



“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

John 12:24

*Jesus among us—
drawing all people*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Preludes All Things Are Becoming New ~ *Robert J. Hughes*
O Jesus, I Have Promised ~ *Todd Kendall*
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine ~ *arr. Paul Davis*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Faithful Men
Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise For the beauty of the earth #89
We praise thee, O God #99
You alone

Scripture Psalm 51:1-12

Worship Music Your Grace Is Enough *Choir*

Offering Brethren, We Have Come to Worship
~ *arr. Douglas E. Wagner, Lani Smith*
—*My Coins Count Collection*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 12:20-33

Sermon Jesus among us: Drawing all people *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Prayer of Confession Screen

Song Unless a grain of wheat

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Seeds
Benediction

Postlude In Christ There Is No East or West ~ *arr. Dale Wood*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Don Jacobs
Greeter: Gretchen Isaak, Deb Stevenback
Organist: 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 Spring Quarter

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

Genesis: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom. (Begins Apr. 7)

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Stewardship, Alex Parzych

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.



A large rectangular area with horizontal lines 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 17, 2024

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

Calendar

- 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
- Mar. 24 Palm Sunday
- Mar. 26, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Mar. 26, 7 pm DISCO
- Mar. 27, 6:30 pm Chimin' In Practice
- Mar. 27, 7:15 pm Choir Practice
- Mar. 28, 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Mar. 29, 12 pm Good Friday Service at First UCC
- Mar. 31, 7 am Joint Easter Dawn Service at
Swamp Mennonite Church

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the group for food and fellowship after the worship service on **today** at the Quakertown Diner.

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.

Holy Week Services: You are invited to these services as you continue your journey to the cross and beyond—Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, Mar. 28 at 6:30 pm; Ecumenical Good Friday Service, Mar. 29, 12 pm at First UCC of Quakertown; Joint Easter Dawn Service, 7 am at Swamp Mennonite; and Easter Worship, 10:30 am at West Swamp.

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 Palm Sunday. This year's proceeds will go toward MCC's many water projects.

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. Of course, the secretary will 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 this week for **Homestead Mennonite** in Homestead, FL, as interim pastor Pavel Gailans begins to lead the congregation there. They ask for prayer for their upcoming Easter outreach events, that it may bring new families to the congregation, and for deeper connection to Mosaic congregations across the country.

You are invited to the Perkasio Mennonite Church's **Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Janie Rothfield and Allan Carr on March 23, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasio, PA. Come enjoy Scottish and American Old Time Music – Old and New! A portion of the proceeds supports Rampacks. Wheelchair accessible.

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