

Willow Springs Worship

January 19, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #862 – Anna Zehr

Prayer VT #1029

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Tarik Kheshgi

Scriptures – Matt. 19:21, Matt. 16:24,
Matt. 10:9-10

Sermon – Pam and Phil Kaufmann

Walking in Assisi

Songs

Sharing and prayer – Pam Kaufmann

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #928, 991

Sending Song

Calendar

Jan. 26 Input by Grant Miller

Feb. 2 Input by WS people

Thank you to Pam and Phil for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for January is Freedom House. If you would like to give to the organization, write a check to Willow Springs and **make a notation on the memo line**. Thank you for supporting organizations ministering to many.

1/10 transitional pastor update: The Elders met with IMC minister Bryan Miller and learned of a potential candidate who may consider coming to Willow Springs in July. Though only a possibility, this is hopeful! Bryan also shared an alternative option of two consulting groups that help with transition, which could be another possibility to pursue. If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders.

Climate Justice book study led by Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler: **So We and Our Children May Live by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler** | Every Thursday, beginning on Jan. 16 through Feb. 13, 2025 at 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. ET/4:30 to 5:45 p.m. PT on Zoom | Register [online here](#).

January 21, 2025 will mark the 500th anniversary of the first re-baptism event that started the Anabaptist movement. There will be various commemoration events across the broader church. Jacob Landis is exploring having some events across the northern Illinois region. Please let Jacob or Anna Zehr know if you would like more information and have interest in helping plan events.

Anabaptism at 500 Events:

Hesston College Music Department |

Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival |

Jan. 19 @ 1 p.m. PT/3 p.m. CT/ 4 p.m. ET |

In-person at Hesston Mennonite Church and livestreamed. View it online [here](#).

MennoMedia | [Anabaptism at 500 Anniversary Celebration](#) | Jan. 21 @ 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET |

In person at College Mennonite Church,

Goshen, Indiana, or virtually via livestream |

Follow the Anabaptism at 500 [Facebook page](#)

for more updates.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line. Continue to pray for the people impacted by storms and for the volunteers as they respond.

If pastoral care is needed, please contact an Elder: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Pam Kaufmann, or Elvin Krabill

Matthew 19:21

21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 10:9-10

9 "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— **10** no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep."

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

God,
make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Spirit,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.