

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Advent 3: Dare to imagine God's song

December 12, 2021

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	“A Day of Joy and Gladness” ~ <i>Lani Smith</i> “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” ~ <i>Alex Zsoit</i> “Sing We Now of Christmas” ~ <i>Larry Shackley</i>	
Opening Song	“Solemn stillness, weary streets”	
Welcome & Prayer		
Lighting the Advent Candle		<i>The Howes</i>
Praising our God	“Joy to the world” #318 “Good Christian friends, rejoice” #210 “Jubilate Deo” #103	
Confession	Video: <i>The Singer</i>	
Scripture	Zephaniah 3:14-20	
Worship Music	“Could it be that God is singing” <i>(Dismissal for Children's Church)</i>	<i>Choir</i>
Scripture	Luke 3:7-18	
Message		<i>Pastor Michael</i>
Song of Response	“The kingdom of God is justice and joy”	
Sharing & Praying		
Sending Song	“God loves all his many people”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” ~ <i>Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane</i>	

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Katie Mood
Greeters:	Margaret Marth, Karen Parzych
Pianist:	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

Mission, Glenn High

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Stewardship, vacant

Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell

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 12, 2021

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Dec. 12, 2-5 pm Caleb's Cocoa Stand
- Dec. 14, 8 am Quilting
- Dec. 15, 6:30 pm Chimin' In practice
- Dec. 15, 7:15 pm Choir 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 those recovering from this week's tornadoes, especially the hard hit areas of Kentucky and families who have lost loved ones.

~ *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: This is the last Sunday to donate to Crossroads Renovations Project. 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.**”

Caleb's Cocoa Stand: Stop by 207 N. Ambler Street in Quakertown **today** 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.

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.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Alpha (NJ) Mennonite Church** and their new pastor, **Kevin Opett**. The pastoral search has been long, and we celebrate Pastor Kevin's arrival and pray for the congregation and their new pastor.

The **Quakertown HS Varsity Singers** are in concert **today at 2 pm** at East Swamp Church. McKenzie and Julia Huff are in this group. Enjoy an hour of wonderful Christmas Music.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** is currently hiring a full time **Business Manager**, responsible for financial, property, and office management as well as overseeing membership and assisting in special events. For a full job description and application instructions, visit mhep.org/who-we-are/employment/.

Church Office Hours

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

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