

Cover Art: *Jesus Before Pilate, First Interview*, by James Tissot, 1886-1894.

"...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels.

The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886-87, and again in 1890.

While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining "aura" in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus." [from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know"]

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My kingdom is not of this world

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.



Lined area for writing prayer requests.

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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

April 21, 2024

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

Calendar

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| Apr. 21, 12 pm | Sunday Lunch Bunch |
| Apr. 23, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| Apr. 23, 7 pm | DISCO |
| Apr. 24, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In Practice |
| Apr. 24, 7:15 pm | Choir Practice |
| Apr. 30, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| Apr. 30, 7 pm | Community Commission |

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

Sunday Lunch Bunch, today: The Lunch Bunch crowd invites you to join them at Frank's Trattoria after the worship service. Frank's is located at 638 N West End Blvd ((just left of Best Buy).

Today at 6 pm, St. John's Lutheran church in Sumneytown will host a choral concert of the **Great Songs of Faith Choir**, sponsored by Word FM. All are invited to this hour of musical enjoyment. (Joan Hallman is part of the choir!)

Did you purchase a Saturday Brunch or Sunday Chicken Shwarma Dinner at the meal auction a couple years ago? Please contact Lynne Rush. She'd like to make good on them this spring, but lost her list of participants.

Still need a directory update? Let Lynne know.

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Blooming Glen as they begin the next steps in their pastoral search process for a lead pastor.

Souderton End Gun Violence March today, 1-2:30PM. The march will begin and end at Zion Mennonite Church, 149 Cherry Lane in Souderton, and include singing, a 1.3 mile walk, prayer and letter writing. If you are interested in attending, please let

Pastor Michael know. More information at heedinggodscall.org.

Ten Thousand Villages of Souderton, with fair trade rug company **Bunyaad**, hosts a special **Fair Trade Rug Event** May 1-4, featuring over 300 hand-knotted rugs, from intricate florals to hand-spun wool natural dye tribals, from 2'x3's to 10'x14's. Bunyaad works with over 850 families throughout Pakistan, paying a living wage, increasing employment opportunities for women, fueling artisan's creativity and preserving cultural heritage. The result: high-quality, exquisite rugs that will last for generations. Location and hours: 781 Route 113, Souderton; 10am-5pm.

Camp Men-O-Lan hosts a **2024 National Day of Prayer Breakfast** on Thursday, May 2, 7:30 am. Gather in community to pray, worship and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Prayer and worship will rotate throughout the day in the auditorium, along with a self-guided prayer walk. For more information, or to register, contact Kim at 215-679-5144 x320.

From the Harleysville Material Resource Center: We are happy to report the success of the 2024 Meat Canning Event. Upwards of 300 volunteers processed 24,000 pounds of pork into 16,010 cans. These cans will be shipped to the people of Ukraine in the coming year. Thank you to all who donated monetarily and of their time to make this event a success. Together we are sharing God's love and compassion by responding to basic human needs. Marlene Derstine, Coordinator

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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