

Cover Art: *Thankful*, by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1859-1937. Henry Ossawa Tanner was the first internationally acclaimed African American artist. His art reflects the influence of the AME church, his father, and his own views on race and education. In this painting, he counters common African American stereotypes of his day, which often offensively misrepresented African Americans and their belief systems.

While many mainstream churchgoers believed the African American faith to be overly emotional and expressive, this painting stands in stark contrast to those kinds of caricatures. This piece shows an older gentleman with (perhaps) his grandson praying before a meal. In their impoverished state, they have their heads bowed in a dignified pose as they participate in a common daily ritual. It is a simple, yet effective display of two devoted subjects giving thanks for that which they do possess.

Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937. *Thankful*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56998> [retrieved July 21, 2022]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Thankful_Poor,_1894._Henry_Ossawa_Tanner.jpg.



Lord, teach us to pray

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

July 24, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

“Prayer” ~ *Kreutzer*
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ~ *arr. Jack Schroeder*
“The Lord’s Prayer” ~ *Albert Hay Malone*

Opening Song “Sweet hour of prayer” #11, v. 1, 3

Welcome

Songs of Praise “How can I keep from singing”
“I sing the mighty power of God” #46
“10,000 reasons”

Scriptures Psalm 103 *with* “Bless the Lord”
Luke 11:1-13

Message *Pastor Michael*

Song “O healing river” #372

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song “Somebody prayed for me”

Benediction

Postlude “Evening Prayer” ~ *Humperdinck*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Carl Raub
Greeters: Elaine & Leon Propst
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Brenda Landt, 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 8:45 am. We are working our way through the Epistles. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

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Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, where they are engaged in North American ministry. Pray for a time of spiritual and physical renewal, as the Garbers visit family, friends and supporting congregations. Pray for them, also, as they discern what God is calling them to next.



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

July 24, 2022

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

July 26, 8 am
July 31
Aug. 21

Knotting & Quilting
Fifth Sunday
Men-O-Lan Sunday



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for and check in on our elderly during extremely hot summer days. Pray for wisdom and action for making a healthy planet.

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Next Sunday is a **Fifth Sunday** and we will have an interactive service at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall, focusing on the Psalms. A continental breakfast will be available, so come a little early to fill a plate.

It's School Kit time! The Mission Commission will be collecting school kits for MCC during August. Donate full kits or specific items. Here's what is needed:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new **unsharpened** pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (We have 120 of these available for kits. **Do not** buy plastic sharpeners.)

Mission Commission also invites you to take part in **Care & Share's Volunteer Night** on Tuesday, July 26 from 5-8 pm. A variety of tasks are available. Contact Glen High if you have questions.

Have some extra time this summer? Join the knotters on Tuesday mornings! MCC is running low on comforters. Help replenish their stock.

Directory Updates: Contact the secretary if you have not yet picked up your update packet. A delivery service is available to those who need it. And if your directory binder is wearing out, ask for a new one. (\$5 donation appreciated, but not mandatory.)

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for all the **Vacation Bible School programs** held this summer in Mosaic congregations. Pray for those students who have already experienced VBS, that the seeds planted will continue to grow. Pray for those VBS programs yet to happen that students will encounter God's love and that staff will have energy and enthusiasm to lead.

MCC Webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers—When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC for a free webinar on Tuesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. EDT to learn about ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them, to offer creative housing solutions. We will hear from panelists involved with the Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN), the Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE), Reservoir Hill House of Peace (RHHP), Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) and more. Learn more and register at mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30. (Lynne will be on vacation July 29-Aug. 5. If you have an urgent question for her, you'll need to call Rod's cell phone: 267-490-7626.)