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Recognizing Jesus

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

April 23, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful” ~ *arr. Carol Tornquist*
“Jesus, Name Above All Names” ~ *arr. John F. Wilson*
“The Comforter Has Come” ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*

We Gather

Opening Song

Open our eyes

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise

Come, people of the Risen King
Christ has arisen #267, v. 1, 4-6
I stand amazed #528
In the secret

Scripture

Psalms 116

Offering

“Fairest Lord Jesus” ~ *arr. Richard Storms Willis*

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Message

Recognizing Jesus

Pastor Michael

We Respond

Song

Open my eyes, Lord

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

Christ, we do all adore thee #105

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude” ~ *Rinck*

This Sunday

Worship Leader:

Les Rice

Greeter:

John & Sue Gwilliam

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 Spring 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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Stewardship, vacant

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

April 23, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Apr. 23, @11:30 am	Nursery Meeting
Apr. 25, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Apr. 25, 5 pm	Care & Share Volunteer Night
Apr. 25, 7 pm	DISCO
Apr. 26, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In
Apr. 26, 7:15 pm	Choir
Apr. 29, 8:30 am	Spring Outdoor Cleanup
Apr. 30	Music Sunday
May 2, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting

Hello! **Thank you so much** for the card and gift card, it really made my day. I hope that you all are doing well and that I get to see you all over summer break. Much love, *McKenzie Huff*

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Nursery Duty Meeting, today: DISCO will have an interest and information meeting, immediately following the service, for volunteers willing to help with nursery duty. Volunteers will also be able to update their clearances at this time to be compliant with Child Safety protocol. If you have current clearances, within 5 years, please bring a copy for us to keep on file.

Care & Share Volunteer Night, Apr. 25, 5-8 pm: The Mission Commission invites you to the monthly volunteer evening at the Care & Share Shoppes of Souderton. Meet in the new Welcome Center and choose your department.

Spring Outdoor Cleanup, Apr. 29, 8:30 am: The Stewardship Commission invites you to get “down and dirty” for a morning of weeding, trimming & mulching. All are welcome to come lend a gloved hand and enjoy fellowship in the great outdoors. Bring your own gardening tools and wheelbarrows if you can.

Music Sunday: Next week's service will be full of scripture, song and prayer as we “make a joyful noise to the Lord.” Old, no longer needed music books will be available after the service for those who want them (especially good for nostalgic or craft purposes).

Ripple Work Day, May 13: Mission Commission is organizing a service trip to Ripple in Allentown and “many hands make light work.” Both outdoor (weeding and trimming) and indoor (cleaning and clothes sorting) tasks are available. Meet us at church at 9:30 to carpool, or join us at Ripple at 10 am. Work goes 'til 1 pm. Sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for our congregations – **Blooming Glen, Plains, Nueva Vida Norristown New Life, and Deep Run East** – as they search for pastoral leadership. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity for the search committees as they navigate this process.

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton is hiring a Volunteer Manager. Help them manage the heart of the organization – their volunteers! Searching for a self-starter with the ability to work independently, prioritize, and get things done. Find more info at careandshreshoppes.org.

Dock Theater presents “Clue on Stage – High School Edition”. Show dates/times are Apr. 27, 28 and 29 at 7 pm, and tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Buy tickets online to reserve your seat at our.show/dockclue. (Emily Rush is a producer for this production.)

Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to their **National Day of Prayer Breakfast**, Thursday May 4 at 8:30 am. Join them to ‘pray fervently in righteousness and avail much’ (James 5:15b). This event is Jesus centered, Holy Spirit empowered and includes worship, sharing, prayer, and GREAT food! Everyone is welcome, and the cost is \$7. Register online at www.menolan.org, find them on Facebook, call 215-679-5144, or email kim@menolan.org for more information.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4. Pastor Michael & Sue will be on vacation Apr. 28-May 3. For emergency pastoral care while they are away, contact Randy Rush (215-272-5356).
Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:30-1:30.