

Willow Springs Worship

August 17, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #20 – Anna Zehr

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Tarik Kheshgi

Back to School Recognition – VT #955

Scripture – Acts 17:22-34 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

God is Near to Each One of Us

Songs

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #1054

Sending Song

Calendar

Aug. 20 Church Board, 7:30 pm via Zoom
Sept. 7-21 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa area
Sept. 14 Willow Springs Annual Meeting, noon

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for August/September is Mennonite Disaster Service ([MDS](#)). 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.

Today we will have a time of recognizing the start of the school year during our worship service. May this school year be filled with continued learning, new and strengthened friendships, and good health!

Everence is offering a Medicare refresher webinar on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1 p.m. and Thursday Sept. 4, 6 p.m. CT. The webinar will cover:

- The key parts of Medicare
- The main components of your Medicare Supplement coverage
- Things to keep in mind during the open enrollment period
- And much more

If you register for the webinar, you'll receive a recording of the event, even if you are unable to attend. Find more information and register at [Everence.com](https://www.everence.com).

Volunteers are needed for doing the children's time and helping with children's Sunday School. **Please talk to Beth Gerig to sign up – people are still needed through the end of August!**

Roanoke Mennonite Church is having its 150th anniversary celebration next week, August 23-24. There will be a Saturday evening gathering for worship and memory sharing. On Sunday morning there will be a worship service and a fellowship meal. Let them know if you are coming by emailing the RMC church. See [RMC's Facebook event page](#) for more information. All are invited to attend!

Card posted on the bulletin board: "Dear friends, We enjoyed worshipping with you and visiting with Bureau County friends during the potluck dinner on Sunday, July 20, 2025. Blessings to you all, Larry and Roberta Miller Yoder, Laura Moshier"

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

Acts 17:22-34 NRSV

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. **23** For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship,

I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. **26** From one ancestor[a] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, **27** so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. **28** For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. **30** While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

32 When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, "We will hear you again about this." **33** At that point Paul left them. **34** But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.