

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Singing
Call to worship
Worship in Song

Children's time
Scripture: John 20:19-23, Matthew 18:21-22, 2 Cor. 5:14-21
Sermon: *Easter Impact - Reconciliation*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes - age 2 through 8th grade (basement)
Youth class (Pine Room)
Adult classes: Sharing by Jim Fitz
Talk It Over class (Pastor's Study)
Connecting in conversation

Forgiveness ritual: The Orthodox Church practices a forgiveness ritual. We get in a circle. Grasp hands as in handshake and speak to the person, "Forgive me, a sinner." The person on the inside of the "circle" replies, "God forgives, and I forgive."

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.

In the adult Sunday school class today, Jim Fitz of Evanston will share with us in a vision of peacemaking – Healing our Divided Country. Jim was a member of Plow Creek for many years and now works in peacemaking here and around the world.

Worship leader – Warren Searles Song leader – Phil Kaufmann
Children's story - Lori Boekeloo Sermon – Cal Zehr

Our Table: Tomorrow we will be providing the evening meal for Our Table at the Methodist Church in Princeton. Thank you to all who have agreed to prepare food or help in other ways.

Elders' meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 pm at the home of Cal Zehr.

Mennonite Women meeting, Thursday, April 12, beginning at 9:30 am. Come to fellowship and work on various projects. Please bring your own lunch.

Listening to the Bible in Tiskilwa, Thursday, April 12, 6 pm at Piccolo's Restaurant in Tiskilwa.

Giving update: Seven months into our fiscal year we are approximately \$6300 short of the budget. While we are keeping up with local expenses, this continues to fall short of meeting our giving goals for external missions.

From Everence: Most of us give, not because of the tax benefits, but because we want to share with others. Nevertheless, some donations remain tax deductible under the new federal tax law, including charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), gifts of commodities and large gifts to donor advised funds. Learn more from our Stewardship Advocate Sheena Johnson.

Current MCC material aid project: Blankets (twin or full size) and flat sheets (twin size). All items should be new.

Our sympathies to the family of Earl Sears who passed away Friday, April 6. Earl was a member of Willow Springs before moving to Goshen, Indiana about 4 years ago. He was brother to Wilmer and Merle and husband to Jane. Jane's address: 1528 Sycamore Ct, Goshen IN 46526.

CALENDAR

April 15 VBS Canvassing Tiskilwa, 2 pm
April 28-29 Willow Springs Church Retreat
June 3-7 Tiskilwa Community Bible School, 6-8 pm

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