





~ 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 in 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](http://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](http://bgmc.net).

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 8-1.

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