

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 2:11-12, 21-35, Galatians 4:4-7
Sermon: *Thanks, Hope and a New Day*
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 carol singing (sanctuary)
Talk It Over class (Pastor's Study)
Connecting in conversation

Welcome to Willow Springs this Christmas Sunday!

Theme: "Yes! Let it be new."

Focus statement: We marvel at the vastness of God's plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do.

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: New Year's Eve Candlelight communion Service, 7:30 pm in the basement. Please bring finger food, snacks or sweets to share after the service. Bring games for a time of fellowship as well.

Kids Klub: no meeting this week. Resumes January 10.

Mennonite Women meeting, Thursday, January 4, beginning at 9:30 pm at the church. Please join in a time of fellowship and service.

We provide scholarships to our students at Mennonite colleges. Our needs for this school year have now been met! Thank you!

A quote from St. Theophan the recluse: "the universal yearning for the supreme good, and it is more seen in a universal dissatisfaction with everything created. What does this dissatisfaction signify? It signifies that nothing is capable in satisfying the spirit. The spirit comes from God, it seeks God, it wants to taste God, abide in God's living presence and rest in God. When it has attained this, it is at peace. Until it has attained it, the human spirit cannot find peace. No matter how many creature comforts and blessings a person has, they have very little."

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

VISION STATEMENT

Willow Springs is a thriving Anabaptist community of believers saved by grace who love and desire to follow Jesus Christ. We celebrate life together through joyful worship, faithful study, intentional sharing of the gospel and compassionate caring and service to others.