

Cover Art: *Lakota Trinity*, by the late artist Father John Giuliani, a Catholic priest who was dedicated to creating Catholic iconography that celebrates the lives and cultures of Native Americans. It was painted for the Lakota community at the St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation.

The Trinity is central to Christian revelation in which God the Father gives the Son to the world as a love offering, confirmed and kept alive in the spirit of their mutual love and unity. In this image, the great **Father**—Wakan Tanka—appears with a full headdress of eagle feathers in a halo of light. His open hands deliver the **Son**, a victorious Sioux warrior whose raised arms and open hands reflect a similar gesture of self-giving. He wears a richly decorated buckskin war shirt—heavily fringed, beaded and painted with the four color circle of the universe as its breast plate. The eagle represents the **Holy Spirit** and completes the spiral of trinitarian love and unity.

Father Giuliani said, “In my work I try to celebrate a union of a common spiritual understanding to show how a single mystery can be approached through diverse cultures.”



Trinity Sunday

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Praise for the Morning ~ *arr. Lani Smith*
How Excellent Is Thy Name ~ *arr. Tim Moran*
Holy, Holy, Holy ~ *John B. Dykes*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Trinity Song

Welcome & Prayer

Singing Lord Jesus Christ be present now #22
Praise God the Source #95
O worship the Lord #124
Holy, holy, holy #120

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 8

Offering Fairest Lord Jesus ~ *arr. James Mansfield*

Scripture John 16:12-15

Sermon A Circle of Love *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response Let us be known by our love

Sharing & Praying

Sending May the grace of Christ #423

Benediction

Postlude The Glory of the Spirit ~ *Lani Smith*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeters: Louise & Don Butcher
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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Stewardship, Alex Parzych

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SEMILLA, the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala, which provides theological education for 13 Anabaptist-Mennonite conferences in Central America and Mexico. Through virtual education, it provides training to Spanish speakers around the world. Pray that SEMILLA would have all the resources necessary to continue this ministry.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

June 15, 2025

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

Calendar

June 17, 8 am	Knotting
June 17, 7 pm	Ministry Team
June 18, 6:30 pm	Summer Picnic
June 24, 8 am	Knotting
July 6, 10:30 am	Worship in the Pavilion

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

Pastor Michael is planning his summer messages. Help him out by emailing or texting him your questions about God, the Bible, church, life issues, etc. and we will look together to Jesus and the Scriptures for some insights later this summer.

Summer Picnic, June 18 at 6 pm: What better way is there to officially kick off summer than a picnic?! Come out for a fun Wednesday evening of roasted hot dogs, an array of salads and picnic fixings, and ice cream! There will be outdoor activities and good fellowship in and around the church pavilion. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share if possible. You won't want to miss it. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The monthly **Senior Luncheons** have been a fun time for our "over 60" friends to meet for good food and fellowship. We are thankful for everyone who made these events possible! There will be a summer break from the luncheons, but we hope to see everyone at the picnic in the pavilion (June 18, mentioned above). Senior luncheons will resume in September, third Thursday of the month. Join us!

Old-fashioned hymn sing, July 6: On the first Sunday in July, join us for a hymn-sing style worship service in the pavilion. Is there a hymn that has special meaning for you? Worship Commission is looking for a few people to share the story behind their well-loved hymn. Contact Joan Hallman or Lynne Rush if you would like to be a story teller. (It's one way of making sure YOUR special hymn is included!)

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the peace of Los Angeles, specifically Mosaic's Southern California congregations along with all who call LA their home, as they face increased immigration enforcement and militarization, and for all members of Mosaic congregations who are feeling anxious at this time. We continue to pray for God's grace and mercy and the Spirit's outpouring.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to enjoy an **afternoon of singing on June 22 from 2-4 pm**. We will gather at **Frick's Meetinghouse** (2951 Orvilla Road, Hatfield, PA) to kick off summer. We'll be lifting our voices to the songs in the red Mennonite Hymnal (1969) under the direction of Dock Academy's Rod Derstine and Michelle Sensenig. Come and worship amidst history and the beauty of creation. For more information, contact Regina Wenger at wengerr@mhep.org.

A **Free Financial Seminar** will be held on **June 28 from 10am-12pm** at **Bally Mennonite church**, Rt 100, Barto. **Everence** will offer expert advice on budgeting, credit repair and more. There will be a free give-away by The Deviators, refreshments, and activities for children. Come and bring a friend. For more information, please get in touch with Bally Mennonite church at churchoffice@ballymc.org or 610.845.7780.

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.