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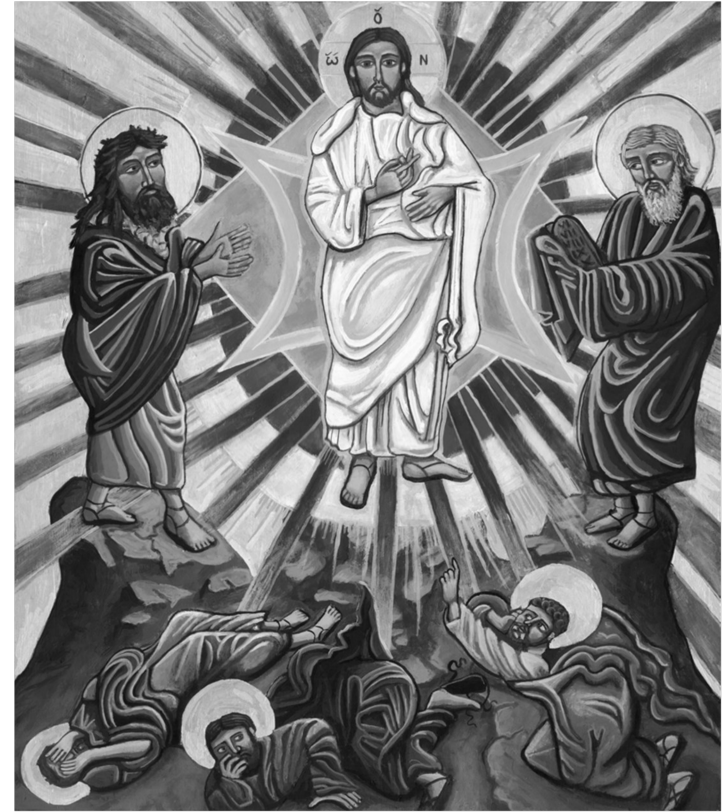
"I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called "The Good Earth Farm" where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

Iconography has since become a practice of more considerations: of color and light, of brush stroke and form, symbol and meaning...However, I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now?

I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art: Being more present." (from <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/about-2/>)

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Glory that never fades

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

March 2, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Psalm of Glory ~ *Dorothy Wells*
Glory to God on High ~ *George Blake*
Glorified, Blessed and Worthy ~ *arr. Bruce Inman*

We Gather around the Word

Opening Song Jesus, stand among us #25

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah #50
Great is the Lord #87
We will glorify

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Exodus 34:29-35

Offering O Lord, All Glorious ~ *J.S. Bach, arr. Schreiner*

Scripture Luke 9:28-43a

Sermon Glory that never fades *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response Christ is risen! Shout hosanna #272

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Christ, we do all adore thee #105

Benediction

Postlude May God Smile on You ~ *arr. Hal H. Hopson*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Katie Mood
Greeters: Leon & Elaine Propst
Organist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Deb Stevenback
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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Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

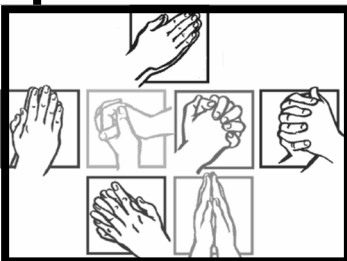
Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Ghana with MMN, will begin their two-month North American ministry this month. Pray for their good health and safe travels and that God's Spirit will guide their speaking and conversations, as they update congregations about what God is doing through their ministries. Pray for renewal, as they reconnect with family and friends.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 2, 2025

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

Calendar

Mar. 2, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Mar. 2, @12 pm	Worship Leader Workshop
Mar. 4, 7 pm	Community Commission
Mar. 5, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Mar. 5, 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Mar. 9	First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 9, 11:30 am	Special Congregational Meeting
Mar. 9, 3 pm	Ripple Meal
Mar. 11, 7 pm	Mission Commission

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the Relief Kit collection for MCC. We delivered 10 complete kits to MCC.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Worship Leader Workshop, today: Those who have served as worship leader or who might want to give it a try, 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!

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for partner-in-ministry **Redemption Church of Bristol**, which is moving into a new gathering space. The space is owned by the Episcopal church in town and they are hoping to form a meaningful partnership with that congregation, sharing events and mission together. Pray with them that the space could be a place of rest for all of Bristol.

Today 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!

Everence is hosting a workshop, ***Your Path to Medicare and Social Security***, Mar. 25 at 6:30 pm, at Zion Mennonite Church, 149 E Cherry Ln, Souderton. Everence financial consultants will discuss how to enroll in Medicare and explain what is covered by the government health care plan. They will also cover issues and planning considerations related to health care costs in retirement and how to understand and maximize Social Security benefits.

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.