

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
Dramatic Reading: *Wisdom and Wonder*
Scripture: Luke 1:26-55
Sermon: *Mary – Fight? Flight? Or flow forward?*
Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes (age 2 through 8th grade (basement)
Youth class (Pine Room)
Adult classes: Christmas & Advent Singing (Sanctuary)
Talk It Over class (Pastor's Study)
Connecting in conversation

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: Rejoicing in God's comfort and presence, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation. We flow forward with God.

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

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.

This evening, 6 pm – All Tiskilwa Christmas Worship Service, at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Please bring cookies or other goodies for a time of fellowship following the service.

MCC meat canning in Freeport - Would you like to serve this Tuesday or Wednesday? Would you like to carpool? Contact Cal, Marilyn or Eldon.

Kids Klub, Wednesday, December 20, 6 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Activities for grades K-8.

Let's join together for an evening of Christmas caroling, Thursday, December 21. Meet at Greenfield Retirement Home, front door, 6:15 pm.

Next Sunday, Christmas Eve, there will be no Sunday School.

Congratulations to Andy and Megan Krabill in the birth of Ira Marion, Friday, December 8. Ira weighed 7 lb, 1 oz. and measured 19.5 inches. Edith is the big sister. Connie and Elvin Krabill are the proud grandparents.

We provide scholarships to our students at Mennonite colleges. Our portion for next semester is \$1000 which is matched by the college. Please consider a year-end gift to the scholarship fund and extra giving to the budget. Thank you!

Bill Pollack asks us to consider sending a Christmas card to a friend who receives no mail. Anthony Erpenbeck 0387-061 9/2
PO Box 4000, Rochester MN 55903.

CALENDAR

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Candlelight Service

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
Large print hymnals & hearing devices available from ushers