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Shaped through thirst

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

“Beside the Still Waters” ~ *John Turner*

“Air” ~ *J.S. Bach, arr. John Carter*

“Fill My Cup, Lord” ~ *Richard Blanchard*

We Gather

Opening Song

All who are thirsty

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise

Let’s sing unto the Lord

#55

How great thou art

Blessed be your name

Prayer of Confession

Worship Music

We hunger and thirst

Choir

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

Message

Living water

Pastor Michael

We Respond

Song

O let all who thirst

Offering

“Invocation” ~ *A. Schreiner*

Testimony

Jan Wieand

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

Rain down

Benediction

Screen

Postlude

“As Water to the Thirsty” ~ *T. Brian Coleman*

This Sunday

Worship Leader:

Sue Conrad Howes

Greeter:

Deb Stevenback

Pianist:

Joan Hallman

Musicians:

Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush

Videographer:

Mark Kemmerer

Visual Technicians:

Marsha High, Emily Rush

Sound Technicians:

Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Winter 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

Mission, Glenn High

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Stewardship, vacant

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.



A large rectangular area with horizontal lines for writing, intended for prayer requests.

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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 12, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Mar. 14, 8 am Knitting & Quilting
- Mar. 15, 6:30 pm Chimin' In
- Mar. 15, 7:15 pm Choir
- Mar. 16, 12 pm Senior Luncheon
- Mar. 19, 12 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during my time of cancer treatment and during Rick's and my time of COVID. Also thank you for all the beautiful cards and well wishes for our marriage. We are very blessed to have our church family.
—**Marion Wolf**

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Senior Luncheon, Mar. 16: Those 60+ are invited to a noon meal and time of fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are attending.

Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet at Dominick's in Quakertown after church on **Mar. 19**. You are welcome to join them!

We are looking forward to hosting the **Easter Dawn service** with Swamp church this year! As hosts we will provide a light breakfast following the service. Please consider volunteering to bring a breakfast item, listed on the sign up sheet on the Fellowship room bulletin board. Thank you.

Got some loose change? We'll be collecting coins during Lent offerings (Feb. 26-Mar. 26) for "**My Coins Count**" to support MCC food projects. Let's see if we can fill the bottle! Short on coins? Bills are OK too. Never been to the MCC Relief Sale at the Harrisburg Farm Show complex? Go with Rod Rush to deliver our "My Coins Count" bottle on April 1. It will be a fun time learning about MCC, with lots of good food to be had. No fooling! Just let Rod if you're interested.

Opportunities to help during worship: We are looking for people to pass the mike during sharing time, so that Mark can continue to focus on video recording during that time. Also needed: People to staff the nursery. As we seek to be a welcoming church to families, this is a service we need to offer. This might mean sitting in the nursery and listening to the service for about 20 minutes 'til you're sure you are not needed; but it is necessary to have someone in place "just in case." If you are able to fill either of these positions, please talk to someone on the Worship Commission.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to fast and pray for the **Pathways Steering Team and Coordinating Group** as they meet for the first time in the month of March. Pray that Christ will be the center, that the community will seek counsel of the Holy Spirit, and that God will be honored in our words and our actions. May we be the witness that Jesus prayed we would be.

A **Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser will be held at Bally Mennonite Church on Mar. 18, 7-10:30 am, featuring pancakes & french toast, scrapple, sausage and eggs. Donations will support global refugee relief efforts through Mennonite Central Committee; if you have questions, call 610-845-7780 or see www.ballymc.org.

Brother's In Grace, a gospel quartet, will be performing Sunday, Mar. 26 at 10:30 am at Salem Mennonite Church. All are welcome!

Join MCC Material Resource Center in Souderton by contributing time or money for the **MCC Mobile Canner project**, to provide canned meat for people in need around the world. Or donate a few hours of your time Mar. 27-29. Many different tasks available. To learn more information or to volunteer, call 267-203-8074.

Camp Men-O-Lan's **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. This special day is designed to refresh and renew in your spirit as you look into 'The Heart', based on Ezekiel 36:26, with guest speaker Dawn Mast. The day includes a continental breakfast, worship, teaching, sharing, lunch, free time and much more. Find details and registration info at menolan.org.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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