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In this beautiful rendering of the ascension, Jesus holds out his hands in blessing as he begins to rise to the heavens. The disciples, among whom is one of the women, gaze up at him. Their faces express mixtures of adoration, amazement, curiosity, fear, sadness and joy. The disciples are finally beginning to realize and understand Jesus' mission. May we too realize that we can embody the risen Christ in the world—loving extravagantly, living abundantly, and promoting justice and peace for all peoples.

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*Seated at the right hand
of the Father*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

June 1, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude He Is Exalted ~ *Twila Paris*
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ~ *arr. Philip Keven*
Crown Him with Many Crowns ~ *arr. Larry Shackley*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Welcome & Prayer

Singing Crown him with many crowns #116
Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord #67
Revelation Song

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23

Song Rejoice, the Lord is King #288

Offering All Hail King Jesus ~ *Dave Moody*

Scripture Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Seated at the right hand of the Father *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response Lord, reign in me

Sharing & Praying

Sending We will glorify

Benediction

Postlude Majesty ~ *arr. Teresa Wilhelm*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeters: Don & Louise Butcher
Pianist: Joan Hallman
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 Summer Quarter

Bible Project—Genesis: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants in the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) units in Alamosa, Colorado; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona, as they are coming to the end of their terms. Pray that they would bring closure to the relationships they've built within their households, communities, service assignments and host congregations and that they would feel ready to follow God's leading into the next chapters of their lives. Praise God for the four participants who are continuing MVS for a second year.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

June 1, 2025

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

Calendar

June 3, 8 am	Knotting
June 3, 7 pm	Community Commission
June 4, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In/Choir Practice & Party
June 6, 5 pm	Men-O-Lan Staff Picnic
June 7	Trumbauersville Community Day
June 8	Pentecost
June 10, 7 pm	Mission Commission
June 18, 6:30 pm	Summer Picnic

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

Men-O-Lan Staff Picnic: The Mission Commission is hosting this annual picnic on June 6. They are asking for set up and service help (5-7 pm) and for food donations. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall, or call Karen Parzych (215-317-8424) for information or to volunteer.

Trumbauersville Community Day, June 7: Can you help with the West Swamp booth? We will have crafts and cookies for the kids, and giving out water bottles and information about West Swamp. Sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Karen Parzych for information or to volunteer.

Summer Picnic, Wednesday, June 18: Come out for hotdogs and picnic fare at our annual summer fellowship night. Bring a side dish to share if you can. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family!

The TLC Sunday School Class finished *The Chosen* series is taking a break for the summer. The class will start up again in September. The Bible Project Class continues to meet. Contact Lynne Rush if you're interested in joining.

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

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Oasis conference for BIPOC pastors and leaders**, happening this weekend in Tampa, FL. Please pray for safe travels, a time of refreshment and learning, and deepening relationships across the conference for those who are gathered.

Help us sort clothing donations for the fall shopping rush! Care & Share Thrift Shoppe in Souderton is excited to invite individuals, families, groups, age 8+ to our Great Clothing Sort, June 9 –

13! We look forward to welcoming both existing volunteers and new friends to this service opportunity! Learn more and register today – caresharethrif.org.

Join us for an old-fashioned **acapella hymn sing at Frederick Mennonite Church on Sunday, June 8**, from 2:30-4 pm, with light refreshments to follow. We'll be singing from the brown/red Mennonite Hymnal—hymnals will be provided. The GPS address is 526 Colonial Rd, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Questions? Contact Greg Law at gregbetty9604@verizon.net or call/text 610-256-7878.

Join **Everence®** for a **free webinar, Medicare With You in Mind**, on **Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 pm**. Learn about the parts of Medicare, when and how to enroll, and how to choose the right coverage—led by Certified Senior Advisors Cassandra Zetts and Leah Ludwig. To register, check out the Everence website. For questions, contact Brenda Shelly at Brenda.shelly@everence.com or (215) 703-0111. We look forward to having you join us!

YOU are invited to the Healthy Niños Honduras **17th Annual Golf Outing** on June 13 at the Butter Valley Golf Port in Bally, PA. Spend the day playing golf, earning prizes, and enjoying lunch while raising funds to help fight malnutrition in Honduras. Visit healthyninos.org/golf-outing to see more info and register

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.