



Our Mission:  
Discovering together  
How to follow Jesus

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## *Sunday Worship*

**January 28, 2024**

**10:30 A.M.**

***Preludes***                      Here at Thy Table, Lord ~ *Stan Pethel*  
God Leads Us Along~ *arr. Larry Shackley*  
Where He Leads Me ~ *arr. Todd Beany*

### **We Gather around the Word**

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise                      Step by step  
Come, thou fount                      #521  
Mighty to save

Offering                      All the Way My Savior Leads Me *with* Minuet and Trio  
~ *Mozart/Robert Lowry*

Child Dedication                      Ophelia & Cameron Parzych

### **We Hear God's Word**

Worship Music                      The Lord's Prayer (It's yours)                      *Choir*

Scripture                      Galatians 2:20; Luke 9:23

Sermon                      Our Mission: How to follow Jesus                      *Pastor Michael*

### **We Respond to the Word**

Song                      Strong, righteous man of Galilee                      #540

Communion

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song                      Lord, we are your church                      #420

Benediction

Postlude                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah~ *arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

### **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Katie Mood  
**Greeter:** Tim & Karen Butenuth  
**Pianist:** Joan Hallman  
**Musician:** 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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#### **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:** Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for Jean-Bosco Turahirwa, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

January 21, 2024

*Discovering together how to follow Jesus  
and make our community and world a better place*

### Calendar

Jan. 28, 1 pm	Annual Business Meeting
Jan. 30, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Jan. 30, 5 pm	Care & Share Volunteer Evening
Feb. 1, 4 pm	Comforter Sewing Party
Feb. 4, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 6, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Feb. 7, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Feb. 7, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 14, 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service

**New address for May Keiser:** May is now at  
The Village at LifeQuest  
2100 Cherry Blossom Lane, Apt. 215  
Quakertown, PA 18951  
Her phone number is 610-536-3765.

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

Our **Annual Business Meeting is today**. All members and attendees are encouraged to stay after the service for the Fellowship meal (a baked potato bar) and the meeting.

**Directory Updates:** If you need a picture taken for the directory, we can take it today! If you have any changes to your information, please contact Lynne ASAP.

If you would like to **recycle/repurpose your Christmas cards**, please consider donating the front portions to be used for Christmas Cookie boxes next year. We attach a ribbon and an invitation to our Christmas Eve service, and give the boxes to the Salvation Army Christmas Carnival for distribution. Please place your used cards in the box provided in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

**Mission Commission** invites you to take part in Care & Share's **Volunteer Night** on the last Tuesday of every month. Next one is **Jan. 30** from 5-8 pm. Questions? Ask Karen Parzych.

This year's **service day trips** to the **Ten Thousand Villages Warehouse** in Brownstown have been switched to Wednesdays to avoid conflicting with Senior Luncheons. We serve by pricing and packaging arts & crafts for display and sale in Ten Thousand Villages stores, which helps artisans in developing countries earn a sustainable living. The Wednesday dates are Apr. 17, July 17 and Oct. 16. Mark them on your calendar. If you have questions about these trips, contact Les Rice.

**MCC Great Winter Warm Up Challenge** is next month—and the knotters are short on tops! One more sewing party is planned for Thursday, Feb. 1, 4-8 pm. You don't need to know how to sew to help. If you can iron, cut patches, use scissors, or organize stacks, there is something for you to do. Another option: design your own pattern! Let's make sure we supply our knotters with enough "ammo" for the challenge!

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray this week for **Peace Proclamation Ministries**, a Conference-Related Ministry. PPMI's leaders Paulus and Sumatha Thalathoti and Mosaic Leadership Minister Danilo Sanchez are currently visiting the unreached communities in rural India that PPMI supports. Please pray for their visit to bring necessary supplies and accompany the pastors who are teaching and preaching the Gospel in difficult situations, so that many more may experience a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Spread Smiles in Souderton** while serving at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes. We have immediate volunteer openings as cashiers and restockers. Just 4 hours a week would be a tremendous help! Sign up for a volunteer orientation today: <https://careandshreshoppes.org/volunteer>.

**Women's Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 17, 9 am-3 pm.** Ladies, we want to bless you and enrich your lives with a one-day retreat reflecting on our theme for this year, loving God "With All". Join us at **Camp Men-o-lan** with Elizabeth DeFrain, who has served as Director of PennDel Women. \$45 cost includes continental breakfast and lunch. Doors open at 8:30. We'll gather in the Auditorium for breakfast, worship, and sharing. Lunch will be in the Dining Hall. Find more information online at [menolan.org](http://menolan.org), Camp Men-O-Lan's Facebook, email or call 215-679-5144 x320.

#### **Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4. Michael & Sue are on vacation Feb. 2-8. For pastoral care while he is away, contact Joan Hallman (267-347-0540) or Nancy Jacobs (215-527-6423).  
Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30.