



A time for fulfillment

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God ~ *John A. Behnke*
I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes ~ *A. Schreiner*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ~ *Marianne Kim*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Noel

Candle Lighting

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Come, thou long-expected Jesus #178
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming #211
Sing we the song of Emmanuel

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

Offering The Heavens Declare His Glory ~ *Beethoven*

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Sermon A time for fulfillment *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response View the present

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song We dream of a turning

Benediction

Postlude Bless God ~ *Carman*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Carl Raub
Greeters: Chris Allem, Cheryl Fritzingler
Organist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Carl Raub, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

The TLC Class (Topics, Learning and Conversation) beginning Dec. 8 will be looking at *A Calendar of Devotions* by Chandra Goodwin, 9:30 am.
Bible Project—Genesis: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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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: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Anchorage (Alaska) Service Adventure unit is participating in a community performance of Handel's Messiah. Pray for leader Samir Knego and participants Samuel Landis, Briana Nyveldt, Armando Perez and Aviva Setiawan as they worship and share the good news of Jesus' birth, ministry and salvation offered to all people.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

December 1, 2024

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

Calendar

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| Dec. 1 | Advent begins |
| Dec. 3, 7 pm | Community Commission |
| Dec. 4, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Dec. 4, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Dec. 10, 7 pm | Mission Commission |
| Dec. 13, 6:30 pm | Christmas Carnival cookie packing |
| Dec. 17, 7 pm | Ministry Team |
| Dec. 18, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Dec. 18, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Dec. 19, 12 pm | Senior Luncheon |

Today's flowers are in memory of Willard Rosenberger, given by the Edna Rosenberger family.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Today is Les and Linda Rice's last Sunday with us before their big move. We'll recognize them in worship for their years of service and leadership, and we'll have a time of fellowship downstairs after the service for you to speak a word of farewell and blessing to them.

It's almost **Christmas Cookie** time! What better way to share some Christmas joy with neighbors in need than to support the annual Salvation Army and Quakertown Ministerium's Annual Christmas Carnival! We are again asking for cookie bakers to provide Christmas cookies to be given to local families on Saturday, Dec. 14. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room. Cookies may be dropped off at the church kitchen by 6:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 13. Please label your containers with your name so we can return them back to you. Thank you, and happy baking!

Senior Luncheon is Dec. 19 at noon. All those 60+ are invited for food, fellowship and Christmas cheer.

Coin Collection for Ripple & Crossroads: Mission Commission will be collecting coins for the next few months. There are containers for your coins in the back of the sanctuary and by the elevator (2nd floor). Thank you for your donations!

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for Conference-Related Ministry **Dock Mennonite Academy**. Please pray for wisdom and the Spirit's leading among the search committee and the entire community, as the superintendent retires in June 2025 and they are searching for their next leader.

Stop by Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton during the Christmas season. Beginning Dec. 1, witness a beautiful **Christmas tree light display** of 40+ trees throughout Zion's campus. Hours of operation are 4-11 pm. If you drive-thru **today** between 5-7 pm, you will be treated to some hot chocolate and homemade cookies. We hope you enjoy this wonderful site.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: My schedule will be flexible, working remotely when necessary and in the office when possible. If you need to reach me quickly, please text or call 267-272-3089.