

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH
Worship Service

January 15, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Meditation in

Music & Word

“Jesus, I Come” ~ *Robert W. Thygerson*
“I Give All My Life to You” ~ *arr. Carol Tornquist*
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ~ *Mark Hayes*
Scripture ~ *from Psalm 40*

Gathering & Praising

Gathering Song “Holy Spirit, come with power” #26

Call to Worship & Prayer Screen

Welcome

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

Songs of Praise “Come and see” #20
 “We praise thee, O God” #99
(Children age 4 to grade 5 are dismissed for Children’s Church)

Hearing the Word

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

Worship Music “Thou, O Christ, my Lord & King” *Choir*

Sermon “Accepting the Invitation” *Pastor Kathy*

Responding to the Word

Song of Response “We have decided” Screen

Offering “Honor, Glory and Praise” ~ *Anthony Giamanco*

Sharing, Announcements & Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song “I believe in you, Lord Jesus” #440

Benediction

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

This Sunday

Greeters: Mike Olimpo, Les & Linda Rice
Worship Leader: Sue Gwilliam
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Chorister: Ken Yoder
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: Anita Husvar

Next Sunday

Upon request
Nancy Jacobs

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.

Annual Business Meeting, Jan. 22: Packet #2 (Treasurer's report, budget and ballot) is in mailboxes today. 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.

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship Meal, Jan. 22: Sign up on the bulletin board for desserts or some sandwich fixings. The kitchen committee will provide soups, beverages, and the rest of the sandwich stuff. Stay for the meal and the meeting!

Christmas Eve Offering: \$605 was collected on Christmas Eve for Haiti Hurricane Relief.

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.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

The January issue of **Peace & Justice News** from the Peace & Justice Committee of Eastern District and Franconia Conferences is now posted at <http://efpjc.ppjr.org>. This issue includes stories on Building a Better Peace and a report on MCC's Native American Learning Tour.

Poverty Simulation, Feb. 10: In one morning you can find out what it might be like to live in a low-income family trying to move beyond survival and achieve sustainable economic self-sufficiency. Details for this event are on the bulletin board.

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/>.

Plains Mennonite Church has **yard signs** welcoming our neighbors with the statement "*No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor*" written in Spanish, English, and Arabic. The signs are \$10 each. To order, contact the church office at 215-362-7640 or plainsmc@verizon.net.

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.

You are invited to participate in a **Global Songfest** sponsored by Mennonite World Conference, Saturday, Jan. 21, 7 pm at **Akron Mennonite Church** (1311 Diamond St., Akron, PA). Come celebrate World Fellowship "weekend" by singing together songs from around the world. An offering will be taken to support the work of Mennonite World Conference. If you are interested in helping to lead, either as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, please contact Pat Martin at pmartin@akronmench.org.

Church Offices Hours

Pastor Kathy is attending the School of Leadership at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Monday-Wednesday, and visiting her mother, Thursday-Saturday (it's Ruby's birthday!). In case of a pastoral care emergency, contact Don Jacobs, 215-527-6422.

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