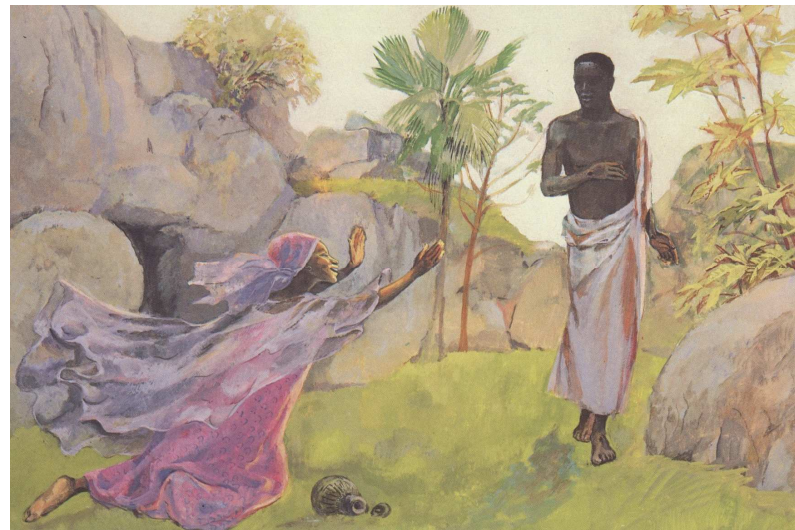


Cover Art: *Christ appears to Mary*, Jesus MAFA, 1973. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Dramatically picturesque, this painting of John's resurrection narrative captures the moment when Mary recognizes Jesus outside the tomb where he was meant to be lying. She has fallen to her knees in joy and worship as she reaches out to touch him. Jesus holds his arm to himself as he commands her not to hold onto him for he "has not yet ascended to the father." Mary's happiness is infectious and stirs in the viewer a similar delight in believing that death does not have the final word.

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Jesus among us!

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Preludes Low in the Grave He Lay ~ *Franklin Ritter*
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ~ *arr. Peter Benjamin*
Crown Him with Many Crowns ~ *arr. Lee Rogers*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Christ the Lord is risen today
Welcome & Prayer

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Songs of Praise Christ is risen! shout hosanna #272
Christ who left his home in glory #283
What a beautiful name

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 20:1-18 *Readers Theatre*

Songs Christ has arisen #267
I know that my Redeemer lives #277
Oh, how great is Christ the Lord *Choir*

Offering Christ the Lord Has Risen ~ *Tom Birchwood*

Scripture Acts 10:34-43

Sermon Jesus among us! *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Prayer of Rejoicing Screen

Song Come, people of the Risen King

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Hallelujah Chorus

Benediction

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeter: Carl & Bonnie Kiesel
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 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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Community, Nancy Jacobs

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered and rose victorious from the dead. and those with special needs.



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 31, 2024

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

Calendar

- Apr. 2, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Apr. 2, 7 pm Community Commission
- Apr. 6, 8 am Spring Cleaning of the Basement
- Apr. 7, 9:30 am Prayer Breakfast
- Apr. 9, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Apr. 9, 7 pm Mission Commission
- Apr. 10, 6:30 pm Chimin' In Practice
- Apr. 10, 7:15 pm Choir Practice

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Spring Cleaning, Apr. 6: One more project to tackle—the basement activity room and classrooms need a good cleaning. We'll start at 8 am. Cleaning materials will be provided. Many hands make light work!

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 for 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 ('til 9:30 on Prayer Breakfast Sundays); join us in person or by Zoom. Contact Lynne to be added to the Zoom link email group.

Prayer Breakfast, Apr. 7: Join us at 9:30 for the monthly prayer breakfast. There is a list on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board of breakfast items. Please sign up if you can bring something this month.

Still need a directory update? Let Lynne know.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

Spring Work Day at Camp Men-O-Lan, Saturday, Apr. 13, 8:30 am: Come ready to work outside. Camp will provide coffee and a tasty lunch! What needs to be done? We plan to put the dock and boats in, chop and split firewood, take the pool cover off, collect and burn brush, and do trail upkeep. Please contact Steve at 215-679-5144 x326 to let him know you're coming.

Join Everence for a Medicare and Social Security seminar on Apr. 15. Plan to join us Monday, Apr. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Souderton Mennonite Church to gain clarity and confidence in retirement. You'll find a comfortable and informative session with the goal to help you take the next clear and confidence steps in retirement. RSVP today or learn more at: everence.com/souderton or call **215-703-0111**.

Souderton End Gun Violence March Sunday Apr. 21, 1-2:30PM. The march will begin and end at Zion Mennonite Church, 149 Cherry Lane in Souderton, and include singing, a 1.3 mile walk, prayer and letter writing. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Michael know. More information at heed-ingodscall.org.

All women are invited to a **free Mosaic Women's Event: Unity / Bersama/Unidad** focused on John 17. Saturday, Apr. 27, 9:30am-2:30pm at Ripple Church in Allentown and on Zoom. Featured speaker: Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for Mennonite Church USA. Free event, lunch included. Spanish and Indonesian interpretation available. Register at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/women>.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

The church offices will be closed Monday, Apr. 1.