## WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

September 18, 2022 10:30 A.M.

**Prelude** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place with Enough"

~ arr. Victor Labenske

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ~ Stan Pethel
"I Surrender All" ~ arr. Phillip Keveren

Opening Song "Jesus, be the center"

Welcome

Scripture Psalm 67

Songs of Praise "Praise to the Lord" #37

"Blessed Savior, we adore thee" #107, v. 1, 2

"All because of Jesus"
"Fill me anew"

Scripture Luke 16:1-13

Message Pastor Michael

Song "Hearts and mind, possessions, #392

Lord"

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song "Take my life" #389

Benediction

Postlude "In Christ Alone" ~ arr. Larry Schackley

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback

**Greeters:** Rick Hinkle & Marian Wolf

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.

## West Swamp Mennonite Church

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**Commissions & Deacons:** 

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** recently appointed Andi Santoso as regional administrator for Asia and the Middle East. Pray for Andi as he immerses himself in building relationships in this region.



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

# Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

September 11, 2022

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

#### Calendar

Sept. 18, @12 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch Sept. 20, 8 am Knotting & Quilting

Sept. 25 Guest speaker, Juan Marrero

Sept. 28, 6:30 pm Chimin' In practice Sept. 28, 7:15 pm Choir practice

Many thanks to everyone who came out Tuesday afternoon for our "Church TLC Day" clean-up time! Twelve intrepid workers tackled an ambitious to-do list, even adding their own ideas for additional tasks. A special thanks to Rick Hinkle and Marian Wolf for taking the round tables from the fellowship room outside for a proper scrubbing! Our crew consisted of Karen Butenuth, Sue and John Gwilliam, Joan and Lee Hallman, Pastor Michael, Nancy and Don Jacobs, Rod Rush, and Jan Wieand. All were treated with pizza, beverages, delicious peach cake and Rita's water ice. Check out the first floor rooms—if these walls could talk they would be saying, "Thank you for caring!" A second Church TLC Day will be planned for October. Stay tuned!



## **Weekly Prayer Focus:**

Pray for the support groups that use our facilities (two AA groups, Narcotics Anonymous, and Adult Children of Alcoholics), and for those in our community that struggle with addiction.

## ~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

**Sunday Lunch Bunch** is starting up again, the third Sunday of each month, right after church. This is open to everyone. Each month we either go out to a restaurant or to someone's home, to share fellowship and "get to know you" time. We will **meet at Dominic's today**. Please let Joan know if you're coming. Hope to see you there.

Worship Commission appeal: We have the opportunity to purchase a digital copy of *Voices Together*, the new Mennonite hymnal, at a special cost, but the offer is only good through the end of September. If you would like to donate toward this \$500 unbudgeted expense, please contact a worship commission member.

**Interested in joining choir?** The first practice is Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:15. Hope to see you there.

Mission Commission invites you to **Care & Share's Volunteer Night** on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 5-8 pm. A variety of tasks are available. Stay for as long as you can.

Request from Code Blue: We are in need of some NEW, TWIN-SIZE, lightweight blankets for our guests to use on their cots this coming fall/ winter. Any color or design is fine—the SIZE is very important. These gifts from the West Swamp congregation will offer warmth to men and women we will meet this upcoming season. Questions—ask Louise B. or Linda R. Thank you for your support!

**Redners tapes:** With the recent closing of the Quakertown Redners, we will no longer be collecting Redner's tapes. Thanks to all who helped with this fundraiser for our church treasury for many years.

# ~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Listening Task Force** as they work diligently to listen, understand, and discern this week. We pray that God gives them ears to hear and listen, hearts to be open and understanding, and minds to be perceptive and receptive.

**Ripple** is having a **Silent Auction** on Sept. 24, from 4-6 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown (3231 Tilghman St, Allentown, PA 18104). The proceeds from the auction will go toward the capital campaign for purchasing the building. The auction will take place both in-person and online. If you would like to donate items, please contact the pastors at 484-602-5038 or ripplepastors@gmail.com.

Salford Mennonite Church invites you to Gardening for Peace on Sept. 24. Activities run from 1 to 7:30 pm. This event will be an exploration of food insecurity and gun violence and what we can do to prevent both. A variety of interactive workshops will explore these topics; free dinner for registered participants, Shane Claiborne of Red Letter Christians will give the keynote address, and Mike Martin of RAW Tools will forge a gun into a garden tool. Admission is a bag of non-perishable food. For further information and registration, go to www.salfordmc.org.

Quakertown Christian School's Chicken BBQ is Friday, Sept. 30 from 4-8 pm. Chicken meals are \$15 and include 1/2 portion of chicken, and a single serving each of potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce and a roll. Pumpkin and apple pies are available whole (\$13) and by the slice (\$4). For more information and to preorder, please visit qtownchristian.org/wp3/?page\_id=14573. Drive-thru is also available!

## **Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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