

Cover Art: *Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Peace and Love*, 20th century. This mural places Jesus centerstage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding hands in unity. One of the scripture passages listed for this image gives us the second greatest commandment: “to love one’s neighbor as oneself.” In loving one another, we stimulate peace, faith, and hope for the war-torn and unjust world in which we live. This painting reminds us that it is in our love for one another—a love that seeks equality and justice for all—that we show true, deep, and abiding love for God as well.

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What is most important?

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

November 3, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Prelude The Greatest of These Is Love ~ *Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*
Where Charity and Love Prevail ~ *Mark Roberts*
The Gift of Love ~ *Hal H. Hopson*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Father God, you are holy #78

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Joyful, joyful #71
Praise with joy the world's creator
More love, more power

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 146

Offering Love, Love *with* When I Needed a Neighbor ~ *S. Carter*

Scripture Mark 12:28-34

Sermon What is most important? *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Love canon

Benediction

Postlude They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
~ *Peter Scholtes*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Louise Butcher
Greeter: Carl & Cindy Raub
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.

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Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that this Tuesday's elections in the United States will take place without violence and that the leaders who are elected will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 3, 2024

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

Calendar

Nov. 5, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 6, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Nov. 6, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Nov. 12, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 12, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Nov. 17, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Nov. 20, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Nov. 20, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Nov. 21, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Thanks to all who helped with this morning's prayer breakfast.

Thanks to all who supported the Zook Chicken Pie fundraiser. We collected \$275 towards sensory play equipment.

Sunday Lunch Bunch: You are invited to join the "bunch" at The West End (750 N West End Blvd) on Sunday, Nov. 17 for lunch and conversation after the worship service.

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!

As communities in the southeastern United States work to recover and rebuild from a series of devastating hurricanes in 2024, Everence® is committing a total of \$100,000 to support relief efforts. This includes an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Mennonite Disaster Service and another \$50,000 to kick off **Everence Helps: Hurricane Relief, a matching gift initiative** aimed at bolstering hurricane recovery efforts. From now to Dec. 31, Everence will match donations made to Everence Foundation dollar-for-dollar – up to \$50,000 – to enhance the charitable impact of contributions aimed at helping survivors restore their homes, revitalize their communities, and rebuild their futures. Find more info on the Everence website. (Note: Giving through Everence at this time doubles your donation, rather than giving directly to MDS.)

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for Ark of Christ (Anaheim, CA), who has been affirmed as a Mosaic member and will be welcomed at Assembly. Ark of Christ offers a welcoming place for everyone to grow in faith and experience Christ's love, and many of its members come from Indonesian backgrounds. They ask for God's leading in their efforts to share the Gospel and make disciples.

Zion Mennonite Church and other Souderton Area Churches invite you to attend an **Election Eve, Holy Communion, and Prayer Service** on Monday, Nov. 4 at 7 pm at Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton. Let's gather with our neighbors as we pray for our nation.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday, 8-12, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-1:30.