

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Advent 2: Dare to imagine God's embrace!

December 2, 2021

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	“The Peace of God” ~ <i>Robert Lau</i> “It Came upon a Midnight Clear” ~ <i>Weldon Whipple</i> “Silent Night” ~ <i>E.L. Ashford</i>
Opening Song	“Longing for light”
Welcome & Prayer	
Lighting the Advent Candle	<i>The Baumans</i>
Praising our God	“Solemn stillness, weary streets” Hark! the glad sound #184 Comfort, comfort #176 You are holy (Prince of peace)
Scripture	Malachi 3:1-4
Worship Music	“Peace Before Us” <i>Chimin' In</i> <i>(Dismissal for Children's Church)</i>
Scripture	Luke 3:1-6
Message	<i>Pastor Michael</i>
Song of Response	“Prepare the way! the prophet called”
Sharing & Praying	
Sending Song	“He came down”
Benediction	
Postlude	“Peace to You” ~ <i>Sally Ann Morris</i>

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Katie Mood
Greeters:	Margaret Marth, Karen Parzych
Organist:	Joan Hallman
Musicians:	Lynne Rush, Brenda Landt
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 Winter Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 9 am. We are currently studying Luke. 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: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the churches in Ecuador that have suffered the loss of many leaders and members, due to COVID-19. While they continue to lament their losses, pray for their strength and resilience, as new leaders come forward to continue the reconciling mission of Christ.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

December 5, 2021

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Dec. 7, 8 am Quilting
- Dec. 10 Christmas Carnival Cookies due
- Dec. 12, 2-5 pm Caleb's Cocoa Stand

~ 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 Code Blue as it ministers to the area's homeless population. Pray especially for more volunteers stepping forward.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Advent Season Congregational Collage: Join us in creating a collage in the fellowship hall. Bring clippings, print outs and photos that reflect the theme each week of Advent. Add them to the collage on the divider wall in the fellowship hall and see how we all dare to imagine our journey with God!

Advent Giving: Crossroads Community Center of Philadelphia has purchased a house that will enable them to expand their ministry of sharing the love of Jesus. Renovations are needed to the house before that mission can fully happen. For three weeks in Advent Mission Commission is asking for donations to the renovation project. Donations can be made through your offering envelopes. Make checks out to West Swamp, but mark the Special Amount Box for **“Crossroads Renovations.”** Mosaic Conference matching fund offer only extends to the end of the year, so please get your donations in for this project by Dec. 12.

Cookie Bakers needed! Our cookies have become famous at the Salvation Army Christmas Carnival (see newsletter). Let's not disappoint them. We need about 100 dozen cookies delivered to church by **this Friday at 7 pm**. Contact Nancy Jacobs if you have questions.

Gift Cards for Code Blue: Help decorate the little tree in the foyer with \$5-10 gift cards from local places like Target, Wawa, Walmart, McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts, etc. They will be added to Christmas gift bags for Code Blue guests this holiday season.

Caleb's Cocoa Stand: Stop by 207 N. Ambler Street in Quakertown on Dec. 12 between 2 and 5 pm, drink some cocoa, enjoy some baked goods and (if you're there at the right time) live music—and support the **Code Blue Homeless Shelter**. More details are in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for two Mosaic congregations, Homestead (FL) and Upper Milford (Zionsville, PA), as they welcome pastoral candidates this weekend. We praise God that long sought pastoral openings are closer to being filled and ask for God's continued discernment.

Quakertown United Methodist Church cordially invites you to join **The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble for *Sleigh Ride!*** Experience music of the holiday season with this exceptional handbell ensemble on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 pm. This holiday event is sure to send you into the night filled with the warmth of delightful music. A freewill offering will be taken with a suggested donation of \$10.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to their **Christmas Market** open house, which features fine crafts & art. Artisans will be showcasing their items for sale to ring in the holiday spirit to you and your family. Hours today are 12-4 pm.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4:30.

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