

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday Worship

January 12, 2020

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Music

Gathering & Praising

Welcome	Isaiah 42:1-9	Pg. 717
Opening Song	“God is here among us”	#16
Pastoral Prayer		
Passing the Peace	<i>“May the peace of Christ be with you”</i>	
Songs of Praise	“Come, thou fount”	#521
	“Jesus shall reign”	#319
	“Water has held us”	Screen

Hearing the Word

Scripture	Matthew 3:13-17	Pg. 956
Sermon	“Pleasing God”	<i>Pastor Michael</i>

Responding to the Word

Song of Response	“Take my life”	#389
Offering		
Community Sharing & Prayer		
Sending Song	“O Jesus, I have promised”	#447
Benediction		

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

Flowers: In memory of Clarence & Clara Rosenberger, given by Edna Rosenberger

This Sunday

Greeters:	Les & Linda Rice
Worship Leader:	Deb Stevenback
Pianist:	Louise Butcher
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 Today

Sunday School: Staffed upon request
Worship: TBA

Next Sunday

Upon request
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Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

Adult Discussion Class—Room 104
The Bible Project (starting 1/19)—Youth Room
Children’s Class—Room B1 (*upon request*)

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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush	Mission, Rod Rush
Community, Nancy Jacobs	Stewardship, vacant
Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell	Worship, vacant

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

Mennonite Mission Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Hong Kong in this sixth month of unrest. Pray for the unity of all churches in the face of increasing repression by the Chinese government. Pray also for reconciliation between the authorities of China and Hong Kong and between the police and protesters.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

January 12, 2020

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

- Jan. 14, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting resumes
- Jan. 15, 6:15 pm—Chimin' In
- Jan. 15, 7 pm—Choir Practice
- Jan. 16—Ten Thousand Villages Service Trip
- Jan. 18, 8 am—Men's Bible Study

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

- Jan. 19, 12 pm—Sunday Lunch Bunch
- Jan. 21—Quilting & Knotting
- Jan. 21, 7 pm—Ministry Team
- Jan. 22, 7 pm—Choir Practice
- Jan. 26—Annual Fellowship Meal & Business Meeting

I'd like to thank the West Swamp Community Commission for the goodie bag—it was much appreciated—and the congregation for all the cards. Thank you! ~ *Gladys Hamilton*



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Please pray for peace—in our families, our communities, our country, our world. May we actively work for peace in 2020.

Sunday, January 5

Sunday School	n/a
Worship Service Attendance	75
Offering	\$2,950.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

2020 SWAP Trip: We are finalizing a date and locale for this summer service trip. If you are interested in participating and have not yet spoken with Shawn Husvar or Lynne Rush, please do so!

Ten Thousand Villages Service Days, Jan. 16: We serve by pricing and packaging arts & crafts for display & sale in Ten Thousand Villages stores, which helps third world artisans earn a living. A sign-up sheet for the Jan. 16 trip is posted on the Mission bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by **today**. If you have questions about these trips, contact Les Rice.

The Bible Project: Are you interested in getting into the Bible more? Interested in seeing the story that runs the whole way through? In increasing your “Biblical literacy”? Then you are invited to join a **new Sunday School class starting Jan. 19**, especially if you are not currently attending Sunday School. We'll meet in the Youth Room. There may be snacks; there will always be homework: daily Bible reading and sometimes a video to watch.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to an informal Bible Study on **Jan. 18** at 8 am. The group meets the third Saturday of the month. You can usually find some of them at Spors in Trumbauersville on other Saturdays. You are welcome to join them there too.

2020 Directory Updates: Please fill them your update form and return it to “the house” in the fellowship hall as soon as possible—especially if you need a new photo taken. If you have relatives or friends who are in the directory and do not attend regularly, please confirm or correct their address with the church secretary. **Is your directory binder falling apart? Do you need a new one?** New binders will be available with the 2020 updates. We ask for a donation of \$10/binder to help cover this non-budgeted expense.

Annual Business Meeting: Packet 1 is in mailboxes today. Packet 2 with financial reports will be in mailboxes next week. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to attend the meeting on Jan. 26 at 1 pm. We will share a fellowship meal with each other before the meeting.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Lakeview Mennonite Church**. They appreciated your prayers during a very critical but exciting time in the life of the church! To read more about Lakeview, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

Join “**The Mennonite Central Committee Great Winter Warm-up**” Jan. 13, 9 am-7 pm at MCC Material Resource Center in Harleysville or Jan. 18 at MCC Resource Center in Ephrata. Help contribute to the goal of collecting 6,500 comforters across the U.S. and Canada for distribution to people in need around the world!

Plains Mennonite Church invites you to join them for an informational session by Bethany Christian Services of Greater Delaware Valley on hosting Unaccompanied Minors through their Refugee Program. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 7-8:30 pm. For more information, please contact Janet Panning at janet.panning@verizon.net or 267-421-1984.

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 to 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.

MCC Material Resource Center invites you to help out during their **Warehouse Work Weekend!** Help sort and process items in the warehouse to be sold, bringing in funds for their work. Call 267-203-8074 to be scheduled Friday, Jan. 24, 5-10 pm, or Saturday, Jan. 25, 7 am-2 pm.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 8-1.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, 8:30-1:30. (*Villages service trip on Thurs.*)