiskilwa Community Christmas Worship Service, Tiskilwa Bible Church, 6 pm. Bring cookies for fellowship time.
December 18-20 MCC Meat Canning, Freeport Mennonite Church

Available for your use:

Accessible restroom by library
Childcare for children through age 4 (following children's story)
Elevator located inside main door and by library

Welcome to Willow Springs this Advent!

Theme: "Yes, Let it be," from Mary's prayer in Luke 1:38, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Mary had just heard an amazing plan—and from an angel, no less! The plan was for her to carry and give birth to the Son of God! Mary responded, "Let it be."

Focus statement: We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness—whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant; yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty. We wait in faith and hope.