

# Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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## 9:30 WORSHIP

Singing  
Call to worship  
Worship in song

Children's time  
Scriptures: John 20:1-18  
Sermon: *A Big "Why?" and a Needed Surprise*  
Songs

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending

**No Sunday school today**

**Welcome to our worship this Easter Sunday  
as we conclude our Lenten series.**

**Theme: Blessed hunger, holy feast.**

**Today's emphasis: Christ is risen indeed!**

**Focus statement:** As we rejoice in and bear witness to the risen Christ,  
we commit to finding Christ among the living.

**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 – Beth Gerig	Song Leader – Phil Kaufmann
Children's story – Lori Boekeloo	Sermon – Cal Zehr

**Next Sunday a Gideon will be sharing with us** – Warren Searles!  
Warren will bring the message and share about the Bible distribution ministry of the Gideons. Cal and Carol will be on vacation April 25 - May 4. If pastoral services are needed, please call an elder.

The **Cotton Patch Gospel** will be performed by Phil Kaufmann on Saturday, April 27, 7 pm at the Grace Performing Arts Center and on Sunday, May 5, 2:30 pm at the Hampshire Colony Congregational Church. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 with a freewill offering as well. Tickets available from Phil, Central Bank, or at the door. Proceeds go to FARMSTEW 40%, Hungry World Farm 40%, and Why Hunger 20%.

**Willow Springs Library Conversation**, Sunday, May 5, 6 pm: Plan to hear Melissa Nomakhosi Ndlovu share about Zimbabwe and her experience as an IVEPer at Hungry World Farm.

**MCC project** to be given to hospitals, schools, and orphanages:  
Purchased blankets (twin or full sized) and Sheets (new, flat, twin-sized)

The **VBS Committee hopes to offer a free week to Camp Menno Haven** for one girl and one boy as a perfect attendance incentive. We are accepting pledges at this time and when the certificates are used we will inform the donors. If you are interested in making a pledge, see Beth Gerig or Connie Krabill. Small pledges add up.

**Come join Menno Haven's mission team this summer!** There are openings in all positions: cabin counselors, lifeguard, crafts coordinator, kitchen assistants, maintenance assistants, medical providers and more. There are also possibilities for persons coming to volunteer for a week or more in various capacities. Contact Jeremiah at 815 646-4344 or [jeremiah@mennohaven.com](mailto:jeremiah@mennohaven.com).

## CALENDAR

April 27, May 5 Cotton Patch Gospel  
May 5 Library Conversation with Melissa Ndlovu, 6 pm  
May 9 Bureau County Pastors' Lunch at Willow Springs

## 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