

Willow Springs Mennonite Church

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9:30 WORSHIP

Gathering / Call to worship/Prayer
Singing
Responsive reading / Lighting of Advent Candle
Prayer of Confession
Singing

Children's time
Scripture: Isaiah 10:1-3, 33-34; 11:1-10
Sermon: *In the Chopped Forest – a Stump with New Life!*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes: age 2 through 8th grade
(Basement & Pine Room)

Adults: Sharing by IVEPers

Welcome to Willow Springs worship this second Sunday of Advent.

Our overall theme: What are you waiting for?

Today's title: Getting ready while we wait

Focus statement: We ask, "What are you waiting for, O God?" God hears our cries and calls to us in return with words of hope. Can we hear God's invitation? God calls us to repent, pay attention, and embrace the Lord's vision for a new creation.

The plastic bank passed during the offering time is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger. The offering is divided between the local food pantry and MCC hunger concerns.

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

Today we welcome the MCC Great Lakes IVEPers to our morning worship and Sunday school. Our guests from the International Visitor Exchange Program will share some of their backgrounds during Sunday school. All are welcome to stay for a carry-in meal after Sunday school.

Church board meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 7:15 pm at the home of Cal Zehr. Faith sharing by Steve Graham.

Mennonite Women meeting, Friday, December 13, beginning at 9:30 am. Please join us as we fellowship and work together on projects.

Pastor's plans: Cal and Carol plan to attend the Pastor Peer Christmas supper at Dennis Kennel's home on Friday evening.

Next Sunday: All are invited to Cal and Carol's **Christmas Open House**, Sunday, December 15, 3-7 pm.

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the building for Advent/Christmas last Sunday!

CALENDAR

December 15 Open House at Cal and Carol's home, 3-7 pm
December 16-18 MCC Meat Canning, Freeport
December 19 Elders' Christmas Supper
December 31 New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion, 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

Vision Statement

Willow Springs Church 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.