

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

January 8, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Meditation in Music & Word

“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” ~*J.S. Bach*
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ~*arr. M. Burkhardt*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ~*Jan Bender*
Scripture ~ *from Psalm 29*

Gathering & Praising

Gathering Song “O worship the Lord” #124

Call to Worship & Prayer Screen

Welcome

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

Songs of Praise “All hail the power of Jesus’ name” #285
“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Scn/Sngbk

Worship Music “Come, let us all unite to sing” *Chimin’ In*

Hearing the Word

Children’s Spot *Pastor Kathy*

Scripture Isa. 42:1-9; Matt. 3:13-17 Pg. 717, 957

Sermon “Empowering the Church” *Pastor Kathy*

Worship Music “How can I keep from singing -w/Safe am I” *Mohr Sisters*

History Presentation *Dean Mohr*

Responding to the Word

Song of Response “Great is thy faithfulness” #327

Offering “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee w/Gavotte from French Suite No. 4”
~ *Bonnie Simcox, piano; Joan Hallman, Organ*

Announcements & Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song “Praise God from whom” #118

Benediction

Postlude “God of Grace” ~ *Paul Manz*

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

Flowers are in loving memory of Jim Mohr, given by the Kassie Mohr family.

This Sunday

Greeters: Mike Olimpo, Les & Linda Rice
Worship Leader: Sue Gwilliam
Guest Organist: Bonnie (Mohr) Simcox
Chorister: Louise Butcher
Choir Directors: Louise Butcher, Lynne Rush
Screen Technicians: Marsha High, Madison Mood
Sound Technicians: Glenn High, Carl Raub, Tim Scheetz
Fellowship Hosts: Anniversary Committee

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: Jan Wieand

Next Sunday

Upon request

Anita Husvar

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

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

A big thank you to the Anniversary Committee for all the work they've done (and continue to do) in planning our 300th Anniversary celebrations this year. Please stay for cake and fellowship after the service. Did you bring your history book? Author Lee Irwin will be in the fellowship hall for book signing. Books and mugs are for sale there as well.

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."

Chimin' In needs another player! One of our chimers is getting too busy with school work and needs to give up ringing. This leaves the group short a player. If you would like to give it a try, see Lynne.

New address for the Prosock family: 243 Mountain Mary Road, Boyertown, PA 19512.

Annual Business Meeting, Jan. 22: Packet #1 is in mailboxes today; Packet #2 (Treasurer's report, budget and ballot) will be available next Sunday. All members and regular attendees are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. After the worship service, we'll share in a fellowship meal. The meeting will begin at 1 pm.

~ 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/>.

A **pancake breakfast** will be held Jan. 21, 7:30-11 am at **Perkiomenville Mennonite Church**. Breakfast will include pancakes, french toast, sausage, OJ, coffee; cost is a donation and all donations from the breakfast and bake sale will go towards a mission trip to Honduras with MAMA Project.

Junior High youth and sponsors: Mar. 17 is the date of this year's **Late Night Blast** at **Dock Mennonite Academy!** From 6:30-11:30 pm, we will have inspiring worship, fun games, great fellowship and all the pizza you can eat. Contact John Stoltzfus (jstoltzfus@franconiaconference.org) if you have questions. To register, visit the Youth Ministry page at franconiaconference.org.

Church Offices Hours

Pastor Kathy: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-1.

Lynne: Thursday, 8:30-1:30