

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Seeking God's Ways

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
—Isaiah 55:8*

Prelude

“Friends” ~*Michael W. Smith*
“Friend of a Wounded Heart” ~*arr. Carol Tornquist*
“Bind Us Together” ~*arr. Bill Wolaver*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Songs of Praise
“God welcomes all” #6
“Here in this place” #12
“Come, let us all unite to sing”
“Forever reign”

Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

My Coins Count Collection
(Children 4 yrs-5th grade dismissed for Children's Church during song)

Prayer of Confession
Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Song “Beautiful things”

Message *Pastor Michael*

Song “We are people of God's peace” #407

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song “Together”
Benediction

Postlude “Larghetto” ~*Max Keller*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Katie Mood
Greeters: Rick Hinkle, Marian Wolf
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Lynne Rush, Brenda Landt
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Glenn High, Tim Scheetz

Nursery Service is not being offered at this time.

Sunday School Classes for Spring Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 9 am. We are currently studying Acts. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



A large rectangular area with horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 27, 2022

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Mar. 29, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Mar. 29, 7 pm Community Commission
- Mar. 30, 6:30 pm Chimin' In
- Mar. 30, 7:15 pm Choir
- Apr. 3 Easter Flower orders due
- Apr. 7, 7 pm Sermon Discussion Group
- Apr. 9, 10 am Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 10, 6:30 pm Second Sunday Craft Night

Special thanks to Matt Mood & Casey Kilgos for serving up amazing brick oven pizza to all who stopped by the church parking lot last Sunday!



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for MCC Partners in Ukraine who are doing their best to meet individual and community needs in the midst of this violent conflict.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

My Coins Count: On this last day of the coin collection, the children will gather the coins during the worship service. Thanks for supporting MCC's food and water projects.

Children's Church (pre-K through Grade 5) will be happening during the worship service each Sunday during Lent. Join us for puppet videos and crafts!

Easter Flower Sale: The Community Commission are taking orders for daffodils and lilies for Easter, to raise money for a new bench in the Prayer Garden. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up today or Apr. 3; you can also email your order to Nancy Jacobs at dnjacobs@comcast.net. Pick up your flowers on Apr. 10.

Easter Egg Hunt, Apr. 9: Bring your children or grandchildren, invite your neighbors to this 10 am, rain or shine event. Prizes and snacks! How can you help? We're looking for donations of small, individually wrapped candy; people to fill the plastic eggs and people to help at the event. Contact Nancy Jacobs about the last two.

April Second Sunday: Join us Apr. 10 at 6:30 for spring crafts! Choose from a few crafty options, like painting small flower pots or making sock bunnies. We'll have light refreshments and worship music to get our creative juices flowing.

Easter Dawn Service: After a two year hiatus, we will once again join Swamp Mennonite at their church for a joint Easter Dawn service at 7 am.

Sermon Discussion Small Group: Remember that you can join this group anytime. It meets on the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Katie Mood if interested.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Academia Menonita Betania, a bilingual, Christian, pre K-12 school in Puerto Rico**, that has hosted visiting work groups from Mosaic Conference. Please pray specifically for their need to hire more teachers and for financial support. To learn more, go to www.ambetania.org.

Dock Mennonite Academy is pleased to host the **MSC Choir Festival!** This festival is a one-day event and will feature the choirs from Dock Mennonite Academy, Lancaster Mennonite School, and Shalom Christian Academy. The public is invited to join the closing concert held on April 1 at 7 pm at the EC-Grade 8 campus.

Ukraine Emergency Response from MCC: On February 24, Russian military forces began an invasion of Ukraine by land, sea and air. Missiles struck several major cities in Ukraine, including the capital city Kyiv. Casualties continue to grow as Russian soldiers move through the country. **MCC is accepting donations for a response in Ukraine.** Donation checks can be mailed to: MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500. For on-line donations, go to donate.mcc.org/cause/Ukraine-emergency-response.

The 66th annual **Mennonite Central Committee PA Relief Sale** will be held Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. All proceeds benefit MCC. The craft stand committee is looking for donations of new, quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium. Drop-offs can be made any time at the Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring them to the craft stand during the sale. For more info, contact Janet Runion Patton at 717-926-4008 or jcpatton99@gmail.com.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4

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