# 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-38

Sermon: A Needed Promise in a Branch

Song

Anointing

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Announcements

Sending

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children's classes - age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (basement) Adult classes: Talk it over class – Pastor's study Connecting in Conversation

Welcome to Willow Springs this first Sunday in Advent: *The Lord is Our Righteousness*. Our focus statement: "This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today."

All are welcome to be anointed as we journey toward Christmas. The Lord is our righteousness. The hope of right relating is ours for the journey.

Worship leader – Heather Munn Children's story – Lori Boekeloo Song Leader – Phil Kaufmann Sermon – 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.

We will be decorating the building for Advent/Christmas during the Sunday school time.

**Kids Klub,** Wednesday, December 5, 6-7 pm at the Tiskilwa Bible Church. Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Church board meeting,** Thursday, December 6, 7:15 pm at the home of Cal Zehr. Faith sharing by Steve Graham. (Note change of day.)

Next Sunday December 9 all are invited to enjoy Cal and Carol's Christmas Open House from 3 - 7 pm at their home at 130 North Galena St in Tiskilwa.

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. Please pick up a bag and list of contents from the Mennonite Women table. You may purchase an entire kit or individual pieces.

**Anniversary:** Merle & Joy Sears celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 6! Their children invite you to participate in a card shower for them. Send to 6937 Wyanet-Walnut Road, Tiskilwa IL 61368.

Tune in to local Christian radio WUNT 88.3 FM. A new music format began yesterday with Christmas music in December.

#### **CALENDAR**

December 10, 11, 12 MCC meet canning at Freeport Mennonite Church December 13 Mennonite Women meeting

## 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