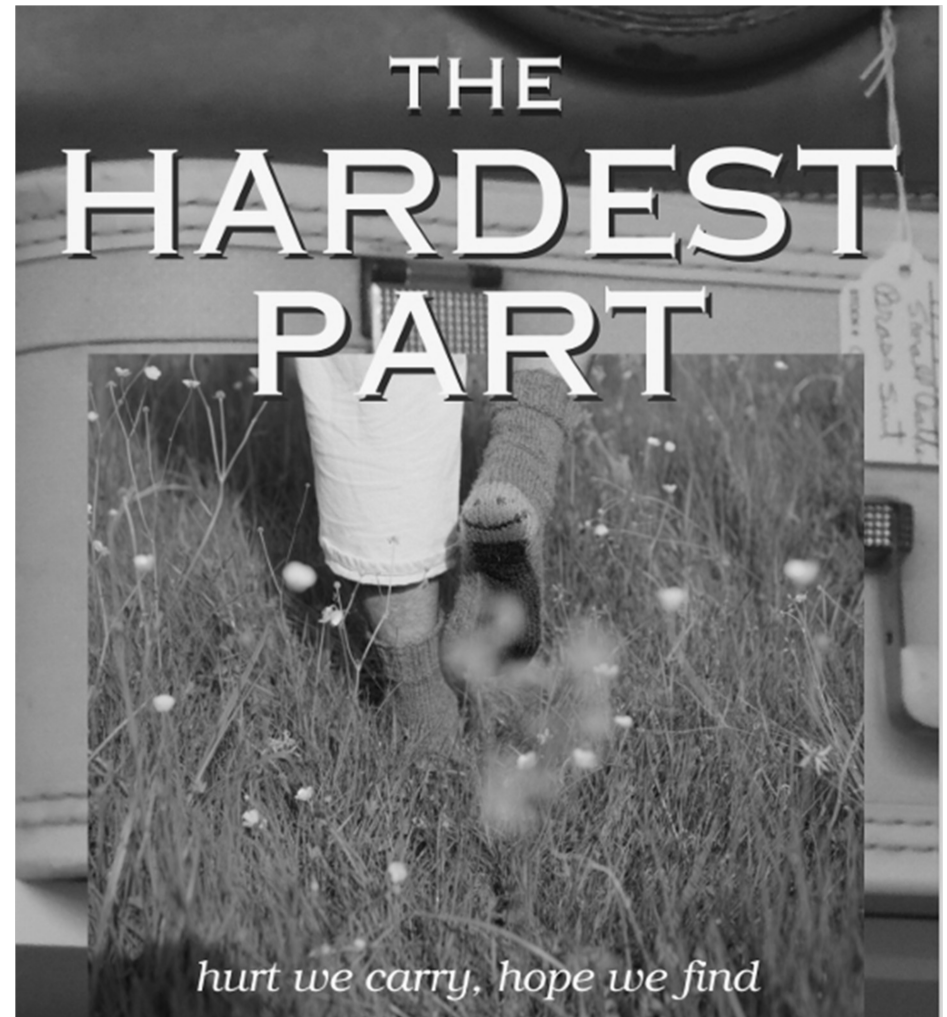


2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Lent 4: Wisdom

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	Still Waters (Psalm 23) ~ <i>Leanna Crawford</i> Heaven Is Yours ~ <i>Jon Foreman</i>	
Preparing	<i>Lighting the Candle</i>	
Welcoming		
Singing	Listen to the Word Beautiful things Blessed Jesus, at your word	#13
Reading the Word	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
Blessing for the life you didn't choose		
Singing	Lead on, Good Shepherd	<i>Choir</i>
Giving	There's enough for all	
Reading the Word	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	
Preaching the Word	Wisdom	<i>Pastor Michael</i>
Confessing		
Singing	Christ is alive and goes before us	
Sharing & Praying		
Sending	Be thou my vision	#545
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

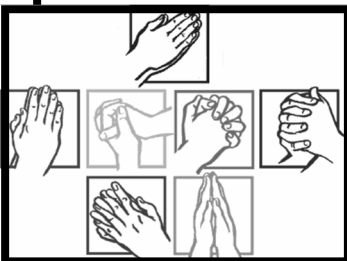
Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Zing Bawi Ken, Schyler Entz, Hannah Lehman and Patrick Webb, participants in MMN's Tucson MVS unit, have been immersed in studying vocational discernment. Pray that this time of reflection will provide tools and insights, as they begin to plan for life after a year of service.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 30, 2025

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

Calendar

Apr. 1, 8 am	Knotting
Apr. 1, 7 pm	Community Commission
Apr. 2, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Apr. 6, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Apr. 8, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Apr. 9, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Apr. 9, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Apr. 15, 7 pm	Ministry Team
Apr. 13	Palm Sunday
Apr. 17, 6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
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. 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!

Sensitive Locations, Sacred Spaces Prayer Vigil, Apr. 3, 6:30 pm: Join MCUSA for an interfaith prayer vigil on the eve of the first hearing of our coalition's historic lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security's rescission of the sensitive locations memo. If you are interested in watching the livestreamed event in community, Lynne Rush invites you to her house. (If the response is bigger than her room can hold, we'll move it to the church sanctuary.) Or contact Lynne for livestream info. All are welcome to stand in solidarity in this moment of faith and resolve.

Prayer Breakfast, Apr. 6: Everyone is invited to this time of food, fellowship and guided prayer at 9:30 am. A good opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor!

On Sunday, Apr. 6 at 6 pm, St. John's church in Sumneytown hosts the **Great Songs of the Faith Choir** for a 1 hour concert of uplifting music. It is a choir of 30 plus voices, including Joan Hallman's. There is a free will offering, supporting the Christian radio station Word FM 97.1 Great songs of the faith program.

Maundy Thursday Service, Apr. 17: Join us for a simple meal and service at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

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.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for all those within Mosaic and beyond who are **affected by the termination of the humanitarian parole and Temporary Protected Status programs and their families**. We lament the potential disruption of lives and livelihoods of thousands of recent immigrants to the U.S. and we pray for comfort, justice, and peace.

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.

Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, invites all to participate in an **End Gun Violence Walk**, Apr. 6, starting at Zion at 1 pm, walking along Rt. 113 sidewalks for public witness, and culminating at Souderton Borough Park, Wile Ave., with letter writing to legislators about reasonable gun laws. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/zmc souderton>.

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: 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.