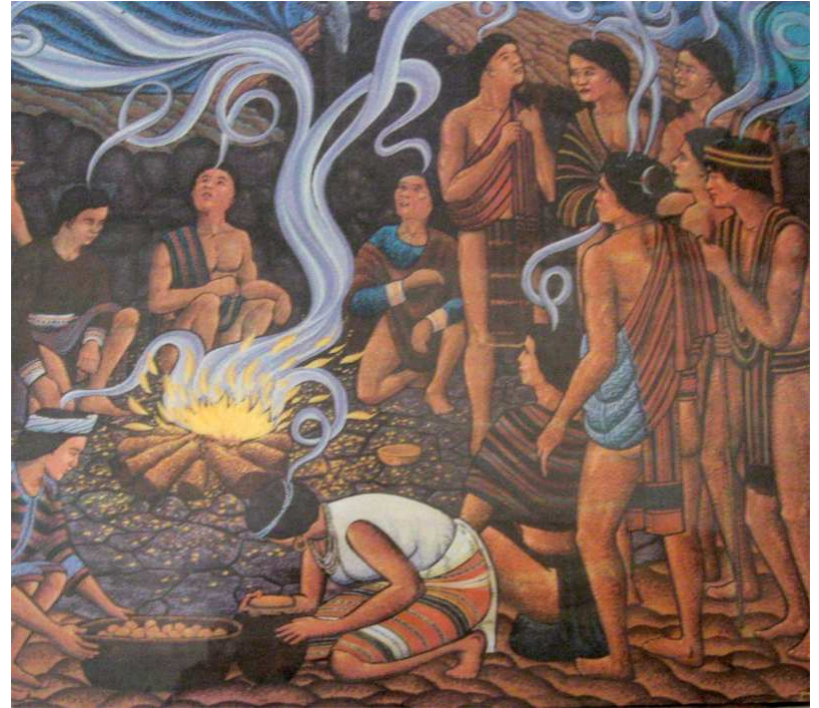


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Pentecost Sunday

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Preludes When the Wind Blows ~ *arr. Carol Tornquist*
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song~ *arr. John Carter*
Breathe on Me, Breath of God~ *Lani Smith*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Kindle in us your love

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Holy Spirit, come with power #26
I'm gonna sing
I sing the mighty power of God #46

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 104:24-34

Offering Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ~ *arr. J. Carter*

Worship Music God sends us the Spirit *Impromptu Choir*

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Where is Jesus now? Part 2 *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song Christ is alive! Let Christians sing #278

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Move in our midst #418

Benediction

Postlude Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit~ *arr. John Carter*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Louise Butcher
Greeter: Darl & Cindy Raub
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

Practicing the Way Video Series: 9:30 am, Room 203.

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

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the Mennonite churches in Ecuador, as they unite in living out Jesus' message of peace, in response to the increasing violence in their country. Pray for protection and courage, as regular peace-building gatherings move Jesus' followers toward Spirit-led action.



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

May 19, 2024

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

Calendar

- May 19, 12 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch
- May 21, 8 am NO Knotting
- May 21, 7 pm Ministry Team
- May 22, 6:30 pm Last Chimin' In and Choir Practices and PARTY
- May 26 Graveside Memorial Service
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 28, 8 am NO Knotting

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, June 2, we will have a brief congregational meeting after our morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and vote on a proposal from the Ministry Team to purchase and install new playground equipment, funded in part with money from the Vision Fund. Please plan to stay and participate.

Sunday Lunch Bunch meets at the New Santiago restaurant in Coopersburg **today**, after the worship service. Anyone is welcome to join them for food and fellowship.

Ripple Dinner: Mission Commission is supplying a meal for the Ripple Congregation in Allentown **today**. If you want to help out, be at Ripple by 3 pm. For directions or a ride, contact Rod Rush.

The knotter's are taking a 2-week hiatus, partly due to schedule conflicts and Memorial Day, but also because they have run out of tops matched to backs. (If you remember, they lost the 90-year-old volunteer who was doing that matching task.) So, anyone interested in another **knotting prep work day on May 28** (afternoon and/or evening)? Tasks will involve measuring, cutting, sewing, ironing, and possibly cutting squares. Let Lynne know if you're interested.

Trumbauersville Community Day: The Mission Commission is hosting a booth at this June 1 event. They will be looking for cookie bakers and people to staff the booth. (The latter is a perfect opportunity if you are a people person!) Sign up on the bulletin board.

May Keiser turns 95 on May 26, and her family invites you to celebrate with her in the fellowship hall at 1 pm that day. We want to have a card shower for May as well. There is a basket in the fellowship hall, marked for May's birthday cards.

Graveside Memorial Service: Next Sunday after the worship service, we will hold a brief memorial service in the cemetery, remembering those who died this past year.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Conference Board** as they gather in person at Bethany Birches, VT from May 17-19 to review the next steps in the Pathway Process and in preparation for the November Conference Assembly.

ACTION ALERT from MCC: Oppose cuts to Food for Peace

Background: In a world where 783 million people are chronically hungry, the Food for Peace program—part of the U.S. Farm Bill—provides lifesaving aid during emergencies and helps communities build resilience against food shortages. A new bill, that some members of Congress are hoping to add to the Farm Bill, would significantly undermine Food for Peace.

The **American Farmers Feed the World Act** (H.R. 4293/S. 2862) would impose severe restrictions on Food for Peace, slashing funds for treating severely malnourished children with ready-to-use therapeutic foods and eliminating development activities that address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition. The bill would remove the mandate of Food for Peace to build resilience against hunger and would critically lower the program's ability to deliver emergency food aid.

Faith reflection: "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith." (James 2:18). We are admonished to do good because such works reflect our faith. As Christians, we are to do all we can to assist those who lack food and to help communities thrive and flourish.

Action: Write to oppose the American Farmers Feed the World Act (H.R. 4293/S. 2863) *You can find a sample letter on the MCC website.*

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-4.

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