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Whatever you did for one of the least of these...

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

November 26, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes Wayfaring Stranger~ *arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*
What Will I Do~ *Masson*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
with Sheep May Safely Graze ~ *arr. Cindy Berry*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Lord, whose love #369

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Blessed assurance #332
Your love is deep
Gentle Shepherd #352

Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Offering When I Needed a Neighbor~ *Sydney Carter*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Worship Music Sword into a plowshare *Choir*

Sermon The image of God *Pastor Michael*
in the least of these

We Respond to the Word

Song Helpless and hungry

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song The compassion hymn

Benediction

Postlude Longing for Light~ *Bernadette Farrell*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Sue Conrad Howes
Greeter: Denny & Jan Wieand
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 Fall Quarter

How to Read the Hebrew Bible: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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: Jonah and Memee Yang began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 26, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Nov. 28, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 28, 7 pm	DISCO
Nov. 29, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Nov. 29, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Dec. 3	Advent begins
Dec. 3, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast

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

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Decorating for Advent season happens **today** following the worship service. Meet Katie and other members of the worship commission upstairs to lend a hand in preparing our space for the coming Christmas season.

Reminder from the Cemetery Committee: If you are an active member of the church and would like to reserve a plot in the WSMC cemetery you have until Dec. 31 to reserve a plot at no cost. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024 the cost to reserve a plot will be \$500 for active members. Each plot can contain 1 full casket, 1 casket with 1 cremation, or 1 cremation or 2 cremations. To choose a plot or if you have any questions please contact John Gwilliam at gwil@comcast.net or 215-260-1291 (cell call/text). If you have already chosen a plot it has been recorded and there is no need for further action.

The next **Prayer Breakfast** is Sunday, Dec. 3. You are encouraged to bring along a family member, friend or neighbor.

Quakertown Ministerium's **Annual Christmas Carnival** is **Saturday, Dec. 9**. As has been our tradition, we supply boxes of Christmas Cookies for families in need in our community. If you are able to bake extra cookies this holiday season, please bring them to the church kitchen by Friday, Dec. 8, labeled "Christmas Carnival." We'll be packing them Friday between 6:30 and 7 pm. More details are in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **The Church of the Good Samaritan in Holland, PA** as they search for a pastor to help minister to the congregation as well as in the community.

Women's Christmas Dinner at Men-O-Lan, Nov. 28, 6-8:30 pm. All women from 8 to 98 are invited to this special time to get away from the busyness of the season. Relax and enjoy a girls' night out. Bring family friends and neighbors! Sing carols, have a time of sharing, and enjoy a beautiful program with the Cairn University Chorale. Cost is \$20; \$8 for children.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Bally Mennonite Church, Route 100, Bally, Dec. 2, 7-10:30am. Pancakes & French Toast, Scrapple & Sausage and Eggs. All are welcome. Cost: Donation. **Proceeds benefit Bally Community Preschool.** Questions? 610-845-7780 or see website www.ballymc.org.

Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to the **2023 Christmas Benefit Concert** at Zion Mennonite Church, Thursday, Dec. 7, 6-8:30 pm. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and a camp update, followed by a blue grass concert featuring the Ironwood Drive Band from Lancaster, PA. Adult registrations only please. The event has free registration, but Men-O-Lan hopes people come ready to bless Camp with an end of the year donation.

Caleb's Cocoa Café, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Quakertown Code Blue Homeless Shelter, is **Sunday, Dec. 17**. Stop by 207 N. Ambler Street in Quakertown between 2 and 4:30 pm for hot cocoa and baked goods. Everything is \$1 (you can always donate more). You might want to time your visit for one of the on-the-hour live music spots. Dia Lowe (Jane Burkett's granddaughter) is one of the singers! Look for more info in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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