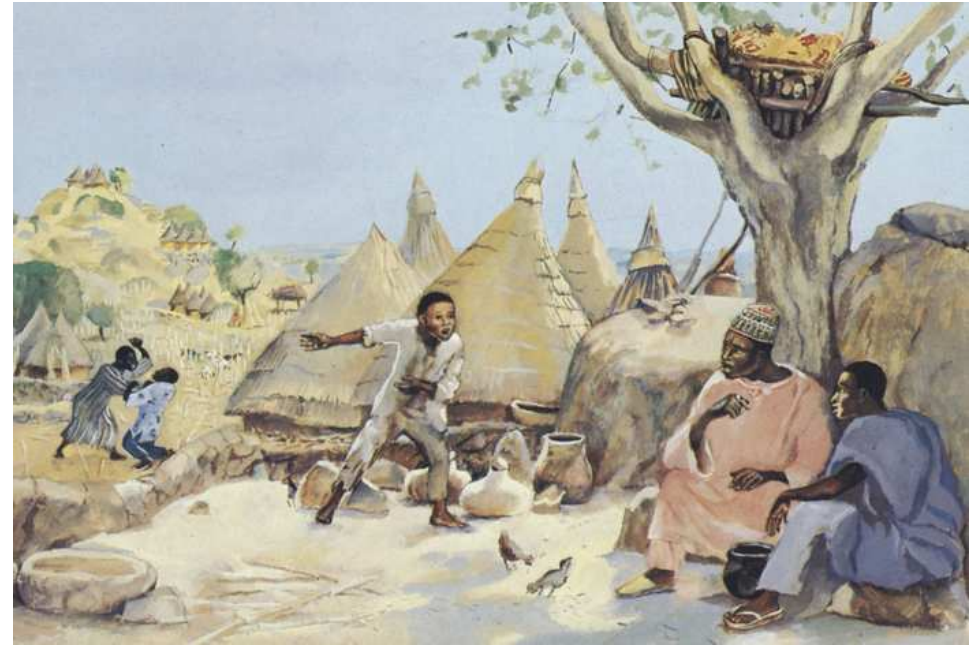


Cover art: *The Unforgiving Servant*, JESUS MAFA, 1973. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

In this dramatic depiction of the parable of the unforgiving servant, the viewer is thrust into the middle of the narrative. In the background, we see an unforgiving servant demanding from another a debt he is owed. The forgiving lord is being told of the vengeful nature of one of the servants upon whom he had mercy. The faces of the messenger and lord display shock and anger at the forgiven servant's lack of compassion. Undoubtedly, the viewer is inspired to feel similar levels of indignation. From this parable and painting, we should be reminded that a merciful heart is one that mirrors God's.

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Forgiving one another

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

It Is Well *with* It Is Well with My Soul ~ *arr. V. Labenske*

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Fugue in C Major ~ *Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson*

Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are studying Revelation. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

September 17, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

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| Sept. 17, @12 pm | Sunday Lunch Bunch |
| Sept. 19, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| Sept. 19, 7 pm | Ministry Team |
| Sept. 20, 6:30 pm | <i>Chimin' In</i> practice |
| Sept. 20, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Sept. 21, 12 pm | Senior Luncheon |
| Oct. 1, 9:30 am | Prayer Breakfast |
| Oct. 1 | World Communion Sunday |

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

Sunday Lunch Bunch: You are invited to join the group after the service on **today** at John's Plain & Fancy for good food and great fellowship.

Senior Luncheon: Calling all those 60+ to join us **Thursday, Sept. 21** at noon for a fall Senior Luncheon, full of good fellowship and delicious food. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

MCC School Kits: How many more school kits can we put together on Sept. 24? Donate complete kits or single items. The list of items needed is available in the fellowship hall. We are most in need of rulers, notebooks, and colored pencils. We have lots of metal sharpeners available, so you don't need to look for those. And please remember, **unsharpened** pencils!

Music group practices start this **Wednesday, Sept. 20**. Chimin' In meets at 6:30; Choir at 7:15. If you are interested in playing tone chimes with Chimin' In or singing in the choir, please let Lynne know. Or just surprise her by showing up on Wednesday!

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Spruce Lake and Pinebrook** (a conference-related ministry). On Sept. 7, the Pinebrook kitchen and dining hall were involved in a fire. We are

grateful no one was hurt. Pray as the leadership works together to build a plan to recover and restore the fire damage. Pray for creativity and resolve for Pinebrook staff as they continue to serve their guests during the lengthy restoration process.

Pancake Breakfast at Bally Mennonite Church, Route 100, Bally, Sept. 16, 7-10:30am. Pancakes, French toast, scrapple, sausage and eggs. All are welcome. Cost: Donation. **Proceeds benefit Mennonite Disaster Service.** Questions? 610-845-7780 or see website www.ballymc.org.

50th Apple Butter Frolic: Enjoy farming, food, and fun at the 50th Annual Apple Butter Frolic at the Mennonite Heritage Center, **Saturday, Oct. 7**, from 10 am-4 pm. Farming demonstrations, traditional foods, children's activities, and time-honored crafts are all part of the day. This rain or shine community event helps support the Mennonite Heritage Center's mission. The Mennonite Heritage Center is located at 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville Pa.

Trinity Lutheran Church is bringing back the **CROP Walk** on Oct. 8. It's been at least 10 years since we had a CROP Walk in this area. Talk to someone in the Mission Commission if you are interested in participating. Proceeds from this event benefit the Quakertown Food Pantry.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-2.