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Witnesses to these things

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

April 27, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Sunday's Coming ~ *Phil Wickham*

He's Alive ~ *Don Francisco (sung by Dolly Parton)*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Come, people of the Risen King

Welcoming

Singing

Easter song requests

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Acts 5:27-32

Offering Now the green blade rises ~ *John Macleod Campbell Crum*

Worship Music Who are these *Choir*

Scripture John 20:19-31

Sermon Witnesses to these things *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song All because of Jesus

Sharing & Praying

Sending Alleluia

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Sue Conrad Howes
Greeters: Cindy & Carl Raub
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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Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

April 27, 2025

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

Calendar

Apr. 27, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Apr. 29, 8 am	Knotting
May 4, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
May 6, 3 am	Knotting
May 6, 7 pm	Community Commission
May 7, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In
May 7, 7:15 pm	Choir
May 13, 7 pm	Mission Commission
May 15, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
May 17	Men-O-Lan Summerfest
May 18, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

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

Survey: The Ministry Team encourages each member to complete a brief survey to provide congregational input as one component of Pastor Michael's upcoming evaluation. Access the Google form at <https://forms.gle/peaHFGHD1aSqq41k6> or by the QR Code. Paper copies are available in the fellowship hall; completed paper surveys go in Katie Mood's mailbox. Please complete your survey by Apr. 27.



Sunday Lunch Bunch: Join the usuals **today** (a week later than usual due to Easter) about **noon** for lunch and fellowship at John's Plain & Fancy.

Prayer Breakfast, May 4: Join us at 9:30 for the last prayer breakfast before a summer hiatus. Invite a friend to this time of food, fellowship and guided prayer.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Pastor Carl Walcott of North Tampa (FL) Mennonite Fellowship who is currently facing serious health challenges and has been sent home for his final days. Please pray for his wife and adult children who are caring for him, and for strength and God's peace for the whole family.

Community Prayer Night Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm at Zion Mennonite Church (149 East Cherry Lane, Souderton): You are invited to join in the first monthly prayer service as we seek peace in a

chaotic world. We'll gather to pray for those impacted by actions beyond their control. As we ask our all-powerful God to provide hope for fearful hearts, we'll share God's love for us and our neighbors through singing, prayer, and communion. All are welcome. Watch for additional Community Night of Prayer dates.

Dock Mennonite Academy's 64th Annual Country Fair and Auction will be held on **Friday, May 16, 5-9 pm**. Bring the whole family for great food, fun & entertainment for the entire family! Our Online auction contains many more items and experiences and runs from May 9-19. On the run?? Visit our Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church from 4-6:30 pm. Strawberry Pies will be available onsite and at the Drive Thru. Shuttle parking available from Marcho Farms/Franconia Café. Visit www.dock.org for all the details.

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.

Men-O-Lan Summerfest: Support Camp at their annual spring fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 9 am-3 pm. Bid on auction items, tour the campus, enjoy great food and fun activities. Check out the schedule and auction items on Men-O-Lan's website or Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Tuesday-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.