

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ “Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

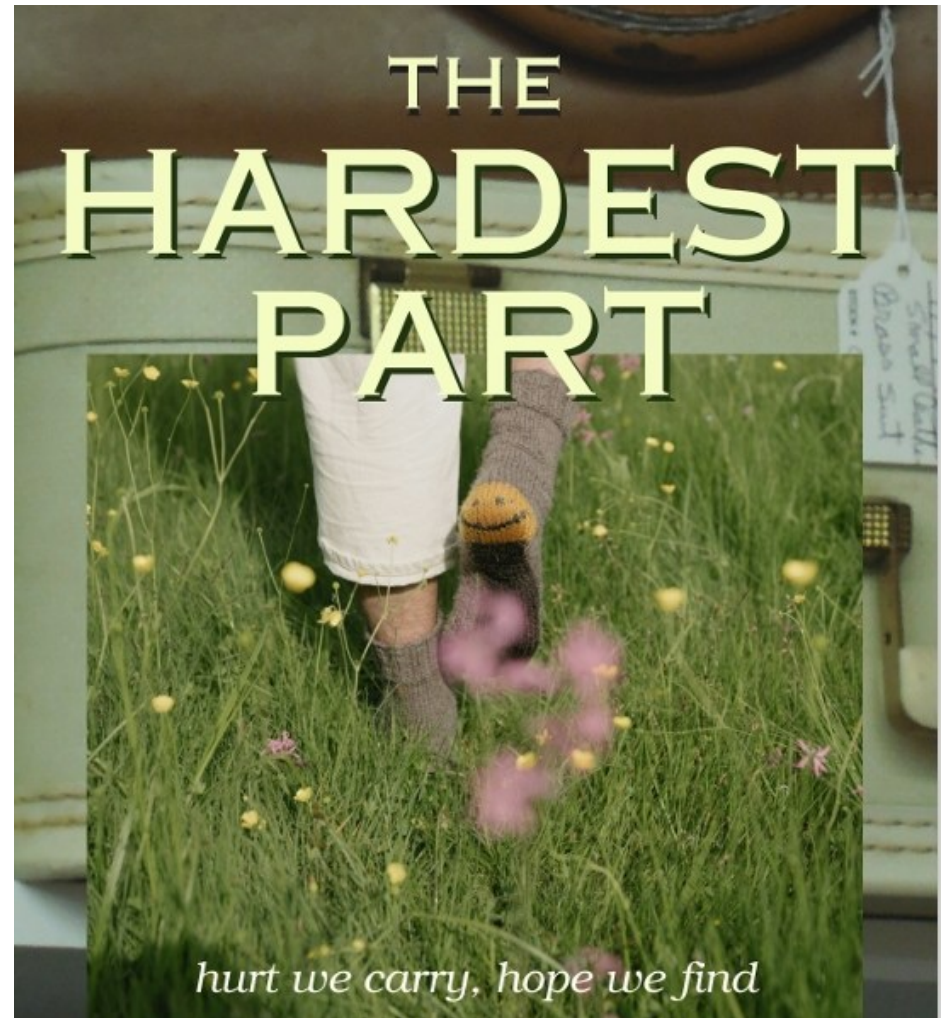
⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



Lent 3: Imagination

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Preparing *Lighting the Candle*

Welcoming

Singing All who are thirsty
O worship the King #66
God of wonders

Reading the Word Luke 13:1-9

Blessing for stretching your heart

Singing In heavenly love abiding

Giving Sometimes a light surprises

Reading the Word Isaiah 55:1-9

Preaching the Word Imagination *Pastor Michael*

Confessing

Singing O let all who thirst #495

Sharing & Praying

Sending Go, my children

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Katie Mood
Greeters: Rick & Marian Hinkle
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 Spring 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: Lane Miller, a regional director for Africa and Europe, is in Europe this month to improve his French language skills. Pray for him as he also visits partner institution LCC International University and Robin Gingerich, who has served with Mission Network at LCC in Lithuania since 2001.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 23, 2025

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

Calendar

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| Mar. 25, 8 am | Knotting |
| Mar. 25, 7 pm | DISCO |
| Mar. 26, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Mar. 26, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Apr. 1, 8 am | Knotting |
| Apr. 1, 7 pm | Community Commission |
| Apr. 2, 6:30 pm | Worship Commission |
| Apr. 8, 7 pm | Mission Commission |
| Apr. 9, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Apr. 9, 7:15 pm | Choir practice |
| Apr. 13 | Palm Sunday |
| Apr. 20, 7 am | Easter Dawn Service |
| Apr. 20, 10:30 am | Easter Worship |

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

Mission Commission is collecting for **My Coins Count** today and next Sunday. This year's donations go toward MCC food programs. Empty your change jar, check under the couch cushions and help fill the My Coins Count bottle!

Easter Dawn Service: We are hosting this year's joint worship service with Swamp. Along with worship, we will provide a breakfast. Be looking for a sign-up sheet soon to donate breakfast items.

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 asked to pray for **Bally Mennonite**, particularly in their search for a full-time pastor, and in their efforts to share Jesus through active community involvement and ministries.

Have you considered including our congregation in your estate plan as part of your final act of stewardship? Doing so can be as easy as naming the **Everence Foundation** as a beneficiary in your will, trust or retirement account and having a Charitable Gift Recommendation Form on file with them. Your Everence Financial or Stewardship Consultant can assist you with this and other estate planning considerations.

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.

Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to participate in the **National Day of Prayer** on May 1. Attend the Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 am (cost is \$10). A worship room will be available 9 am-7 pm for reflection and prayer. Go on the self-guided prayer walk. Register by Monday, Apr. 28 by emailing kim@menolan.org or calling 215-679-5144 x320.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael will be in Baton Rouge tonight thru Thursday. For emergency pastoral care while he is away, contact Joan Hallman (267-347-0497).

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.