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Love and forgive your enemies

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

February 23, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude We Are One in the Bond of Love ~ *arr. Bruce Greer*
How Can I Say ~ *V. Michael McKay*
No Greater Love ~ *arr. Bruce Inman*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Kindle in us your love
Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise For God so loved us #167
Your love is deep
You are my King (I'm forgiven)

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Genesis 45:3-11

Offering The Love Round ~ *arr. Charles High*

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

Worship Music Gentle God, when we are driven *Choir*

Sermon Love and forgive your enemies *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response Renew your church #363

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Between darkness and light
Benediction

Postlude Love, Love, Love ~ *Lois Brokering*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeters: Leon & Elaine Propst
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) 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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Ministry Team, Carl Raub

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Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

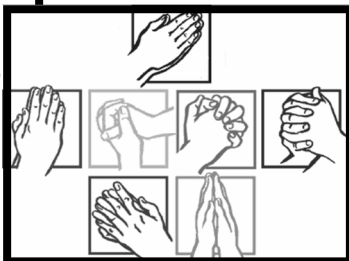
Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Terrorists continue to attack peaceful populations in Burkina Faso, as the citizens work in their fields and worship in churches, placing the country at the top of the Global Terrorism Index. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for an end to the violence and for healing for the thousands of people who have been traumatized by seeing loved ones murdered. Pray, also, for the witness of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso in this time of crisis.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

February 23, 2025

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

Calendar

Feb. 27, 7 pm	DISCO
Mar. 2, @12 pm	Worship Leader Workshop
Mar. 5, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Mar. 5, 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Mar. 9	First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 9, 3 pm	Ripple Meal
Mar. 11, 7 pm	Mission Commission

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Worship Leader Workshop, Mar. 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.

Special Congregational Meeting: This meeting has been rescheduled for **Mar. 9** after the worship service. There are two items of business: reviewing and voting on proposed updates and revisions to our Constitution/Bylaws, and approving the minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting on 6-2-24 about the playground (the minutes missed getting in the annual business meeting report).

Ripple Meal: The Mission Commission will be doing a meal for Ripple Church on **Mar. 9**. Food and cookie donations are also needed. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you for any help that you can provide. Let Karen Parzych know if you would like to help serve the meal.

Directory Updates: If you have changes to your directory information, please let Lynne know. Also, let Lynne know if you have knowledge of information changes for people in the directory who don't attend regularly. Also, contact Lynne if you need a new picture. Thanks!

The Mission Commission is collecting items for **MCC Relief Kits**. There is an item 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. This is the last day for dropping off donations.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **7 Ways Home Fellowship**, a partner-in-ministry based in Bowie, MD, with hybrid fellowship. Please pray for members of the community facing significant health challenges and seeking employment opportunities.

On Sunday, Mar. 2 at 7 pm, Salford Mennonite will host The Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Chamber Singers: an auditioned touring chamber choir in its 45th year. This choir was chosen as the representative choir from North America to sing at the 500 Year Celebration of Anabaptism in Zürich. A love offering will be taken to support the choir's travel expenses. Join us for an evening of uplifting music! Find us on Instagram and Spotify.

Ladies, you are the hub of your families. Men-O-Lan wants to bless you and enrich your lives with a one-day retreat on **Mar. 8**, "Altogether Beautiful" with guest speaker Lisa Stenger. The event includes Continental breakfast, worship, and sharing. Lunch will be in the Dining Hall. The afternoon session will include a craft, prayer walk and door prizes! Tickets are \$40, with a special price for Camp families: if you have a camper registered to come this summer you only pay \$35. Register online at menolan.org, Get Involved, Events or call 215-679-5144!

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.

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.