

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Singing
Call to worship
Worship in song

Song "Hope is a Candle" (Children come forward)
Lighting of Advent candle
Children's time
Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Luke 3:7-18, John 1:29-30
Sermon: *A Branch Brings a Fire of Comfort*
Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes - age 2 through 8th grade (basement)
Adult classes: *Just Eating* – Maple Room
Talk it over class – Pastor's study
Connecting in Conversation

Welcome to Willow Springs Church with our theme *The Lord is Our Righteousness*. Our focus statement: On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice – fair relating. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others. Right relating moves forward.

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.

Worship leader – Pam Kaufmann Song Leader – Phil Kaufmann
Children's story – Lori Boekeloo Sermon – Cal Zehr
Candlelighter – Dave Bell

Tiskilwa Christmas Worship Service, this evening, 7 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Come listen to the story of Christmas in scripture and carols. Bring some Christmas treats or finger food to share in a time of fellowship following the service.

Singing at Our Table: If you would like to sing Christmas carols during the meal at Our Table, come to the Methodist Church in Princeton, shortly before 5 pm tomorrow.

Kids Klub, Wednesday, December 19, 6-7 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Classes for K-8th grade.

Thanks for your generosity over the first three months of our fiscal year. Our offerings are about \$2,400 short for our budget. Consider an end of the year gift for Willow Springs.

Attention Young Adults: For the Menno Haven Young Adult Retreat January 4-6, Willow Springs will cover \$25 of your registration as an encouragement to take in the input, fellowship, and food of the weekend! Aaron Kaufmann will be providing the input.

MCC Project: Hygiene Kits to be sent to families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war as well as to schools and orphanages. The following items are needed to complete partial kits:
3 hand towels (dark colors) and 7 wide-toothed combs (6-8 inches).

CALENDAR

December 23 No Sunday school
December 30 Christmas Sunday
December 31 New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 7:30 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