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A time for return

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude A Star Over Bethlehem ~ *Lani Smith*
We Three Kings ~ *arr. Alex-Zsolt*
Hallelujah ~ *arr. Carol Tornquist*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Of the Father's love begotten #104

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise In the beginning
O beautiful star of Bethlehem
Light of the stable

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 1:1-18

Offering To Him who Sits on the Throne ~ *D. C. Graafsma*

Scripture Jeremiah 31:7-14

Sermon A time for return *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response Praise the One who breaks

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song He shall reign forevermore

Benediction

Postlude I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ~ *arr. Aaron Williams*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Katie Mood
Greeters: Randy Rush & Jan Wieand
Pianist: 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 Winter Quarter

The TLC Class (Topics, Learning and Conversation) will begin a new curriculum based on The Chosen TV series on Jan. 12, 9:30 am.

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

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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 the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

January 5, 2025

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

Calendar

Jan. 7, 8 am	Knotting resumes
Jan. 7, 7 pm	Community Commission
Jan. 8, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Jan. 8, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Jan. 14, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Jan 26, 1 pm	Annual Business Meeting

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Eve offering. \$790 was sent to Solidarity and Harmony Church. Please pray for their ministry with the Haitian community in the Philadelphia area.

The Mission Commission will be collecting **MCC Relief Kits** starting on Jan. 5. There is a list of items needed in your bulletin today. There is also a copy of the list on the bulletin board in the fellowship room and a box to put your items in. Last year, MCC shipped 28,583 relief kits to Cuba, El Salvador, Malawi, Ukraine and Zambia. Thank you for helping with this project.

The knotters will need more batting soon. Anyone with a van or station wagon want to make a trip out to the Lancaster area? Contact Lynne Rush if interested.

Global Anabaptist Read-a-thon: MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 is collaborating with Mennonite World Conference in this extraordinary event as 500 voices join together to read through the entire Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—in multiple languages! Beginning on Jan. 18 the Anabaptism at 500 Read-a-thon will be available to stream online and will conclude on Jan. 21 with a live-streamed worship/celebration from Goshen, Indiana as we read together the final passage from Revelations and celebrate the launch of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Info for watching the livestream will hopefully be in next week's bulletin.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

As Anabaptists celebrate 500 years, all Mosaic congregations are invited pray for **Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA** and **Germantown (PA) Mennonite Historic Trust**, both Mosaic Conference-Related Ministries. They share a mission to preserve Anabaptist Mennonite stories through historical sites, teaching, public programs and exhibits. Pray for their boards, staff, and visitors who will reflect on 500 years of faith as encouragement and inspiration for the future.

Save the date: The MCC Canning Event in our area is Apr. 22, 23 & 24. You can be one of over 30,000 people who volunteer with the MCC mobile meat canner each year to fill, weigh, wash and label every can. The finished cans are shipped to our partners, providing important nutrients when meat is hard to purchase. More details about signing up to volunteer will be available in the New Year.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Working remotely from home and in the office when possible. If you need to reach me quickly, call me at 215-538-5311, or text 267-272-3089.