



We are stewards

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

November 19, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes A Prayer of Quiet Thankfulness~ *Fenton Groden*
Take My Life and Let It Be~ *arr. Brenda Portman*
Give of Your Best to the Master ~ *Mrs. Charles Barnard*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song We plow the fields and scatter #96, v. 1, 3

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Sing to the Lord of harvest #96
Blessed be your name
Give thanks, worship and praise

Scripture Psalm 95:1-7 w/Chorus

Offering Prayer of Thanksgiving~ *Colin Curtis*

Worship Music When all thy mercies *Choir*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon We are stewards *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song God, whose giving #383

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Sent forth by God's blessing #478

Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God~ *arr. A. Schreiner*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Sue Conrad Howes
Greeter: Denny & Jan Wieand
Organist: 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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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: Tomorrow, Barb Thuma will complete a seven-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 19, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Nov. 19, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Nov. 21, 8 am	Quilting
Nov. 21, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Nov. 28, 7 pm	DISCO
Nov. 29, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Nov. 29, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Dec. 3	Advent begins

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

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

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

Services for Emma Richards are Tuesday, Nov. 21. Calling hours at 10 am; service at 11.

This is a friendly reminder that **Christmas flower orders** are due by **Tuesday, Nov. 21**. You may place your flower order forms into the house box with the red bow, that's in the Fellowship room. Or you can call or email me before Wednesday. There will also be a limited number of extra flowers for sale on the day of delivery. Thank you for your support of this project! Proceeds will go to MCC relief efforts. Email: dnjacobs@comcast.net. Phone: 215-257-6423.

It's not too late to join the **How to read the Hebrew Bible**. Join us at 8:45 in Room 104, or 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.

Stay after church on **Nov. 26** to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. Many hands will make the work go quicker!

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **The Church of the Good Samaritan in Holland, PA** as they search for a pastor to help minister to the congregation as well as in the community.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Bally Mennonite Church, Route 100, Bally, Dec. 2, 7-10:30am. Pancakes & French Toast, Scrapple & Sausage and Eggs. All are welcome. Cost: Donation. **Proceeds benefit Bally Community Preschool**. Questions? 610-845-7780 or see website www.ballymc.org.

Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to the **2023 Christmas Benefit Concert**, Thursday, Dec. 7, 6-8:30 pm. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and a camp update, followed by a blue grass concert featuring the Ironwood Drive Band from Lancaster, PA. Adult registrations only please. The event has free registration, but Men-O-Lan hopes people come ready to bless Camp with an end of the year donation.

Caleb's Cocoa Café, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Quakertown Code Blue Homeless Shelter, is **Sunday, Dec. 17**. Stop by 207 N. Ambler Street in Quakertown between 2 and 4:30 pm for hot cocoa and baked goods. Everything is \$1 (you can always donate more). You might want to time your visit for one of the on-the-hour live music spots. Dia Lowe (Jane Burkett's granddaughter) is one of the singers! Look for more info in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Wednesday, 9-4.

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

The church offices will be closed on Thanksgiving.