

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, August 27, 2023. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Cal Zehr

Call to worship – Sing the Story (SS) #147

Prayer – SS #149

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time - Connie Kauffman

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-6, Matthew 25:31-40

Sermon: *Caring for the Least of These* by Steve Graham

Song

Sharing/Pastoral prayer After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.”

Song

Announcements:

We are again passing the globe banks as a reminder of all of us doing our part in world hunger. **The 50 Cent offering** will be shared with the Bureau County Food Pantry and Mennonite Central Committee.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for this month is the **Seed of Hope Farm**. **Steve Graham will share about SOH Farm during our worship today.** If you would like to give to SOH write a check to Willow Springs with the organization's name included on the memo line. Thank you for supporting organizations connected to the Mennonite Church.

ROAD CLOSED - A bridge will be replaced on 1725 E St (The golf course road) for a few weeks, may be a few months. Who knows? Plan accordingly to get to Willow Springs until the road opens.

Please see the **2023-24 Sunday School and Church Office Ballot** on the bulletin board. One position needs to be filled yet. Plan for affirmation on Sunday, September 3.

Fionah and Julius arrived in Tiskilwa on Wednesday, August 23. Fionah (Kansiima Fionah Mugisa) is an MCC IVEPer from Uganda who will volunteer at Hungry World Farm for eleven months. She will be hosted by Connie and Elvin, and Carol and Cal. Julius Malin is from the UK and is a PhD student at Basil University, Basil, Switzerland. He will be collecting PhD Fieldwork from us

and Hungry World Farm for three weeks. He will present some of his work following worship on September 10.

The Service of Lament planned for 7:00 Sunday this evening, **August 27** is in response to the report of sexual abuse happening at Willow Springs many years ago.

CALENDAR

August 27 – Service of Lament 7:00pm

September 30 – Wilma Potts Committal/am, Margaret Gale Memorial Service/3:30pm

Sending – SS#200

Benediction Song – Seeds VT#777

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

Hebrews 13:1-6 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

Matthew 25:31-40 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’