



# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## *Worship Service*

***September 3, 2023***

***10:30 A.M.***

### ***Preludes***

### **Gathering around the Word**

Psalm 136

*with* Forever

Songbook

Welcome & Prayer

Singing

Requests from  
the hymnal and songbook

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-28

Message

Denying yourself to follow Jesus

*Pastor Micheal*

### **Responding to the Word**

Song

I believe in you, Lord Jesus

#440

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

I have decided to follow Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

### **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:**

Deb Stevenback

**Greeter:**

Gretchen Isaak, Deb Stevenback

**Pianist:**

Joan Hallman

**Musicians:**

Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush

**Videographer:**

Mark Kemmerer

**Visual Technicians:**

Marsha High, Emily Rush

**Sound Technicians:**

Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

### **Sunday School Classes for Summer Quarter**

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are studying Revelation (finally!). 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,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network's** service programs are welcoming new participants. Mennonite Voluntary Service just completed online orientation, and Service Adventure begins orientation on Friday. Pray that God's spirit will prepare participants hearts and minds, as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, AK; Tucson, AZ; San Francisco, CA; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, CO; and Johnstown, PA.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

*September 3, 2023*

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### Calendar

Sept. 3	Worship in the pavilion
Sept. 4	Church offices closed
Sept. 5	NO Knotting
Sept. 10, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Sept. 17, @12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

**MCC School Kits:** The Mission Commission delivered 42 school kits to the Material Resource Center in Harleysville to go toward MCC's goal of collecting 10,000 kits in August. Because we got a late start on kit collecting, please continue to bring items in through Sept. 24. The list of items needed is available in the fellowship hall. We are most in need of rulers, notebooks, and colored pencils. We have lots of metal sharpeners available, so you don't need to look for those. And please remember, **unsharpened** pencils!

**Worship in the pavilion:** We hope you brought a packed lunch to stay for some extended fellowship time after the service. If you did not, the Rush family (and possible others) brought extra.

**Prayer Breakfast:** After a summer hiatus, prayer breakfasts are back! Join us at 9:30 on Sept. 10 for delicious food, good conversation and thoughtful prayer.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch:** You are invited to join the group after the service on **Sept. 17** at John's Plain & Fancy.

**Music groups** will be starting back up mid-September. If you are interested in playing tone chimes with Chimin' In or singing in the choir, please let Lynne know.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **The City School in Philadelphia, PA**, a Conference Related Ministry, as they begin their school year. Pray for the faculty, staff, students, and families as they study and work together. May wisdom, peace, knowledge, joy, and God's Spirit be present in the school and community.

Mark your calendars to join Camp Men-O-Lan on **Saturday, September 9, 8am to 2pm!** Build your team of 2-4 and register now to join us for a fun day of shooting at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clay! Come have a great time and support Camp! Register online from [menolan.org](http://menolan.org) or contact Brian Barr, call 484-916-8636 or email [brian@menolan.org](mailto:brian@menolan.org).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Bally Mennonite Church, Route 100, Bally, PA, Sept. 16, 7-10:30am. Pancakes & French Toast, Scrapple & Sausage and Eggs. All are welcome. Cost: Donation. **Proceeds benefit Mennonite Disaster Service.** Questions? 610-845-7780 or see website [www.ballymc.org](http://www.ballymc.org).

Trinity Lutheran Church is bringing back the **CROP Walk** on Oct. 8. It's been at least 10 years since we had a CROP Walk in this area. Talk to someone in the Mission Commission if you are interested in participating. Proceeds from this event benefit the Quakertown Food Pantry.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

**Church offices are closed Monday for Labor Day.**