

**Cover Photo:** Rev. Arthur S. & Ella Rosenberger open gifts from the congregation at a farewell dinner on Feb. 2, 1963. The Rosenbergers were married for 45 years (Rev. Arthur died the day after their 45th wedding anniversary).

We hope you have enjoyed this summer's bulletin covers. Next week we'll return to the printed bulletins provided by Herald Press.

# *West Swamp Mennonite Church 1717—2017*

*“Happily Ever After?”*



**WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH**  
*Worship Service*

August 27, 2017

10:30 A.M.

***Meditation in Music***      “God Will Make a Way” ~ *Don Moen*  
“Prelude on *Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*” ~ *Gordon Young*  
“O Perfect Love” ~ *Joseph Barney*

**Centering Ourselves with Song and Scripture**

“Come, let us all unite to sing”      #12  
Call to Worship      Screen  
“Let the whole creation cry”      #51, v.1, 4  
“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”      #71, v. 1, 3  
“Help us to help each other”      #362  
Prayer

Welcome

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

Song      “For God so loved us”      #167

**Hearing the Word**

Scripture      Ephesians 5:15-33      Pg. 1159

Sermon      “Happily Ever After?”      *Pastor Kathy*

**Responding to the Word**

Song of Response      “When love is found”      #623

Offering      “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” ~ *arr. John Carter*

Sharing & Prayer Time

Sending Song      “Will you let me be your servant”      #307

Benediction

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

**This Sunday**

**Greeters:** Tim & Karen Butenuth, Bernice Keller  
**Worship Leader:** Deb Stevenback  
**Pianist:** Joan Hallman  
**Chorister:** Ken Yoder  
**Screen Technicians:** Marsha High, Madison Mood, Michaela Wieand  
**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:** Christine Allem

**Next Sunday**

Upon request

Cara Riley

**Sunday School Classes for Fall Quarter**

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

**Regular classes resume on Sept. 3.**

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<b>Ministry Team,</b> Randy Rush	<b>Mission,</b> Rod Rush
<b>Community,</b> Barb Moyer	<b>Stewardship,</b> vacant
<b>Discipleship (DISCO),</b> Lori Farrell	<b>Worship,</b> vacant
<b>Church Secretary:</b> Lynne Rush	<b>Treasurer:</b> Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Request:** Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.




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

**Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church**  
*August 27, 2017*  
*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

- Aug. 27—Brief business meeting after the service
- Aug. 29, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

- Sept. 3—Regular Sunday School classes resume
- Sept. 5, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Sept. 5, 1 pm—Worship Commission
- Sept. 5, 7 pm—Community Commission
- Sept. 7, 1 pm—Senior Luncheon
- Sept. 9—Pastor Kathy & Ken leave for vacation

Sunday, Aug. 20	
Sunday School Attendance	10
Worship Service Attendance	73
Offering	\$3,412.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

**Church Business Meeting:** All members are asked to stay for a brief meeting immediately following the worship service. The Trustees seek affirmation from the congregation to scrape, patch and paint the front doors of the church. The estimated cost is \$2000. Approval is needed since this expense was not in the 2017 budget.

**August Mission Project—MCC School Kits:** Last day to turn in kits and individual items. If you would like to make a cash donation to help complete kits, put your donation in the Mission Commission mailbox.

**More musicians needed!** Chimin' In is losing some members this year and we need to fill those spots. If you would like to give it a try, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Return players are encouraged to sign up too so we know if we've got enough.

**Singers needed too:** Both the adult choir and Joyful Noise start practicing again in September. Joyful Noise begins Sept. 10 and now meets on the second and fourth Sunday during second half of the worship service. Choir begins Sept. 13 and practices Wednesdays at 7 pm. We'd love to have some new voices in both!

**Sunday School:** Regular classes for all ages start up again on Sept. 3. A strong Sunday School is a priority for a healthy church. We hope you'll join us!

**Bible Presentation:** The Discipling Commission will present Bibles on Sunday, Sept. 10 to Julia Huff, Eli Mood and Kimberlee Opdyke. Kimberlee will receive the Preschooler's Bible; Julia and Eli will receive youth Bibles. Bibles are on display in the Fellowship room along with note cards. Please make time to stop and write a note of encouragement to be placed inside the Bibles over the next few Sundays.

**Community Picnic at Molasses Creek Park—**Sept. 30, 11 am-3 pm: The Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a picnic as part of our 300th Anniversary to thank the community's support to our

church in the Milford Township area! How can you help? Take a look at the sign up sheet on the 300 hours of service board. Sign up with a friend and make it fun! Thanks!

**Calling All Cookie Bakers!** We need 300 bags of cookies (2 cookies per baggie) for the Community Picnic. Will you please consider helping? Sign up on the 300 hours of service bulletin board and be sure to write how many bags (of 2) you can donate. Please bring cookies pre-packaged to the church Friday between 6-8 pm or Saturday by noon to the park.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

As part of **Salford Mennonite Church's 300th anniversary celebration**, noted theologian, speaker, author, and activist Brian D. McLaren will present on Sept. 10 at 9 am and 3 pm. He will speak to the challenges facing North American Christianity, and offer his hope for the future of Anabaptist Christians and the North American Church while reflecting on his most recent book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

Saturday, September 16, 6:30 pm is the **Gospel/Bluegrass Fall Concert** under the big tent at Line Lexington Mennonite Church. The featured performers are Bobby Hamm & the Bluegrass Brothers, plus the Carroll County Ramblers. Tickets not required, but a donation of \$10 is suggested per person. Some chairs will be provided, but you may want to bring your lawn chair.

The **10th Annual benefit banquet for the Worm Project** will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, 6 pm at the **Franconia Heritage Restaurant**. Come see how donations are transforming the lives of malnourished children and hear the inspiring first-hand stories for partners working around the world. The meal is free and donations will be accepted. Please RSVP to [info@wormproject.org](mailto:info@wormproject.org) by Sept. 10.

Church Offices Hours

Pastor Kathy: Monday-Thursday, 9-1.

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