

## **Welcome and Call to worship –**

Call to worship – Voices Together (VT)#866

Prayer – VT#859

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**50 Cent Offering/Song**

**Children's time** - Connie Krabill

**Scripture:** Genesis 11:1-4, Psalm 127 1&2, II Thess. 3:6-13

**Sermon:** Work and Rest in God

**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 September is the **Peace Tax Fund**. If you would like to give to PTF 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. Have you resisted paying the military portion of taxes or kept your income low for military tax reasons? Would you consider sharing your perspectives with the congregation? Please talk to Cal.

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

We bring our thoughts and energy before the Lord as Willow Springs in many ways. Today we affirm the **2023-24 Sunday School and Church Office Ballot**. Thanks to the Discernment Committee for their work!

**New Phone Number** for Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler 319-800-3949

Please consider a **gift to the WS Benevolent Fund** as we have given to various people in some aspects of their life journey. Approximately \$500 is currently needed. Note *Benevolent Fund* on a check to Willow Springs.

### **CALENDAR**

**September 10** - Julius shares after worship about his PhD project with the University of Basel, Switzerland.

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

## Sending – SS#994

## Benediction Song – Seeds VT#777

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

Genesis 11:1-4

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup> They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

Psalms 127 <sup>1-2</sup> If God doesn’t build the house,  
the builders only build shacks.

If God doesn’t guard the city,  
the night watchman might as well nap.

It’s useless to rise early and go to bed late,  
and work your worried fingers to the bone.

Don’t you know he enjoys  
giving rest to those he loves?

<sup>3-5</sup> Don’t you see that children are God’s best gift?  
the fruit of the womb his generous legacy?

Like a warrior’s fistful of arrows  
are the children of a vigorous youth.

Oh, how blessed are you parents,  
with your quivers full of children!

Your enemies don’t stand a chance against you;  
you’ll sweep them right off your doorstep.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

<sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup> And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.