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When you pass through the waters

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

January 12, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song As I went down to the river

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise	Let's sing unto the Lord	#55
	Praise him, praise him	#100
	How firm a foundation	#567

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7

Worship Music I know that my Redeemer lives *Chimin' In*

Offering God, we pause this moment ~ *Merle Good/F. Filitz*

Scripture Luke 3:15-22

Sermon When you pass through the waters

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response Oceans

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Your love is washing over me

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Katie Mood
Greeters:	Don & Nancy Jacobs
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) is studying curriculum based on The Chosen TV series, 9:30 am.

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

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Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the 29 SOOP volunteers serving in Arizona and Florida this month. Pray that these SOOPers will be a blessing to vulnerable populations, as they serve between two weeks and four months.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

January 12, 2024

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

Calendar

Jan. 14, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Jan. 14, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Jan. 21, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Jan. 21, 7 pm	Anabaptism at 500 Worship Service Livestream
Jan. 22, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Jan. 22, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Jan 26, 1 pm	Annual Business Meeting

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

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.

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 can be found at <https://bit.ly/3C31Zja>.

Annual Business Meeting, Jan. 26: We'll begin with communion during the worship service, share a meal together, and hold the meeting at 1 pm. The Community Kitchen will provide the meal; please bring a dessert to share, if you can.

Worship Leader Training, Feb. 2: Have you served as a worship leader? Have you ever thought about giving it a try? If so, join us for a pizza lunch and conversation about what a worship leader does and how to plan to lead worship.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All congregations in Mosaic Conference are invited to pray for the pastors and members of three Mosaic partners in Ministry: Iglesia Menonita del Cordero (Brownsville, TX), Iglesia Menonita Fuente de Agua Viva (Los Fresnos, TX) and Casa de Oracion de Fuentes de Agua Viva (Monterrey, Mexico) and for the immigrants in the Texas congregations. This weekend Leadership Minister Marco Güete is leading a fellowship retreat for the pastoral couples of these congregations.

Do you enjoy learning with others? Living U, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, will open registrations for the spring semester from Jan. 21-31. Class topics include: insights from ancient Christian questions, the Mennonite communal background of Living Branches, stories behind Peace Valley, a critical history of journalism, stents, mushroom foraging, presidents in retirement, and more. Go to <https://livingbranches.org/about/living-u-lifelong-learning/> or contact Maribeth Benner, Living U coordinator, at 215-368-4438 ext. 44204.

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 will be in Baton Rouge Monday-Thursday, helping his parents. For emergency pastoral care while he is away, contact Nancy Jacobs (215-527-6423).

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.