

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Meditation in Music

“We Three Kings” ~ *David Clark Isele*
 “And There Was a Star” ~ *David Paxton*
 “A Star Over Bethlehem” ~ *Lani Smith*

Gathering & Praising

Gathering Song “Come, walk in the light” Screen
 Welcome

Song “We three kings” Screen
 Prayer

Passing the Peace “*May the peace of Christ be with you*”

Songs of Praise “The virgin Mary” #202
 “As with gladness men of old” #218

Hearing the Word

Children’s Spot *Ken Yoder*

Scripture Ps. 72:7, 10-14; Matt. 2:1-12 Pg. 574, 956

Worship Music “O Beautiful Star” *Choir*

Sermon “Saving Light” *Pastor Kathy*

Responding to the Word

Song of Response “Christ, whose glory” #216

Offering “O Wondrous Light” ~ *arr. John Troutman*

Sharing, Announcements & Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song “Joy to the world” #318

Benediction

**Hearing devices are available from the Sound System Operator.*

Flowers are in memory of Clarence Rosenberger, given by the Rosenberger family.

This Sunday

Greeters: Bernice Keller, Katie Auckland & Matt Mood
Worship Leader: Sue Gwilliam
Organist: Joan Hallman
Chorister: Deb Stevenback
Choir Directors: Louise Butcher, Lynne Rush
Screen Technicians: Marsha High, Madison Mood
Sound Technicians: Glenn High, Carl Raub, Tim Scheetz

Nursery Service is available in the Baby Nursery (Room 108) for infants during Sunday School and for infants & children to age 4 (Room 105-106) during the Worship Service.

Child Care Today

Sunday School: Staffed upon request
Worship: Open, not staffed

Next Sunday

Upon request
 Staffed

Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

Adult Discussion Class—Room 104
 Adult Quarterly Class—Room 204
 Youth Class (Grades 6-12)—Youth Room
 Children’s Class—Room B1

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Commissions & Deacons:	
Ministry Team, Don Jacobs	Mission, Rod Rush
Community, Barb Moyer	Stewardship, Randy Rush
Discipleship (DISCO), Jan Wieand	Worship, vacant
Church Secretary: Lynne Rush	Treasurer: Charlene Smoll

***Mission Request:** Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.*



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
 January 1, 2017
Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

- Jan. 3, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Jan. 3, 6 pm—Joyful Noise Practice
- Jan. 3, 6:30 pm—Junior Youth
- Jan. 3, 7 pm—**NO** Community Commission
- Jan. 4, 6 pm—Chimin' In
- Jan. 4, 7 pm—Choir Practice
- Jan. 5, 1 pm—Senior Luncheon
- Jan. 5, 3:30 pm—Miller Blood Drive (at Swamp)

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

- Jan. 8—300th Anniversary Kick-Off Sunday!
- Jan. 9, 7 pm—Mission Commission
- Jan. 10, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Jan. 10, 6 pm—**NO** Joyful Noise Practice
- Jan. 10, 7 pm—Community Commission
- Jan. 11, 7 pm—Choir Practice
- Jan. 12, 7 pm—Stewardship Commission

Sunday, December 25	
Sunday School Attendance	n/a
Worship Service Attendance	38
Offering	\$2,945.00

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

MCC Goat Project: Can you help the Sunday School department buy a goat? DISCO chose this project from the MCC Christmas Giving catalog (read about it in the newsletter). One goat is \$45, and we're up to at least 3 and 2/3rd goats! Put your donation in the church box on the mission table. **Today** is the last day to donate.

Knotting resumes this Tuesday. Come join the group any time between 8 am and 12 pm (with a snack break about 10).

Miller Blood Drive: Jan. 5, 3:30-7:30 at Swamp Mennonite Church. A sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Lee Propst.

Happy New Year Senior Luncheon: All those 60+ are invited for lunch on Jan. 5 at 1 pm. Call the church if you are a regular who can't come or a first timer who can.

300th Anniversary Kick-Off Sunday: It's been in the planning for a long time and is finally here—West Swamp's 300th Anniversary! On **Jan. 8** we'll kick-off our year long celebration with a special service. Come be a part of history!

Did you buy a West Swamp history book? Would you like it signed by the author? Weather permitting, Lee Irwin will be here on Jan. 8 and will sign books in the fellowship hall after the service. (Might be a good idea to have your name in your book so it doesn't get mixed up with anyone else's!) Don't have one yet?

Welcome Your Neighbor Signs: To counter the anti-immigrant rhetoric of the recent political campaigns, a pastor in Harrisonburg, Va. put up a sign in front of his church building that says, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbor." The sign,

in three languages—English, Spanish and Arabic—is now popping up all over the country as churches and individuals, displaying a message central to Matt. 25, that in welcoming the stranger we're welcoming Christ. If you would like one of these yard signs, let Lynne know by Jan. 8. A church in Allentown is getting them printed and Bob Walden will pick them up for us. The cost is \$15 and can be paid in cash or by check made out to "The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer."

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

Relax and embrace your dreams for a satisfying, healthy marriage at the **Couples Retreat at Spruce Lake**, Feb. 10-12. Speakers Rod and Janna Handley will share wisdom from their own real-life marriage, with worship led by Greg and Kristina Yoder from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. More information at www.sprucelake.org/events/calendar. Call 800-822-7505 for reservations.

Registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 opens Jan. 17. The convention takes place July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida, with the theme "Love is a Verb." Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

Church Offices Hours

Pastor Kathy: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-1.

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

The church offices are closed on Monday for the New Year's holiday.