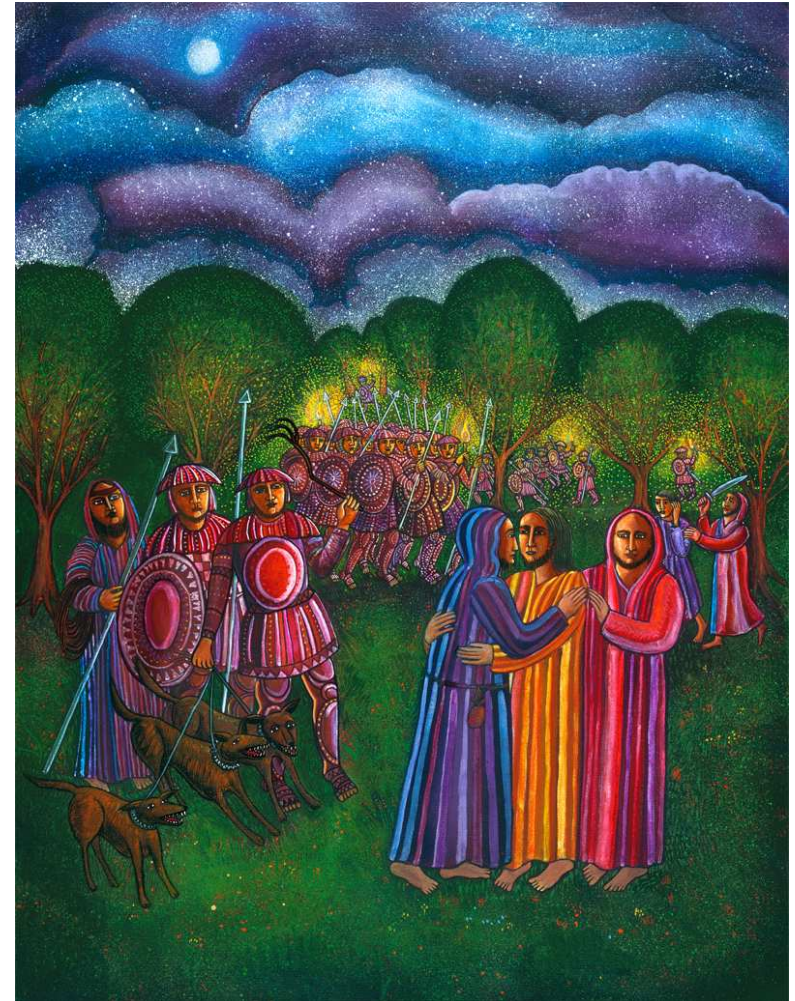


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The Way of Nonviolence

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

November 5, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes O Lovely Peace ~ *G.F. Handel, arr. Lani Smith*
Onward, Christian Soldiers ~ *Christina Becket*
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth ~ *Sarah Douglas*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Kyrie eleison #144

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Come, people of the Risen King
You are holy (Prince of Peace)
O praise the gracious power #111
Between darkness and light

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Romans 12:9-21

Offering Tranquility ~ *Elizabeth B. Jackson*

Scripture Matthew 26:47-56

Sermon The Way of Nonviolence *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song We are people of God's peace #408

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song I bind my heart this tide #411

Benediction

Postlude Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ~ *arr. Lani Smith*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeter: Edna Rosenberger, Don Rosenberger
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

How to Read the Hebrew Bible begins Nov. 12. The class will meet at 8:45, with both Zoom and in person options.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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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 the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 5, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Nov. 5, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Nov. 7, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 7, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Nov. 7, 7 pm	Community Commission
Nov. 8, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In
Nov. 8, 7:15 pm	Choir
Nov. 12	Service and Meal at Ripple
Nov. 14, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 14, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Nov. 16, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Nov. 19, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

MCC Calendars and gift guides are available on the Welcome Table. Get one before they're gone!

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and well wishes. They are very much enjoyed and appreciated. —**Mary Bittenbender**

Senior Luncheon, Nov. 16: If you're 60+, save the date for food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the group for food and conversation at The New Santiagos in Coopersburg after the worship service on **Nov. 19**. All are welcome.

West Swamp members are invited to the **Ripple church service** on Nov. 12. After the service West Swamp will be hosting dinner at Ripple that all are also invited to attend if you can stay. We will need volunteers to serve the meal and provide items needed for the meal. There are sign up sheets in the fellowship hall. Please pay attention to the dates on the signup sheets when items are needed by. If you are volunteering, please be at Ripple at 3 pm. If you have any questions, contact Karen Parzych 215-317-8424.

The **Bible Project SS Class** will be starting fresh on **Nov. 12** and welcomes you to join them. Before beginning our journey through the biblical story, we're going to learn "How to Read the Hebrew Bible." The class meets at 8:45 am with both Zoom and in person options. Talk to Karen Parzych or Lynne Rush if you want to know more.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to join Nueva Vida Norristown (PA) New Life in praying for the Holy Spirit to reveal their new pastoral team.

As conflict has escalated in the region, **MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel**. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and invites you to join them in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Their response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding for those affected. They are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. MCC will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel towards a just peace for all. For more information, visit mcc.org/palestine-israel.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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