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Producing fruit

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

October 8, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes Bless His Holy Name~ *Andrae Crouch*
Simple Gifts~ *John Carter*
Holy Ground~ *arr. Bryce Inman*

We Gather around the Word

Worship Music For the Beauty of the Earth *Chimin' In*

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise I sing the mighty power of God #46
We praise thee, O God #99
Build my life

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7

Offering The Gift of Love~ *arr. John Carter*

Scripture Matthew 21:23-34

Sermon Producing fruit *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song Act justly, love mercy, walk
humbly

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song I saw a tree by the riverside

Benediction

Postlude As You Go Out from Here~ *Bryan Moyer Suderman*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Les Rice
Greeter: Les & Linda Rice
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 Fall Quarter

The Bible Project finished up today with a wrap-up of there almost four year deep dive into the Bible as one continuous story. Stay tuned for what Sunday School options are coming up.

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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: Tomorrow is Indigenous People's Day. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

October 8, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Oct. 10, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Oct. 10, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Oct. 15, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Oct. 17, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Oct. 18, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Oct. 19, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Bulletoon

by Trudy O. McConnell

Prov. 17:22



"Nobody could appreciate a pastor on 'Pastor Appreciation Day' better than the Fontgate Church appreciated Pastor Joe Jones."

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

Worship Commission invites you to a fellowship time celebrating the unsung heroes of the worship service—the audio and visual crew.

CROP Walk: Several West Swampers are taking part in today's CROP Walk. They need sponsors! Proceeds support local food banks.

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the gang after church on **Oct. 15** for lunch and fellowship at Giovanni's Pizzeria (Trainer's Corner Shopping Center).

Senior Luncheon: All those 60 and up are invited to food and fellowship on **Thursday, Oct. 19** at **noon**. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The October **Ten Thousand Villages Service Trip** has been cancelled. (They don't have enough work for us.)

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the West Swamp congregation (Quakertown, PA) as their ministry team works at redefining the mission and vision of the congregation. Pray for clarity and discernment as they look to the future.

Camp Men-O-Lan's **Fall woodcutting/work day** is Oct. 14. Meet at the Dining Hall at 8:30 am to get your work assignment. Vari-

ous projects, including cutting and splitting wood, need done. Lunch is provided. The day will wrap up around 3:30 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steve Panning at 215-679-5144 ext 326 or steve@menolan.org. Please bring chainsaws and woods splitters. Free wood is available from what is cut during the day.

Quakertown Christian School will be holding its annual **Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 4-7 pm. This year we're bringing back the dine in option so you can come eat with friends or use the drive-thru option to pick up meals and eat at home! Meals include 1/2 chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, a roll and a drink; the cost is \$15. We will also have QCS-made pumpkin pie and Landis apple crumb pie available by the slice or by the pie. Questions can be directed to Erica Talese at 215.536.6970 x 501.

Free Benefit Banquet for The Worm Project to be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at 6 pm at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. Hear inspiring stories from our keynote speaker, Howard Schiffer, founder and President of Vitamin Angels. The meal is free but reservations are required by no later than Oct. 15. Leave your name and number of attendees; email to info@wormproject.org or by phone at 267-932-6050 Ext. 201.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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