

Cover Photo: *The Ten Virgins* by self-taught artist Jorge Cocco Santángelo. Cocco was born in Concepción del Uruguay, in Entre Ríos, Argentina. He won his first citywide art award at the age of nine. In the last few years Jorge Cocco has been dedicated to paint in a new artistic style he created and calls “sacro-cubism,” which portrays sacred and religious events in a style of painting with features of the post-cubist art movement.



Prepare for the Kingdom

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

November 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes Sleepers, Wake ~ *Philip Nicoloi*
Come, All Christians, Be Committed ~ *arr. Craig Curry*
The King Is Coming ~ *arr. Fred Bock*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Holy, holy, holy *Chimin' In*

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah #50
We will glorify
Sing to the King

Offering I Wish We'd All Been Ready ~ *arr. Eldon Burkwall*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

Worship Music Keep your lamps trimmed *Choir*

Sermon Prepare for the Kingdom, *Regina Wenger*
for it will come

We Respond to the Word

Song You are salt for the earth #226

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song As you go out from here

Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary in D ~ *Henry Purcell*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeter: Edna Rosenberger, Don Rosenberger
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

How to Read the Hebrew Bible: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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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 requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 12, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Nov. 12	Service and Meal at Ripple
Nov. 14, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 14, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Nov. 16, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Nov. 19, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

MCC Calendars and gift guides are available on the Welcome Table. Get one before they're gone!

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

We welcome Regina Wenger to our service today and thank her for sharing the morning message. Regina is the Educational Curator at the Mennonite Heritage Center.

West Swamp members are invited to the **Ripple church service** today. After the service West Swamp will be hosting dinner at Ripple that all are also invited to attend if you can stay. If you are volunteering, please be at Ripple at 3 pm. Contact Rod Rush if you would like a ride.

The **How to read the Hebrew Bible** started today, but it is not too late to join. If you would like to take part through Zoom, contact Lynne Rush to be added to the email group to receive the Zoom link each week.

Senior Luncheon, Nov. 16: If you're 60+, save the date for food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the group for food and conversation at The New Santiagos in Coopersburg after the worship service on **Nov. 19**. All are welcome.

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Pastor Gwen Groff** and Bethany Mennonite Church in Vermont as Pastor Gwen ends her 24-year tenure as their pastor. Pray for a good transition for all and for blessings in the future.

You are invited to the **Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Low Lily on Nov. 18, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. With a vocal blend that has been dubbed "outstanding" and "meticulous," Low Lily has crafted a signature sound which they have shared with enthusiastic international audiences. A portion of the proceeds supports Pennridge FISH.

Women's Christmas Dinner at Men-O-Lan, Nov. 28, 6-8:30 pm. All women from 8 to 98 are invited to this special time to get away from the busyness of the season. Relax and enjoy a girls' night out. Bring family friends and neighbors! Sing carols, have a time of sharing, and enjoy a beautiful program with the Cairn University Chorale. Cost is \$20; \$8 for children.

Needed: Volunteer Co-Leader for MCC Meat Canning. Help plan for and carry out annual meat canning at MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Dr., Unit C, Souderton. Meat Canning is held for 3 days at the end of March, planning takes place in the fall before the event. Contact Rich Godshall at (215)284-9356 or email rich@mcc-harleysville.org

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael is on vacation thru Wednesday and will be in the office on Thursday. For emergency pastoral care while he is away, contact Joan Hallman (267-347-0540) or Nancy Jacobs (215-527-6423).

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