



*Jesus among us—
the way of mercy*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Preludes Living He Loved Me *with* One Day ~ *arr. V. Labenske*
Mercy ~ *arr. Brent Roberts*
What Wondrous Love Is This ~ *arr. John Carter*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song God is here among us #62

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Wonderful grace of Jesus #150
The love of God
Amazing grace (My chains are gone)

Scripture Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Offering Jesus Loves Me ~ *arr. Bryce Inman, Beatrice A. Miller*
—*My Coins Count Collection*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon Jesus among us: The way of mercy *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Prayer of Confession Screen

Song There's a wideness #145

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song The Lord lift you up

Benediction

Postlude The Love of God ~ *Frederick M. Lehman*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Don Jacobs
Greeter: Gretchen Isaak, Deb Stevenback
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Song Leader: Deb Stevenback
Musician: Brenda Landt
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

Find Your People Video Series: 9:30 am, Room 203.

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

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Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

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Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.



Lined area for writing prayer requests.

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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 10, 2024

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

Calendar

- Mar. 12, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Mar. 12, 7 pm Mission Commission
- Mar. 13, 6:30 pm Chimin' In Practice
- Mar. 13, 7:15 pm Choir Practice
- Mar. 17, 12 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch
- Mar. 19, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Mar. 19, 7 pm Ministry Team
- Mar. 21, 12 pm Senior Luncheon

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the group for food and fellowship after the worship service on **Mar. 17**. March location is the Quakertown Diner.

Spring Cleaning: Join us this Saturday, Mar. 16, from 8 am-12 pm to give the sanctuary a good cleaning; then again on Apr. 6 to tackle cleaning/sorting out the Sunday school rooms in the basement. Come out and have some fun.

Mission Commission is currently collecting items for **MCC Relief Kits**. Donate whole kits or individual items. A complete list of items is in the Feb/Mar newsletter.

My Coins Count collection will take place during the offering today through Easter. This year's proceeds will go toward MCC's many water projects.

The next **Senior Luncheon** is **Mar. 21** at 12 pm. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room. All those 60+ are welcome.

New Sunday School Class begins Apr. 7. The Bible Project class is starting over, as we study the Bible as one continuous story. Join us for the whole journey, or by a particular book. We'll start with Genesis (of course), the book that sets the themes seen throughout the entire Bible. We meet 8:45-9:45 am; join us in person or by Zoom.

Still need a directory update? Let Lynne know. (I don't want to print out more than are needed.) If you are behind in your updates, please give your directory to the church secretary to update. And of course, the secretary is willing to do updates for anyone.

Knotting Project Need: Here is an at-home task for someone to

do to keep the Knotting Project running smoothly—matching up tops with backing material. If you know of anyone who would like to take this on (including yourself!), please contact the church secretary. Fabric will be provided. The other possibility is doing it here at church as a once a month group project.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Mosaic's plans to celebrate Pentecost **together / juntos / bersama**. As we look forward to celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost this year, we will move from gathering virtually (which served us well during the covid pandemic) to a relationship-focused interchange of leaders and congregations across the Conference on Pentecost. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move each congregation to build meaningful relationships with each other.

MCC will operate its mobile meat canner at the **MCC Material Resource Center** in Souderton from **March 25-27** to process 24,000 pounds of pork to send to Cuba and Ukraine. **100 volunteers are required daily**, working a two to six-hour shift (6AM-7PM) to fill and label cans and prepare boxes. Refreshments provided. Tax-deductible donations may be made payable to "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. To volunteer, contact the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074.

2024 Summer Camp registration at Camp Men-O-Lan is open! Find online registration at menolan.org under Summer Camp or call Beth at 215-679-5144 x321 for details and more information.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Thursday, 8:30-1:30. Lynne will be on vacation Mar. 6-12.