## WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

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December 8, 2019	)	10:30 A.M.
Preludes	"Reflection on <i>Conditor alme side rum</i> " ~ <i>David Lasky</i> "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ~ <i>Mark Hayes</i> "Be Comforted My People" ~ <i>Lani Smith</i>	
Gathering & Prais Welcome Opening Song Pastoral Prayer	Isaiah 11:10 "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"	Pg. 686 #211
Passing the Peace	"May the peace of Christ be with you"	
Songs of Praise	"Hark! the glad sound" "To us a Child of hope is born" "My life is in you, Lord"  Lighting the Advent Candles "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"	#184 #189 Screen #178, v. 2
Hearing the Word Children's Spot	<u>!</u>	Lori Farrell
Worship Music	"In Silence We Wait"	Choir
Scripture Sermon	Matthew 3:1-12 "Fruit in Keeping with Righteousness"	Pg. 957 Pastor Michael
Responding to the Song of Response	"On Jordan's banks"	#183
Offering	"He Shall Feed His Flock" ~ G.F. Handel	
Community Sharing	g & Prayer	
Sending Song Benediction	"O little town of Bethlehem"	#191, v. 4

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

**Today's flowers** are given by Edna Rosenberger & family in memory of Willard Rosenberger.

## This Sunday

Greeters: Margaret Marth, Rod Rush

Worship Leader: Cindy Raub
Organist: Joan Hallman
Chorister: Louise Butcher
Music Director: Lynne Rush

Screen Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush

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 TodayNext SundaySunday School: Staffed upon requestUpon requestWorship: TBAUpon request

## Sunday School Classes for Fall Quarter

Adult Class—Room 104 Youth Class (Grades 6-12)—Youth Room

Children's Class—Room B1

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#### Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush
Community, Nancy Jacobs
Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell

Mission, Rod Rush
Stewardship, vacant
Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush Treasurer: Pat Bevan



Mennonite Mission Request: David & Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie's work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.



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

# Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

December 8, 2019

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

#### ~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

Dec. 8, 4 pm—Baked Goods Bingo

Dec. 10, 8 am—Quilting

**Dec. 11, 6:15 pm**—Chimin' In

Dec. 11, 7 pm—Choir Practice

Dec. 11, 7:30 pm—Stewardship Commission

Dec. 11, 8 pm—Worship Commission

Dec. 13—Cookies due for Christmas Carnival

Dec. 14, 11:30 am—Salvation Army Christmas Carnival

### ~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

Dec. 15, 12 pm—Sunday Lunch Bunch

Dec. 17, 8 am—Quilting

Dec. 17, 7 pm—Ministry Team

Dec. 18, 7 pm—Choir Practice

Dec. 21, 8 am—Men's Bible Study

Dec. 24, 7 pm—Candlelight Service



# Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for those in need during this holiday season and for the people and organizations that strive to meet those needs.

Sunday, December 1			
Sunday School	n/a		
Worship Service Attendance	60		
Offering	\$2,285.00		

# ~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

**Baked Goods Bingo:** Join us **today** for a fun night with family to support those in need in our community and beyond. Doors open at 4, Kitchen opens at 4, Bingo begins at 5. \$5 per game pack sold at the door (10 games included in pack). There's a homemade baked good prize for every game! You can also get tickets for Raffle Baskets; bring a non-perishable food donation for one free raffle ticket (up to 5 tickets). All proceeds will benefit Code Blue Homeless Shelter is Quakertown and Crossroads Community Center of Philadelphia.

Calling all cookie bakers! Cookies are needed for the Christmas Carnival on Saturday, Dec. 14. For several years our congregation has provided a box of cookies to each family who comes—that's a lot of cookies! Drop your cookies off at the church by Friday, Dec. 13 by 6 pm. You're welcome to help the Community Commission pack the boxes that evening, or help pass them out at the Carnival.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch**: Join the group **Dec. 15** at Joan & Lee Hallman's house for lunch and fellowship after the worship service.

Men's Bible Study, Dec. 21: All men are invited to an informal Bible study and time of fellowship at 8 am. (There's usually food involved!)

Advent Giving Projects: This December DISCO has chosen two ministries to support—one local, one global. Support Code Blue with \$5-\$10 gift cards to WaWa, Walmart, Burger King, Arby's Wendy's, McDonalds, Dunkin' Donuts, or Dominick's Pizza. Clip them on to the The Giving Tree in the fellowship hall; the cards will be given to guests at the Code Blue shelter as needed. Our global project is Friends of Shirati, an organization that supports a hospital in Shirati, Tanzania. More details are in the Dec/Jan newsletter. Collections will be taken during the worship service Dec. 1-Jan 5.

# ~ What's Happening in the Community ~

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **West Swamp Mennonite Church**. Please pray for new vision and renewed vigor as they partner with their new pastor, Michael Howes, to "reflect God in their living, loving and serving" in the Upper Bucks area, striving to be salt and light to community. To read more about West Swamp, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

Caleb's Hot Cocoa Stand: 9-year-old Caleb is running his second fundraiser for the Code Blue Homeless Shelter. Stop by 207 North Ambler Street in Quakertown between 2-5 pm for hot cocoa (free toppings) and chocolate chip bars. Everything is \$1.00—but you are welcome to donate more! Live music on the hour. (See Caleb's letter on the Mission Bulletin Board.)

Perkasie Mennonite Church and **Patchwork Coffeehouse** invite you to an **Old-Fashioned Christmas** on Sunday, **Dec. 15** at 3 pm. Music will be by Wayfarers & Company and Daybreak, and Rob Yoder will lead the audience in a Christmas caroling. Pre-service music by Joanna Mell, accomplished harpist, begins at 2:40 pm.

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church presents a sing-along performance of Handel's Messiah at 6:30 pm, Sunday, Dec. 15. The performance features the adult choir, soloists and an instrumental ensemble directed by Michael Bishop. Interested singers are invited to bring their own Messiah score and join the choir in singing selected choruses as members of the audience. A free-will offering will be received, and light refreshments will follow the performance. For information, call the church office 215-257-3431 or visit bgmc.net.

## Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 8-1.

Lynne: Monday, 1-5; Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-1:30.