WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

<i>February 23, 2020</i>		10:30 A.M.
Prelude	"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" ~ <i>Will Thompson</i> "Meditation" ~ <i>arr. Michael Ryan</i> "In the Garden" ~ <i>arr. Todd Kendall</i>	
<i>Gathering & Praisin</i> Welcome	Psalm 2	Pg. 532
Opening Song	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	#117, v. 1, 4
Pastoral Prayer		
Passing the Peace	"May the peace of Christ be with you"	
Songs of Praise	"To God be the glory" "I sing the mighty power of God" "In the secret" "Open my eyes, Lord"	#102 #46 Scn/Sngbk Screen
<u>Hearing the Word</u> Worship Music	"Speak to Me"	Choir
Scripture	Matthew 17:1-9	Pg. 973
Sermon	"Listen to Him"	Pastor Michael
<u>Responding to the V</u> Song of Response	<i>Vord</i> "I heard the voice of Jesus say"	#493
Offering	"God Speaks to Me" ~J. Bernards	
Community Sharing &	& Prayer	
Sending Song	"Christ, we do all adore thee"	#105
Benediction		

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

This Sunday

Greeters:	Brook & Marlene Stauffer, Pauline Stelmach	
Worship Leader:	Lori Farrell	
Organist:	Joan Hallman	
Choristers:	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	Next Sunday
Sunday School: Staffed upon request	Upon request
Worship: TBA	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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Pastor: Michael Howes 717-419-4228, howes.michael@gmail.com				
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: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and their family have served with Mennonite Mission Network in South Korea since 2007. Pray for them as they work for God's peace through organizations such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church February 23, 2020

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

\sim EVENTS THIS WEEK \sim

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 solutions, resources and perseverance for those battling the opioid crisis in our surrounding communities.

Sunday, February 16	
Sunday School	16
Worship Service Attendance	54
Offering	\$3,370.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Thank you to all for your delicious foods that fed our bodies and your thoughts, prayers and cards that fed our soul. We feel we see the light at the end of the tunnel. There is still a ways to go but each appointment confirms how lucky we are that there is great medical care available in our area. The power of prayer is an amazing thing and as overheard in Walmart one day, "you never stop praying." *John and Sue Gwilliam*

2020 Directory Updates: Be sure to get your directory update packet. If you brought your directory along, Lynne will update it for you after church. (This offer is good for a month, except on Mar. 8.)

Reconciliation Celebration! On **Mar. 1 & 8** we will celebrate the reconciliation of Franconia and Eastern District back into one conference by worshiping 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!

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.

Blood Drive, Feb. 27: Give blood at Towamencin Mennonite Church from 10 am-8pm. Register at RedCrossBlood.org and use the sponsor code "peter powerhouse." If you are not comfortable registering online, call Dawn Zucca at 215-421-0764 and she'll register you over the phone. Walk-ins are welcome but being preregistered preferred. This blood drive supplies the CHOP Network through which Cassidy Gehman is receiving treatment. **Prayer Vigil for Cassidy Gehman:** Friends and family of Cassidy Gehman are holding a prayer vigil for Cassidy this Friday, Feb. 28 from 7 pm to 7 am Saturday—half hour time slots, two openings per slot. For details or to sign up for a slot, contact Jodie Foley at jodiehas4@yahoo.com or 215-804-5400. This will be an ongoing event on the last Friday of every month.

Youth Auction, March 14: Do you have something to donate? Drop it off at the church office (please make sure your name is on it.) Is there something particular you'd like to bid on? Let us know and we'll see what we can do. Items that usually go 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 **Church of the Good Samaritans**. Please pray that they continue to seek God's direction on trying new and different ways to impact the community, that God would show them how to allow people to see the full image of Christ through them, and that God would guide them to a new missionary to add to their missionary support group. To read more about Church of the Good Samaritans, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

The **Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers** will perform at **Swamp Mennonite Church** at 7 pm on Monday, Mar. 2. The program features selections on the theme of "I Will Give You Rest," an exploration of peace and rest through music. The select vocal group, directed by Professor Benjamin Bergey, performs choral arrangements from various periods, styles and cultures. A free will offering will be received to support the tour.

Church Office Hours

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