

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

“The Desert Shall Rejoice” ~ *Lani Smith*
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” ~ *arr. Schaumburg*
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” ~ *M. McConnell*

Gathering & Praising

Welcome Isaiah 35 Pg. 709
Opening Song “Fling wide the door” #186, v. 1, 2, 4

Pastoral Prayer

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

Songs of Praise “He came down” Screen
“Joy to the world” #318, v. 1, 2
“What child is this” #215

Lighting the Advent Candles

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus” Screen

Hearing the Word

Children’s Spot *Katie Stauffer*

Worship Music “Peace before us” *Chimin’ In*

Scripture Matthew 11:2-10 Pg. 965
Sermon “Is He the One?” *Pastor Michael*

Responding to the Word

Song of Response “Are you the One” Screen

Offering “Mary, Did You Know?” ~ *arr. Tim Doran*

Community Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song “Break forth” #203, v. 1, 3

Benediction

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

This Sunday

Greeters: Mary Bittenbender, Griffin Bear, Jane Burkett
Worship Leader: Cindy Raub
Organist: Joan Hallman
Chorister: Lynne Rush
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 Today

Sunday School: Staffed upon request

Worship: TBA

Next Sunday

Upon request

Upon 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: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for DOOR's leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current three-month program to nine months.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

December 15, 2019

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

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

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

Dec. 24, 7 pm—Candlelight Service

Dec. 31—Annual Business Meeting reports due



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 8

Sunday School	10
Worship Service Attendance	65
Offering	\$3,665.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Baked Goods Bingo: A big thanks to the Mood family for organizing this great event, all the bakers who made such delicious prizes, those who donated raffle baskets, and of course, all those who came out and supported the event. We raised \$618 that will be split between Code Blue and Crossroads Community Center.

Dana & West Swamp Mennonite—Thank you *so* much for coming this past Sunday [Nov. 24] and sharing a meal with us! And *thank you* for the winter coats, hats, scarves, etc. We never know from year to year where winter stuff will come from, but God always provides! Thank you so much—people are looking forward to new stuff on Sunday! In Christ—*Ripple Church*

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the group **today** 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: Please continue to bring in gift cards for **Code Blue** and monetary donations to **Friends of Shirati**. Collections will continue through Jan 5.

Candlelight Service, Dec. 24 at 7 pm: Join us for "Promises Made, Promises Kept," a worship service of scripture and song as we celebrate our Messiah's birth.

Ten Thousand Villages Service Days: Four day trips to the Ten Thousand Villages Warehouse in Brownstown have been set up for in 2020. Please put these dates on your calendar, all Thursdays: Jan. 16, Apr. 16, July 16, and Oct. 15. We serve by repackaging & pricing crafts from third world artisans for sale in the Ten Thousand Villages stores around the country. Contact Les Rice with questions.

Reports needed: Deacons and others, please have your 2019 year end reports for January's Annual Business Meeting packet in to the church secretary by Dec. 31. Thank you!

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Upper Milford Mennonite Church**. Please join them in prayer for a settled pastor. To read more about Upper Milford, 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 on **Sunday, Dec. 22** for hot cocoa (free toppings) and chocolate chip bars. Everything is \$1—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.

MLK Service Day: Restoring Hope & Dignity: Join Mennonite Central Committee, in collaboration with Kingdom Builders Network, on Martin Luther King Day, **Jan. 20 from 9 am-noon** for a day of celebration and service as we remember those in prison who are often forgotten and discarded from communities. The event is hosted by The City School. The morning includes hearing from a panel of returning citizens, exploring the role of the church in reaching out returning citizens, and assembling men's and women's prisoner care kits (goal: 400 of each). Let Rod Rush know if you are interested in going.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 8-1.

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