



*Sibling Rivalry*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Worship Service

July 16, 2023

10:30 A.M.

### **Preludes**

“My Savior’s Love” ~ *arr. Marilyn White*  
“Your Grace Finds Me *with* Grace Is Greater Than  
Our Sin” ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*  
“The Power of Your Love” ~ *arr. Jane Holstein*

### **We Gather**

Opening Song                      Behold, how pleasant                      Back of Bulletin

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise                      Hallelujah (Your love is amazing)                      Songbook  
   Great is thy faithfulness                      #327  
   Praise, I will praise you, Lord                      #76

### **We Hear God’s Word**

Scripture                      Matthew 13:1-23

Offering                      “Amazing Grace” ~ *arr. Beatrice Miller*

Scripture                      Genesis 25:19-34

Message                      Sibling Rivalry                      *Pastor Michael*

### **We Respond**

Song                      Be Thou my vision                      #545

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song                      Seeds                      Back of Bulletin

Benediction

Postlude                      “Think about His Love” ~ *Walt Harrah*

### **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Deb Stevenback  
**Greeter:** Tim & Karen Butenuth  
**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 studying Revelation (finally!). Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

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#### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Randy Rush

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** vacant

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network** rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.



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

## ***Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church***

*July 16, 2023*

***Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving***

### **Calendar**

July 18, 8 am  
July 20

Knotting & Quilting  
Ten Thousand Villages Trip

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

The next **service day trip** to **Ten Thousand Villages** in Brownstown is this **Thursday, July 20**. We serve by pricing and packaging items for display and sale in Ten Thousand Villages stores, which helps third world artisans earn a sustainable living. A sign-up sheet for the trip is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up **today**. If you have questions about these trips, contact Les Rice.

**A need for batting!** One comforter is still available to purchase with a donation to help buy batting for the Comforter Project. A minimum donation of \$58 is recommended (that's one roll of batting). Not the right colors for you? Tell us what colors you like and they'll save a comforter for you. Contact the church secretary if interested.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Spruce Lake Retreat, a Conference Related Ministry, as they continue to host summer campers throughout the summer months. Pray for the staff, the campers, and their families that God's presence will be felt by all.

Solve summer boredom while sharing your values of service at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton. Ages 8+ are welcome to assist with many tasks on Tuesday, July 25 from 5-8 pm. Stop by the Welcome Center or contact Maggie for more info: mher-rity@careandshareshoppes.org or 215-723-0315 x113.

Are you gifted in hospitality, administration and supervisory skills? Does greeting and welcoming new people energize you? Consider joining the **Spruce Lake Ministries** leadership team at their Pinebrook location. For details and to apply, go to [pinebrook.org/about/employment](http://pinebrook.org/about/employment), or to learn more, contact the HR Office at 800-806-5501 x 332.

*Church Office Hours*

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday & Tuesday, 8:30-2; taking part in the service trip on Thursday.