

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH
Worship Service

September 3, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Meditation in Music

“Welcome to the Family” ~ *Debby Kerner*
“Our Hearts in Christian Love” ~ *Mark Roberts*
“The Gift of Love” ~ *John Carter*

Gathering & Praising

Gathering Song	“Let’s sing unto the Lord”	#55
Welcome		
Songs of Praise	“Praise the Lord sing hallelujah”	#50
	“Blessed assurance”	#332
	“10,000 Reasons”	Scn/Sngbk
	“The Bond of Love”	Screen
Call to Worship & Prayer		Screen
Passing the Peace	<i>“May the peace of Christ be with you”</i>	

Hearing the Word

Children’s Spot	<i>Pastor Kathy</i>	
Scripture	Acts 15:36-41	Pg. 1095
Sermon	“Keeping the Family Together” <i>Pastor Karl Shelly</i>	

Responding to the Word

Song of Response	“For we are strangers no more”	#322
Offering	“Bless’d Be the Tie that Binds” ~ <i>Seth Bingham</i>	
Sharing, Announcements & Prayer		
Sending Song	“The Lord lift you up”	Insert
Benediction		

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

This Sunday

Greeters:	Rick Hinkle, Deb Stevenback, Earl Miller
Worship Leader:	Ken Yoder
Organist:	Joan Hallman
Chorister:	Lynne Rush
Choir Directors:	Louise Butcher, Lynne Rush
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: Cara Riley

Next Sunday

Upon request
TBD

Sunday School Classes for Summer 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, Randy Rush	Mission, Rod Rush
Community, Barb Moyer	Stewardship, vacant
Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell	Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush **Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

We welcome members of the extended **Shelly Family** to our service this morning. The Shellys held a family reunion at Men-O-Lan yesterday, celebrating 300 years in the New World! West Swamp has been blessed that much of their history intertwined with ours.

A message from MDS: The unprecedented flooding in South Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey has impacted millions of lives. Please pray for the survivors as they return to their communities and rebuild. Mennonite Disaster Service will be there with them and you can participate by making a donation or volunteering to work in the cleanup and rebuilding. Your gifts bring hope home to South Texas. You can donate online at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/hurricane-harvey-donate-form/> or by check (memo line: Harvey) made payable to: Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Rd., Lititz, Pa. 17543. You can also register to volunteer on their website.

Members Liam & Jenn Smith are in the Humble, TX area (a Houston suburb). If you would like to give closer to home for them, one option is St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at <https://st-mm.com/online-giving>.

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!

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.

Urgent Search: Do you have any tapes of West Swamp Services from the 70s & 80s? Joyce Rosenberger is looking for a tape of a service which includes Robert Rosenberger playing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The selection is needed for a family wedding. Please contact Joyce before Nov. 1 if you find one!

~ 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*.

Join **Salford Mennonite Church** on Sept. 15 & 16 at 7:30 pm for two performances of **Ted Swartz & Friends' original drama** *These Are My People: Reflections of Salford at 300*. Presented as part of their 300th anniversary celebration, the show features Ted Swartz and a talented cast of Salford members in a fast-paced, humorous, and poignant look at 300 years of the Salford Mennonite community. A free will offering will be received.

Church Offices Hours

Pastor Kathy: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-1. Pastor Kathy & Ken leave for vacation on Saturday. For emergency pastoral care, contact Rod Rush (215-538-5311, home; 267-424-9294, cell) Sept. 9-13 and Lori Farrell (610-608-4666) Sept. 14-16.

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

The church offices are closed on Monday for Labor Day.