

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Sunday Worship

February 16, 2020

10:30 A.M.

**Prelude**                    “Make Me a Servant” ~ *arr. Teresa Wilbelmi*  
                                  “Dove of Peace” ~ *Harry Strack*  
                                  “Walk Worthy of the Lord” ~ *Lani Smith*

### Gathering & Praising

Welcome                    Psalm 119:1-8                    Pg. 607

Opening Song                “Firm foundation”                Scn/Sngbk

Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Praise                “For God so loved us”                #167  
                                  “You are my king (Amazing love)”                Scn/Sngbk  
                                  “God loves all his many people”                #397

Passing the Peace                “May the peace of Christ be with you”  
                                  “Obey my voice”                #163/Scn

### Hearing the Word

Worship Music                “Seek Ye First”                *Chimin’ In*

Scripture                    Matthew 5:21-37                Pg. 959

Sermon                        “The Heart of the Matter”                *Pastor Michael*

### Responding to the Word

Song of Response                “Gracious Spirit, dwell with me”                #507

Offering                        “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” ~ *arr. Jane Holstein*

Community Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song                “Heart with loving heart united”                #420

Benediction

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

### This Sunday

**Greeters:** Chris Allem, Brent & Sue Keller  
**Worship Leader:** Lori Farrell  
**Pianist:** Joan Hallman  
**Choristers:** Lynne Rush & Deb Stevenback  
**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 Winter Quarter

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

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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 Sophie Miller as she works with an indigenous organization in Guatemala that teaches sustainability from the worldview of the Tz'utujil, a Mayan people.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

February 16, 2020

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### ~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

- Feb. 16, 12 pm—Sunday Lunch Bunch
- Feb. 18, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Feb. 19, 7 pm—Choir
- Feb. 22, 8 am—Men's Bible Study

### ~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

- Feb. 25, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Feb. 25, 7 pm—Community Commission
- Feb. 25, 7 pm—Mission Commission
- Feb. 26, 7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service
- Mar. 1, 9:30 am—Fellowship Breakfast
- Mar. 1, 10:30 am—Joint Worship Service with Swamp

**George & I** want to thank everyone for their prayers during George's radiation treatments. We give praise to God for my numbers coming down to zero. I feel so blessed with the outcome! Thank again, *George & Bev Mellan*



### Weekly Prayer Focus:

Please pray for Cassidy Gehman and her family as she begins treatment for childhood cancer. (The Gehman's are members of Swamp Mennonite.)

Sunday, February 9	
Sunday School	20
Worship Service Attendance	65
Offering	\$3,370.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

**Reconciliation Celebration!** On **Mar. 1 & 8** we will celebrate the reconciliation of Franconia and Eastern District back into one conference by worshipping together with Swamp Mennonite. On **Mar. 1** we will meet here at West Swamp with the Fellowship Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 and Worship at 10:30. On **Mar. 8** we will have a shortened Sunday School at our church from 9:30-10, then head over to **Swamp** for Worship at 10:15, followed by a Fellowship Meal.

**Prayer Breakfast, Mar. 1:** We invite you to come and fellowship with our sister congregation! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Since this will be a considerably large group, we encourage you to sign up if you know you are attending or if you can bring a food item. Please let Lori Farrell or Nancy Jacobs know if you are able to help in the kitchen. Come for good food and fellowship!

**Sunday Lunch Bunch, today:** Join the group for lunch and fellowship at Dominick's Pizza in Quakertown following the worship service.

**Men's Bible Study** has been moved to Feb. 22. All men are invited.

**Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 26:** Begin your Lenten journey with a service of scripture, song and prayer. This 7 pm service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Save the date** for the Youth Auction on March 14. It's not too early to start thinking about items you can donate or think about what items you'd like to bid on. Items that do well are baked goods, handmade crafts, meals hosted by members, tickets to sporting events, certificates for services, etc. Let Lori or Lynne know if you have items to donate or if you have questions. Remember the Youth Auction can't happen without you and your donations. We appreciate your support!

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Bally Mennonite Church**. Please pray that they continue to rely on God's Spirit to help build relationships with their neighbors and each other, and that those who are seeking would find Bally to be a place of welcome. To read more about Bally, go to [franconiaconference.org/profiles](http://franconiaconference.org/profiles).

**Healthy Niños Honduras** has an exciting opportunity to help transform even more communities. The warehouse & office building will allow HNH to receive, organize, and distribute donations more effectively to those in need. HNH has a matching donor for up to \$200,000 for this project. Would you be willing to participate in donating towards this building project to help provide more assistance to families in need? For more information, please visit [www.healthyninos.org/construction](http://www.healthyninos.org/construction).

The Eastern District and Franconia Conference **Sistering Committee** invites you to join us for an **intercultural women's gathering:** Women of Remarkable Faith (and the issues they face), Saturday, Mar. 28, 9 am-3 pm at Ripple-Allentown. Our guest speaker will be Charlene Smalls; find more information and register at [franconiaconference.org/women](http://franconiaconference.org/women).

**#BringThePeace: What is the answer to those concerned about war?** Prompted by a question from his son, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, shares his thoughts on how to respond and on our role as a "peace church." Read his blog at [mennoniteusa.org/concerned-about-war](http://mennoniteusa.org/concerned-about-war).

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael is on vacation this week. For emergency pastoral care, please contact Rod Rush (*cell* 267-490-7626; *home* 215-538-5311) or Lori Farrell (610-608-4666)

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