

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

September 26, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

“Andante Sostenuto” ~ *Robert Lau*

“Passacaglia” ~ *Mark Roberts*

“I Shall Not Want” ~ *Gene Clark*

Gathering & Praising

Opening Song

“Just as I am”

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise

“Come, thou fount”

#521

“Wonderful grace of Jesus”

#150

“In the secret”

Hearing the Word

Scripture

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

Pastor Michael

Responding to the Word

Song of Response

“Lord, I need you”

Community Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

“He leadeth me”

#599

Benediction

Postlude

“Little Postlude in B-flat” ~ *Colin Curtis*

This Sunday

Worship Leader:

Lori Farrell

Greeters:

Dennis & Jan Wieand

Organist:

Joan Hallman

Chorister:

Lynne Rush

Videographer:

Mark Kemmerer

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.

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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: Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

September 26, 2021

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Sept 28, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Oct. 3	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 6, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice

~ 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 a just and humane treatment of immigrants and refugees around the world, but especially in our country.

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

John and I would like to thank everyone in our church family for your constant prayers, cards, texts and Rita's! The last 6 months have been a bit of a trial but we continue to stay strong with your support. Hopefully we will be back "in the flock" soon. ~**Sue and John Gwilliam**

Thank you to the West Swamp church family for your cards, prayers, and thoughts in the unexpected passing of my mother. I also thank you for your years of support when I took time to travel from PA to VA to help care for her when I was ministering among you. You have been a blessing to Ken and me in so many ways. God continue to strengthen you and move you forward as you serve Him. ~**Kathy Yoder**



Music groups starting up: Chimin' In has begun practices. The group could use at least one more player, but can accommodate up to three more. The next practice is **Oct. 6**. Choir practice will begin soon. If you are interested in singing in the choir or in smaller ensembles, please let Lynne know.

Buckets of Thanks: Mission Commission will soon be collecting hygiene kits that provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. A list of items needed is in the Oct/Nov newsletter. More info on this project in next week's bulletin.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Mission Tijuana** in Tijuana, Mexico. Mission Tijuana is an out-growth of the ministry of Centro de Alabanza in Philadelphia,

PA. Pray for this new emerging ministry, just across the Mexican border from California, as new leaders emerge, people make first commitments to follow Jesus, and the community finds ways to be a presence of peace in the midst of much violence.

Enjoy the Annual **Apple Butter Frolic** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center** on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 am to 4 pm. See old time farming and craft demonstrations, enjoy traditional foods and more. Information on all the activities, parking and admission at mhcp.org or call 215-256-3020.

You are welcome to join the **Dock Mennonite Academy** community for **Homecoming and Family Week** on Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9. The weekend will feature fun and adventurous events, such as the fall concert – a special evening of music and recognition of Alumni of the Year recipients – croquet, disc golf, color fun run, kids festival with inflatables and games, food trucks and a varsity athletic game. Visit dock.org/alumni/homecoming2021 for details.

On Monday, Oct. 18, 6-9 pm, **MEDA** (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) will host an event at the Broad Theater in Souderton. The evening will feature guest speaker John Sharp and there will be three short films shown throughout the evening: (1) "Seeds of Peace: A Trek for Change" – a film in memory of Michael J. Sharp; (2) "May we Depend on You?" – a film about Clayton Kratz produced by Jay Ruth; and (3) a MEDA film: "Growing Hope in Ukraine". Free appetizers will be available, and a free will offering will be taken to benefit MEDA.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-1

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