

**Cover art:** The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) first established the International Day of Peace in 1981; it was first observed in September 1982. The day is celebrated annually on Sept. 21. It is often marked by churches on the closest Sunday to that date; but can be celebrated any Sunday in September—or the year, for that matter. When should we NOT be celebrating and striving for peace?!



## *International Day of Peace*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Peace Sunday*

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*September 29, 2024*

*10:30 A.M.*

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**Prelude**                      Hymn to Peace ~ *David Paxton*  
Peaceful Piano #9 ~ *Mark Hayes*  
O Day of Peace ~ *Charles H. H. Parry*

## We Gather around the Word

Welcome

Opening Song                      O Prince of peace                      #15

Call to Worship & Prayer

Songs of Praise                      Mountain of God  
Immortal, invisible God                      #70  
You are holy (Prince of peace)

## We Hear God's Word

Scripture                      2 Corinthians 5:17-20  
Worship Music                      Come now, O Prince of peace                      *Choir*

Offering                      He's Got the Whole World in His Hands ~ *L. Shackley*

Scripture                      Romans 12:9-21

Message                      Care & Share and MCC                      *Sarah Bergin*

## We Respond to the Word

Song                      Sing a new world into being                      #307

Sharing & Prayer

Sending

Sending Song                      Go now in peace                      #429

Postlude                      Peace, Salaam, Shalom ~ *Dean McIntyre*

## This Sunday

**Worship Leaders:** The Worship Commission  
**Greeter:** Elaine & Leon Propst  
**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 Fall 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.

### **West Swamp Mennonite Church**

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### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Carl Raub

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** Alex Parzych

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

*Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anicka Fast, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.*



**Notes:**

**Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church**

*September 29, 2024*

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

**Calendar**

Sept. 24, 5 pm	Care & Share Volunteer Night
Sept. 24, 7 pm	DISCO
Sept. 29	Peace Sunday
Oct. 1, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Oct. 1, 7 pm	Community Commission
Oct. 6, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Oct. 6	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 8, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Oct. 8, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Oct. 9, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Oct. 9, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Oct. 16	Zook Pie orders due
Oct. 17, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Oct. 20, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunchy

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

**Thanks to all** who contributed school kit items for MCC. We collected 84 kits! Well done, everyone.

**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!

**Prayer Breakfast:** You are invited to our monthly prayer breakfast on **Oct. 6** at 9:30 am. Enjoy fellowship, food and a prayer exercise.

We will observe communion on **Oct. 6**, World Communion Sunday.

**CROP Walk, Oct. 6:** Rod Rush will be walking and is looking for sponsors. If you are interested in walking with him, contact the church office for information. Registration begins at 12 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church on Hellertown Ave. in Quakertown; the walk begins at 12:15. Proceeds from the walk will go to the Quakertown Food Pantry, as well as CWS global food projects.

**Zook's Chicken Pie Fundraiser:** Order a delicious, comforting meal for yourself, a friend, or a neighbor. Proceeds will go towards sensory play equipment for the playground area. Place your order by Oct. 16 on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Chicken Pie pick-up is Sunday, Oct. 27 here at West Swamp. Contact Katie Mood with any questions.

Special offer from **Anabaptist World:** Are you interested in subscribing to *Anabaptist World*, the independent and nonprofit journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement? If five or more people are interested, and the copies are delivered to the church, the one-year subscription is just \$39 per copy.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Board**, as they lead the Conference community in this time, especially as they meet on Sept. 30 for their final meeting prior to the November Conference Assembly. Pray that they sense God's wisdom and the Spirit's leading.

Healthy Niños Honduras is hosting their **Annual Banquet and Silent Auction** on Saturday, Nov. 9 starting at 5 pm. Enjoy a great evening with dinner and bidding on a wide variety of items to celebrate work done this year in Honduras and support the continued fight against malnutrition! Find more info and register at <http://healthyninos.org/banquet>.

Dock Mennonite Academy invites you to Homecoming & Family Weekend at the High School Campus on Saturday, Oct. 5. The busy day features a 2:30 pm outdoor concert by *The Walking Roots Band*, based in Harrisonburg, VA. The community event also includes a Color Fun Run/Walk, Spikeball, Kids Fest, Food Trucks and lots of athletic games to spectate! For more information, visit [dock.org/alumni/homecoming-2024](http://dock.org/alumni/homecoming-2024).

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](http://menno-media.org) or call 1-800-245-7894.

*Church Office Hours*

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Thursday, 8:30-2.