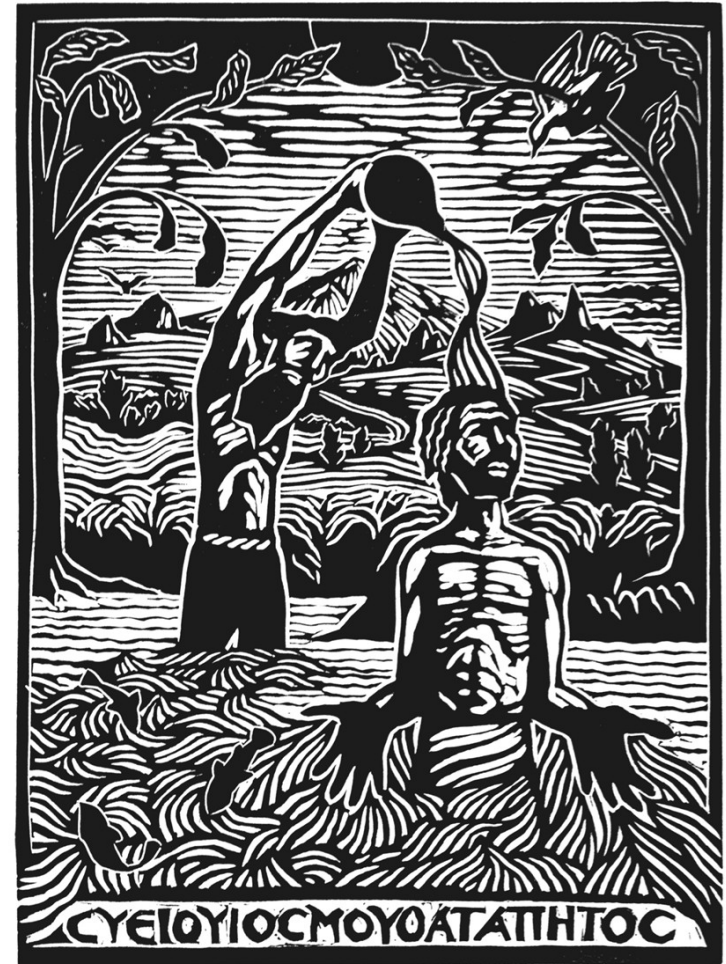


Cover Art: *From the River to the Wilderness*, by Matthew C. Regier, 2018. From the Artist Statement: [The linocut] recalls the tradition of medieval and early Renaissance printmaking, with its enchanted peculiarity and startling otherworldliness. In contrast to medieval and Renaissance art, the mystical quality of this image is due mostly to its perspective rather than to haloes or winged angels and the like. John and Jesus do not appear in “real” three-dimensional space (Jesus almost telescopes in the foreground). The action is not happening in one particular place or time..

At the center of the image is the water of baptism, which is depicted in various ways evoking other biblical symbols and stories concerning water. The composition creates both a circular motion (from John to Jesus) and a propulsive momentum that moves out and forward—into the world and into our lives.

The Greek text at the bottom of the block print translates: “You are my Son, the Beloved” (Mark 1:11/Luke 3:22).



Anabaptism at 500: The Sure Foundation of Jesus

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

April 27, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Built on a Rock ~ *arr. Anthony Giamanco*
The Church's One Foundation ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ *arr. Kurt Kaiser*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Here in this place #6

Welcoming

Singing My life is in you Insert
 Blessed assurance #332
 Jesus, be the center Insert

We Hear God's Word

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Offering How Firm a Foundation ~ *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Scripture Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Anabaptism at 500: *Pastor Michael*
 The Sure Foundation of Jesus

We Respond to God's Word

Song Christ is our cornerstone #43

Sharing & Praying

Sending We are people of God's peace #407

Benediction

Postlude Cornerstone ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*

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 Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), as they prepare to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, Colegio Americano Menno (American Menno School).



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
May 4, 2025

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

Calendar

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
May 20, 7 pm	Ministry Team

Thanks to West Swamp folks for the cards, prayers and get-well wishes. Physical therapy and more time to rest seem to be helping me to recover, although it may be some time yet before I can return to previous activities. Fortunately, there have been other volunteers to pick up some of the volunteer work I have been doing. Grace and peace, **Bob Walden**

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Senior Lunch Bunch, May 15: All those 60+ are invited this time of great food, fun and fellowship. Sign up for the noon meal.

The TLC Sunday School Class will finish up *The Chosen* series this month, and will then take a break for the summer. The class will start up again in September. The Bible Project Class will continue to meet. Contact Lynne Rush if you're interested in joining.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Congregations are invited to pray for Brent Camilleri, Associate Pastor at Deep Run East Mennonite (Perkasie, PA), who was diagnosed with a rare form of appendix cancer this winter. Please pray for Brent, his family and for their congregation.

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.

The Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to attend an **interactive Bible Study** led by Pastor Nathan Good on May 14, from 7-8 pm. Titled "Word and Walk," this study will consider Mennonite and Lenape relations from a biblical theological perspective. How do we, as Anabaptist Christians, think about history, land, and people? Come expecting to participate, being both encouraged and challenged.

Men-O-Lan Summerfest: Support Camp at their annual spring fundraiser on Saturday, May 17, 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: 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.