

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday Worship

March 1, 2020 10:30 A.M.

Pre-service Singing

Gathering & Praising

Welcome

Call to Worship *from* Psalm 103

Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Praise #12
#528
Scn/Sngbk

“Come, let us all unite to sing”
 “I stand amazed in the presence”
 “Forever”

Children’s Spot *Jeff Searfass*

Worship Music *Joyful Noise/Choir*
“Counting on God”

Hearing the Word

Scripture Drama Mark 9:33-40

Scripture 1 Peter 1:17-2:3 Pg.1200

Sermon *Pastor Nathan*
“Keeping the Main Thing the
Main Thing”

Responding to the Word

Song of Response #407/Screen
“We are people of God’s peace”

Celebration of Communion

Community Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song #118
“Praise God from whom”

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

This Sunday

Greeters: Brook & Marlene Stauffer, Pauline Stelmach
Worship Leader: Sue Howes, Lowell Gehman
Organist: Joan Hallman
Choristers: 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: Marsha High, Cara Riley

Next Sunday

Upon request
 Upon request

Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

Adult Discussion Class—Room 104
 The Bible Project—Basement Activity 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: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network, partner agencies, praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read. Pray that leaders will be given the resources they need to continue this work.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 1, 2020

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

~ EVENTS THIS WEEK ~

- Mar. 3, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Mar. 4, 6:15 pm—Chimin' In
- Mar. 4, 7 pm—Choir
- Mar. 5, 1 pm—Senior Luncheon

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

- Mar. 8, 10:15 am—Joint Worship Service at Swamp
- Mar. 10, 8 am—Quilting & Knotting
- Mar. 11, 6:15 pm—Chimin' In
- Mar. 11, 7 pm—Worship Commission
- Mar. 12, 7 pm—Stewardship Commission
- Mar. 14, 5:30 am—Youth Auction
- Mar. 15, 12 pm—Sunday Lunch Bunch



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Please pray for both congregations as we work at being part of God's ministry of reconciliation, bringing hope and healing to our communities.

Sunday, February 23

Sunday School	15
Worship Service Attendance	60
Offering	\$3,755.00

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Reconciliation Celebration! We welcome our brothers and sisters from Swamp Mennonite who are here to worship with us today. Next Sunday, **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.

Your Lenten Journey: A list of suggestions for discipline and growth during this Lent season were passed out at the Ash Wednesday service. Copies are available on the Welcome Table.

St. Patrick's Senior Luncheon: All those 60+ are invited to lunch and fellowship on Thursday, Mar. 5 at 1 pm. Call the church if you are a regular attender who *can't* come, or a first timer who *can*.

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 the month, except on Mar. 8.)

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 and if you need an item picked up. We want to send out a list of items ahead of time, so let us know this week! Remember the Youth Auction can't happen without you and your donations. We appreciate your support! Oh, and as always, dinner service starts at 5:30; the auction starts promptly at 6:30.

SWAP Trip: Our week of service is **June 29-July 4**. If you are planning to participate, please turn in your \$50 deposit of intention as soon as possible. There are a couple spots still open for late deciders.

Speaking of the SWAP Trip, the Men's Bible Study is holding a **Benefit Breakfast** on **Mar. 28** to raise money for the SWAP crew.

If you would like to help with the breakfast, see Rod Rush. We need lots of help, and we need lots of people to come eat. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Breakfast is served from 7:30-10. Baked goods available for sale as well.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Line Lexington Mennonite Church**. Please pray for them during this time of transition, as they seek God's will for their future. To read more about Line Lexington, go to mennoniteconference.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.

Zion Mennonite Church will host a **Grief Share Support Group** with meetings every Thursday afternoon, 1-2:30 pm beginning Mar. 5. This is a 13-week session and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Please call Marcia at 215-723-9111 for more information. You are welcome to begin attending the Grief Share group at any session.

Line Lexington Mennonite Church is inviting all Eastern District & Franconia Conference churches to an **Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** on Sunday, Mar. 15 at 6 pm. This is a free event and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 8-1.

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