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Peace be with you

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

April 7, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Preludes With Peace in My Soul ~ *David Paxton*
Near to the Heart of God ~ *John Turner*
Where the Spirit of the Lord Is ~ *arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Jesus, stand among us #25

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise *Easter song requests*

Scripture Psalm 133

Offering Peaceful Interlude ~ *Teresa Wilhelmi*

Songs of Praise *Easter song requests*
Mighty to save

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 20:19-31 *Readers Theatre*

Sermon Peace be with you *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song We are people of God's peace #407

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song I believe in you, Lord Jesus #440

Benediction

Postlude In Thee Is Gladness ~ *Dale Wood*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Sue Howes
Greeter: Brook & Marlene Stauffer
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 Spring Quarter

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

Genesis: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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Stewardship, Alex Parzych

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.



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
April 7, 2024
**Discovering together how to follow Jesus
and make our community and world a better place**

Calendar

- 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
- Apr. 16, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- Apr. 16, 7 pm Ministry Team
- Apr. 18, 12 pm Senior Luncheon
- Apr. 21, 12 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch

Action Alert: Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire
Background: The collective punishment that the Israeli military has unleashed on Gaza is nothing short of apocalyptic, amounting to more than 30,000 Palestinian civilian deaths. Widespread damage to infrastructure has led to a full collapse of nearly all public services. In December, the World Food Programme reported that nine out of ten people in northern Gaza and two out of three people in southern Gaza are going without food for one full day and night. Violence begets more violence, and no military action will bring peace. Only by addressing the underlying issues—including ending decades of oppression of Palestinians through a brutal military occupation—will Palestinians and Israelis have a chance to finally live in peace.
Urge Congress to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. Visit mcc.org/advocate to learn more about how MCC is advocating for peace and justice in the name of Christ.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Three service trips to the Ten Thousand Villages Warehouse are planned for this year. **They are all Wednesdays** so as not to interfere with senior luncheons on Thursdays: Apr. 17, July 17 and Oct. 16. Please mark your calendars. The sign up sheet for Apr. 17 is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, Apr. 14. Contact person: Les Rice.

Senior Luncheon: All those 60+ are invited to celebrate spring with food, fun and fellowship on Apr. 18 at noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are coming.

Thanks to all who brought in coins: West Swamp contributed \$625.58 to My Coins Count (including 5,557 coins). At this year's PA Relief Sale, they counted 304,368 coins and collected just over \$50,000 over the 2 days. With more funds expected they should easily reach the match goal! The money raised benefit MCC water projects in various places around the world.

Great Winter Warm-up 2024 update: The annual binational (US/Canada) comforter campaign is a wrap! The goal was 7,000 comforters donated to MCC during the month of February. Of a total of 3,547 comforters donated by supporters in the US, 2,490 comforters were generated by MCC East Coast supporters! A vanload of those came from West Swamp. MCC is grateful for your support and contribution. And the West Swamp knotters are grateful for your year-round support.

Did you purchase a Saturday Brunch or Sunday Chicken Shwarma Dinner at the meal auction a couple years ago? Please contact Lynne Rush. She'd like to make good on them this spring, but lost her list of participants.

Still need a directory update? Let Lynne know.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the leaders and work of **Ripple congregation**, and **Conference-Related Ministry Ripple Community, Inc** (Allentown, PA). RCI seeks to convert a former church building into affordable housing and medical respite shelter, and the next zoning meeting takes place on April 8.

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-godscall.org.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael is away Apr. 10-13. For emergency pastoral care during that time, please contact Joan Hallman (215-892-7434) or Katie Mood (267-733-2141)

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