

Cover art: *He Ate with Outcasts*, by Oregon artist Margaret Puckette, 1989. The painting was done at the request of theologian William D. Lindsey to paint something inspired by his book *Singing in a Strange Land: Praying and Acting with the Poor*.



World Communion Sunday

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

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October 1, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

Communion Prayer~ *Colin Curtis*
Communion Meditations~ *Lani Smith*
Penitential~ *David Paxton*

We Gather

Opening Song What is this place (*Netherlands*) #1

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Hallelujah! We sing your praises
 (*Halehuya! We sing your praises - South Africa*)
 All our praise (*S'gala puji Syukur - Indonesia*)
 Many and great (*Wakantanka - Dakota/USA*) #35

Offering For Communion~ *Gilbert M. Martin*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 21:23-34

Sermon Repentance *Pastor Michael*

We Celebrate Communion

Worship Music We are people on a journey *Choir*
 (*Somos pueblo que camina - Nicaragua*)

Receiving the Bread & Cup

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song God of the Bible - *New Zealand/USA*

Benediction

Postlude A Song of Redemption~ *David Paxton*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Lynne Rush
Greeter: Jan Wieand
Organist: 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 Fall Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am.
We are wrapping up The Revelation and our nearly four year trek through the story of the Bible.

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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 requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge en route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

October 1, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Oct. 3, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Oct. 3, 7 pm	Community Commission
Oct. 4, 6:30 pm	<i>Chimin' In</i> practice
Oct. 4, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Oct. 10, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Oct. 15, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Oct. 17, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Oct. 18, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Oct. 19, 7:15 am	Villages Service Trip
Oct. 19, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

Prayer Breakfast: Thanks to all those who helped with this morning's prayer breakfast!

Senior Luncheon: All those 60 and up are invited to food and fellowship on **Thursday, Oct. 19 at noon**. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Ten Thousand Villages Service Trip: The next trip to Brownstown is **Thursday, Oct. 19**. We help support artisans in developing countries by processing craft shipments to ready them for delivery to stores around the country.

Music group practices have started and there's room for more! If you would like to sing or play tone chimes (or both!), contact Lynne or show up at the next practice on Oct. 4.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Bethel Worship and Bible Teaching Center (and Pastor Sam Charles)** and **Highland Park Community Church (and Pastor Jayne Wilcox)** as they explore ongoing Jesus-centered, Anabaptist-rooted witness in Levittown, PA. Bethel is a Mosaic Conference related church plant meeting in Highland Park's building. Highland Park is affiliated with The Brethren Church.

50th Apple Butter Frolic: Enjoy farming, food, and fun at the 50th Annual Apple Butter Frolic at the Mennonite Heritage Center, **Saturday, Oct. 7**, from 10 am-4 pm. Farming demonstrations, traditional foods, children's activities, and time-honored crafts are all part of the day. This rain or shine community event helps support the Mennonite Heritage Center's mission. The Mennonite Heritage Center is located at 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville Pa.

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 Rod Rush today** if you are interested in participating. Proceeds from this event benefit the Quakertown Food Pantry.

Quakertown Christian School will be holding its annual **Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 4-7 pm. This year we're bringing back the dine in option so you can come eat with friends or use the drive-thru option to pick up meals and eat at home! Meals include 1/2 chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, a roll and a drink; the cost is \$15. We will also have QCS-made pumpkin pie and Landis apple crumb pie available by the slice or by the pie. Questions can be directed to Erica Talese at 215.536.6970 x 501.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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