

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

October 16, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

~ *The Piano Guys*

Opening Song God is here among us #16

Welcome Psalm 119:97-106

Songs of Praise Thy Word
You're worthy of my praise
We praise thee, O God #99
What does the Lord require

Scripture James 1:19-27

Message *Pastor Michael*

Song The church of God

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Build your kingdom here

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Cindy Raub
Greeters: Rick Hinkle & Marian Wolf
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
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 Fall Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are working our way through the Epistles. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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Pastor: Michael Howes

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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: Deb Byler has concluded her Mennonite Mission Network ministry with the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, where she worked since 2018. (Previously, she served with Eastern Mennonite Missions from 1984-1996.) Praise God for Deb's ministry of walking alongside the women leaders of the church. Ask God to strengthen the Kekchi women, and pray for Deb as she retires at Greencroft Communities, a retirement community in Goshen, Indiana.



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

October 16, 2022

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Oct. 18, 8 am

Knotting & Quilting

Oct. 30

Fifth Sunday



Weekly Prayer Focus:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pray for Pastor Michael as he leads our congregation and for Sue as she supports him in this role.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Ripple Meal: Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped with the Ripple Meal. It went well and the meal was enjoyed by everyone. It was nice to be able to be in person again. (Last year we handed out ToGo containers outside the church.)

October Fifth Sunday: We're "taking church on the road" to worship with some of our home-bound members. Services will be simple: scripture, prayer, sharing, a devotional, maybe even some singing (depending on the group). Sign up in the fellowship hall; people who don't get into a "traveling" group are invited to an informal service of their own in the fellowship hall.

Care & Share: The next volunteer night at Care and Share is Tuesday, Oct. 25, 5-8 pm. Stay as long as you like and pick which department you want to work in. Enter at the Welcome Center.

Grace Ingalls, aunt to Joan Hallman and Deb Stevenback, passed away on Monday. Grace was a former member of West Swamp. A memorial service will be held Oct. 22 at 10:30 am at Finland Mennonite Church. You can find Grace's full obituary on the Naugle Funeral Home website.

Mary Lou Cummings, former member of West Swamp, passed away Sept. 12 after a year-long battle with cancer. There will be a celebration of her life on Nov. 12, 10:30 am at Perkasio Mennonite Church, with a potluck lunch to follow. The service will also be Zoomed and recorded for those who can't attend. Let the church secretary know if you are interested in more information regarding those options.

Code Blue Volunteers needed: The homeless shelter in Quakertown needs volunteers. Without enough volunteers the shelter will not be able to open this winter, leaving the homeless without adequate shelter on freezing nights. Opportunities include shelter admissions, morning aide, meal prep, and overnight team. Pick up a Code Blue brochure on the Mission Table.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Assembly Scattered sessions** that are continuing throughout the Conference this week, in preparation for our annual Assembly. Pray for open minds, listening skills, wisdom, and the Spirit's presence as we work together for a path forward.

You're invited to join in on the "**Comforter Blitz**", Monday, Oct. 17, 9 am-7 pm at **MCC Material Resource Center**. Many comforters (blankets) are needed to share with people who have lost their homes because of war or other disasters. Refreshments will be provided; if you have questions, call 267-203-8074.

An **Oyster and Brisket Fundraising Dinner** to benefit the work of **Mennonite Central Committee** will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 6 pm at the Heritage Restaurant banquet center. You're invited to come, support and learn more about the work of MCC Material Resource Center. Call 267-203-8074 for reservations by Oct. 20.

Save the date for the annual **Harvestfest Open House** event a **Camp Men-O-Lan** on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 am-3 pm. Enjoy family fun activities, a food court, hayrides, guessing games, crafts, lawn games, petting zoo, paddle boats, campfire, live music, and the annual car show! The pre-order for apple dumplings is already open and can be found on their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CampMenOLan](https://www.facebook.com/CampMenOLan) or call 215-679-5144.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Tuesday, 9-4. The pastor will be in Louisiana visiting family Wednesday-Saturday. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, contact Randy Rush (215-272-5356).

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