

REPENT  
AND  
BELIEVE

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

*First Sunday of Lent*

***February 18, 2024***

***10:30 A.M.***

***Preludes*** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian ~ *arr. Dan R. Edwards*  
I Surrender All~ *arr. Lindell Leatherman*  
I Must Tell Jesus ~ *arr. Robert J. Hughes*

## **We Gather around the Word**

Opening Song Meet with me

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Lord Jesus, you shall be my song  
I stand amazed in the presence #528  
All the people said Amen

Scripture Genesis 9:8-17

Offering My Faith Looks Up to Thee ~ *arr. Sandra Eithun*  
—*My Coins Count Collection*

Worship Music Spirit, Open My Heart *Choir*

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture Mark 1:9-15

Sermon Jesus among us: Repent & Believe *Pastor Michael*

## **We Respond to the Word**

Prayer of Confession Screen  
Song Lord, I need you

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Just as I am  
Benediction

Postlude Jesus Paid It All~ *arr. Tim Doran*

## **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Carl & Cindy Raub  
**Greeter:** Leon & Elaine Propst  
**Organist:** Joan Hallman  
**Musician:** 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 Winter Quarter**

*Find Your People* Video Series (starting Feb. 18), Library.

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

### **West Swamp Mennonite Church**

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### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Carl Raub

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** Alex Parzych

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, members of the Community of Anabaptist Theological Institutions will gather for a four-day meeting in Mexico. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the leaders of Anabaptist seminaries in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and the United States, as they collaborate to expand Spanish-language opportunities for church leadership development.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

February 18, 2024

*Discovering together how to follow Jesus  
and make our community and world a better place*

### Calendar

Feb. 18, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Feb. 20, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Feb. 20, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Feb. 21, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Feb. 21, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 27, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Feb. 27, 7 pm	DISCO
Feb. 28, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission

**We would like to thank** our church family for the love and support you have shown during Paul's recovery from a fall. Your prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls, visits and meals have been greatly appreciated. You have helped to make this difficult time easier for all of us. ***Thank you, Paul and family***

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

**Sunday Lunch Bunch:** Join the group at the West End Restaurant (Rt. 309) after the worship service **today** for lunch and fellowship.

Mission Commission is currently collecting items for **MCC Relief Kits**. Donate whole kits or individual items. A complete list of items is in the Feb/Mar newsletter.

**My Coins Count** collection will take place during the offering today through Easter. This year's proceeds will go toward MCC's many water projects.

**Check your church directory!** If your address section is dated 2022, you can pick up a 2024 update packet. If the address section is dated *before* 2022, you are behind in your updates and need to give your directory to the church secretary to update. And of course, the secretary is willing to do updates for anyone.

**Knotting Project Need:** Here is an at-home task for someone to do to keep the Knotting Project running smoothly—matching up tops with backing material. 90-year old Ruth who has been doing this for the knotters has entered hospice care (please pray for a peaceful passing and comfort for her family). If you know of anyone who would like to take this on (including yourself!), please contact the church secretary. Fabric will be provided. The other possibility is doing it here at church as a once a month group project.

**Save the date!** Mission Commission will be serving a meal at Ripple on **Sunday, May 19**, and invites you to participate by supplying ingredients, helping prepare food, and/or serving the meal.

**Elaine Ewashko** was transferred to Phoebe Richlandtown on Feb. 7. Please send cards to her home address: 2005 West Swamp Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the leaders of **Shores of Hope, a community of Russian speakers in West Palm Beach, Florida**. Shores of Hope's current mission is to accompany and minister to Ukrainian and Russian refugees in the area, as well as other Russian speakers who grew up in the USSR. Part of their plan is to help their community to develop life skills that will help them thrive in the US. Its leaders also ask for prayer obtaining work authorization, which will allow certain processes to move more quickly.

MCC will operate its mobile meat canner at the **MCC Material Resource Center** in Souderton from **March 25-27** to process 24,000 pounds of pork to send to Cuba and Ukraine. **100 volunteers are required daily**, working a two to six-hour shift (6AM-7PM) to fill and label cans and prepare boxes. Refreshments provided. Tax-deductible donations may be made payable to "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. To volunteer, contact the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074.

**2024 Summer Camp registration at Camp Men-O-Lan is open!** Find online registration at [menolan.org](http://menolan.org) under Summer Camp or call Beth at 215-679-5144 x321 for details and more information.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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