

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

August 29, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

“Little Rondo” ~ *Richard Blake*
“A Contemplative Prayer” ~ *David Lasky*
“Create in Me a Clean Heart” ~ *unknown*

Opening Song “Father God, you are holy” #78, Screen

Gathering & Praising

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise “Holy, holy, holy” #120, v. 1 & 3
“Holy God, we praise thy name” #121, v. 1-2
“O worship the Lord” #124
“Holy is the Lord” Screen

Hearing the Word

Scripture Mark 7: 1-23

Sermon *Pastor Michael*

Responding to the Word

Song of Response “Take my life (Holiness)” Screen

Community Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song “Wonderful words of life” Screen

Benediction

Postlude “Recessional” ~ *Joseph Roff*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Emily Rush
Greeters: Les & Linda Rice
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Chorister: Lynne Rush
Videographer: Rod Rush
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Glenn High, Tim Scheetz

Nursery Service is not being offered at this time.

Sunday School Classes for Summer Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 9 am. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, are preparing to serve in Calais, France, with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources for them to join the team that offers shelter to African and Middle Eastern people who are seeking temporary refuge before entering the United Kingdom.



A large rectangular area with horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

August 29, 2021

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Aug. 31, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Sept. 5, 10:30 am Worship in the pavilion
- Sept. 19, @11:30 am Congregational Conversation

~ REMINDERS ~

As per CDC guidelines, we ask all people to wear a face covering over mouth and nose while in the church building.

Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed throughout the church. Please use them before entering the elevator and the sanctuary.

Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrance and the second floor elevator.

Please continue to make wise choices that reflect care for others and yourself.



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for the country of Haiti as they recover from the earthquake and a tropical storm; pray for our wisdom & discernment in deciding how to help.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Today's flowers are in memory of Henry Stauffer and Florence Stauffer, given by the Stauffer family.

Next week's worship service will be held in and around the pavilion. You are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs or sit at the pavilion picnic tables.

Congregational Conversation: On Sept. 19 you are invited to stay for a conversation on improving church attendance after the worship service. Your participation is very important.

New address: Evelyn High has moved to Lifequest. Her phone number is 267-742-9304, and her current address is

Lifequest Nursing Center
Evelyn High, Room D21
2450 John Fries Highway
Quakertown, PA 18951

New Photos needed: We need new, good quality photos for the church website. Are you a good photographer? Then please take some pictures of church activities and send them to the office.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Karen and Andrew Bush**, of Methacton (Norristown, PA) Mennonite Church. Karen and Andrew arrived this summer in Bethlehem in the Palestinian Territories where Andrew is leading the Bethlehem Institute of Peace and Justice (BIPJ). Please pray

for their work to promote peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

A new video from Mennonite Church USA shows how the **Justice Fund** is supporting peace and justice work across the denomination through mutual aid. See how Justice Fund grants are helping congregations dismantle racism, uplift the oppressed and promote peace: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-video>.

Your help is needed at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souder-ton. Their donors are being super generous and shoppers are clearing their racks, but they don't have enough hands to process donations and restock the shoppes. Church and youth groups as well as individuals are invited to lend a hand — to learn how you can help, contact Suzanne at 215-723-0315 x113 or skratz@careandshareshoppes.org.

You're invited to the following **events** in September, hosted by **Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA (MHEP):**

- Sept. 7, 6 pm – an amazing story of God's endless love and grace, *A Rose in a Ditch*, is a memoir written by Julie Henning who was raised as Pearl Buck's daughter. Julie will be available for book signing after her speaking engagement.
- Sept. 15, 7 pm – join them for an evening filled with rich local history as Mike Szilagyi presents stories and pictures of the railways that spanned Montgomery County.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-1

Lynne: Monday and Thursday, 8:30-1.