

Cover art: *The Daughter of the Canaanite Woman*, 2016, by Peter Koenig. Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is “to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book” (<https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>). The Canaanite woman kneels before Jesus to beg for her daughter’s healing—her face shows her weariness and desperate plea. The disciples are visibly flustered with the woman while one tries to pull Jesus away from her. Jesus, nevertheless, stretches out his hand to help the woman and her daughter. This happens, however, only after she turns his insult to her into an opportunity to teach: “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table” (Matthew 15:27). May we all be as humble as Jesus to admit when we are wrong and treat others with respect and compassion.

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Mark 7:24-37

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

September 8, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Be Still and Know ~ *Composer unknown*
My Comfort by Day, My Song in the Night
~ *arr. Gilbert M. Martin*
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind ~ *Robert J. Powell*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Here I am to worship

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Sing praise to God #59
Oh, for a thousand tongues #110
How can I keep from singing

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 146

Song Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Offering Raise the Sound of Praise ~ *Edward Broughton*

Scripture Mark 7:24-37

Sermon News so good you can't keep quiet *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song I love to tell the story #398

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Go now in peace, worship continues

Benediction

Postlude Triumph and Thanksgiving ~ *Franklin Ritter*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeter: Don & Louise Butcher
Organist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Carl Raub, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Summer Quarter

The TLC Class (Topics, Learning and Conversation) *When You Pray—A Study of 6 Prayers in the Bible*, 9:30 am.

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: Andi Santoso, Mennonite Mission Network's regional director for Asia and the Middle East, and Joe Sawatzky, Mission Network's mission education specialist, along with David Boshart, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, began two weeks of teaching in Indonesia yesterday. Pray that God's love, truth and light may be revealed through this time of learning together.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

September 8, 2024

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

Calendar

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| Sept. 8, 9:30 am | TLC Sunday School Class resumes |
| Sept. 10, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| Sept. 10, 7 pm | Mission Commission |
| Sept. 11, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Sept. 11, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Sept. 14, 11 am | Milford Twp Ag Daze |
| Sept. 17, 7 pm | Ministry Team |
| Sept. 19, 12 pm | Senior Luncheon |
| Sept. 22, 12 pm | Sunday Lunch Bunch |

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Topics, Learning, and Conversation (TLC) class resumed today, with *When You Pray - A Study of 6 Prayers in the Bible*, which uses weekly video sessions and group discussion as well as an optional personal guide. This is a 7 week resource, but you are always welcome to join at any time! Class time is 9:30 am.

Coin Collection for Ripple & Crossroads: Mission Commission will be collecting coins for the next few months. There are containers for your coins in the back of the sanctuary and by the elevator (2nd floor). Thank you for your donations!

Music Practices start this week: It's time to use your musical talents! Chimin' In and Choir practices begin on Sept. 11. Needed: at least 8 tone chime players and as many singers as we can get. Let Lynne know if you are interested. Invite a friend to join with you.

Milford Twp Ag Daze, Sept. 14: West Swamp will have a presence at this community event; we need people to help staff our booth between 10:30 and 4:30. We've divided the time into three shifts—please sign up on the bulletin board. Look for more details next Sunday.

Senior Luncheon, Sept. 19: All those 60 and up are invited to food and fellowship at noon. September's theme is "Back to School." Bring a school picture to share with your table mates, if you have one available.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **new Mosaic staff members** Jaye Lindo, Hospitality Coordinator, who began on Aug. 5, and Paulus Thalathoti, who will begin as Director of Finance on Sept. 9. We give thanks to God for their calling and pray for wisdom and a sense of the Spirit's leading in their work.

The **Anabaptist Community Bible** is available for pre-sale in hardcover, soft touch and genuine leather options. Take advantage of the presale discount. Want to give one as a Christmas gift? Buy before Sept. 30 and receive a certificate to present before the Bible arrives in January. Order online at menno-media.org or call 1-800-245-7894.

2024 Sporting Clay for Camp Men-O-Lan is on Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 am-2 pm. Build your team of 2-4 and register for a fun day of shooting at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clay! Register online at menolan.org or contact Brian Barr, call 484-916-8636 or email brian@menolan.org.

Harvestfest Vendor Court at Camp Men-O-Lan! Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 am-3 pm. New this year at Harvestfest – we are inviting vendors to come display, demonstrate, and sell their products! The cost is \$30/space to bring your own table(s), chair(s) and 10 x 10 easy up tent canopy. Double spaces can be arranged if you're bringing a truck or trailer. You are welcome to bring a quiet generator if you want to run electric to prepare and/or do demonstrations. Register online at menolan.org or contact Kim at 215-679-5144 x320 or kim@menolan.org.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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