

Cover Art: *Zacchaeus*, 1913, by Niels Larsen Stevns (1864-1941)

Stevns, artist of the "Zacchaeus" painting, began a renewal movement for religious art in Denmark. His Biblical works focus on the promise of spiritual life, offering that which the practical world cannot offer. The raising of Lazarus, the Prodigal Son, and Mary Magdalene were several of his subjects. Stevns also illustrated the biography of Hans Christian Andersen.

"In determining to give half his possessions (justly and unjustly acquired) to the poor, Zacchaeus "is not fulfilling a rule, and Jesus has given no command." Instead Zacchaeus's gift is a spontaneous act of repentance, love, and gratitude. "It is a thankoffering expressive of a changed heart." (Ireland, 192)

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A wee little man
makes a big change

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

November 2, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Zaccheaus: The Story of a Changed Life
~ 2010 West Swamp Youth Production

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Come and see #20

Welcome & Prayer

Praising Marvelous grace #151
 My life is in you, Lord
 Take my life (Holiness)

Offering Change my heart, O God ~ *Eddie Espinosa*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Psalm 32

Worship Music The Power of Your Love *Chimin' In*

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

Sermon A wee little man makes *Pastor Michael*
 a big change

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response Will you come and follow me

Sharing & Prayer

Sending As you go out from here

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Louise Butcher
Greeters: Don & Louise Butcher
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer, Rod Rush
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Carl Raub, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Fall Quarter

The TLC class, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall: The Sermon on the Mount
The Bible Project class, 8:45 am, on Zoom: Exodus

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Ministry Team, Carl Raub

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Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Karen Parzych

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for churches in Ecuador, as members are living in times of great uncertainty and violence. Pray for their protection, as they respond with faith and integrity, naming and resisting the forces of fear and apathy. Pray also for Delicia, Peter and their two daughters as they walk alongside these churches.



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 2, 2025

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

Calendar

Nov. 4, 8 am	Knotting
Nov. 4, 7 pm	Community Commission
Nov. 11, 8 am	Knotting
Nov. 12, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Nov. 12, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Nov. 16, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Nov. 19, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Nov. 19, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Nov. 20, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

Poinsettia Sale: Deck the Halls and Help a Great Cause! Brighten your home and our sanctuary this Christmas season by purchasing poinsettias from our annual flower fundraiser. You may choose to take your flowers home on delivery day Sunday, Dec. 7, or to have your plants decorate the sanctuary through Advent and take them home after the Christmas Eve service. Order forms have been placed in your mailbox, and payments may be made on Dec. 7. The deadline to order is Sunday, Nov. 23. Proceeds will go to the Quakertown Code Blue Shelter. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Save the date! Mark your calendar for a carol sing on **Dec. 7 at 3 pm.** Enjoy your favorite carols as we tell the Christmas story. Invite neighbors and friends—especially ones who like to sing. Light refreshments (i.e. Christmas cookies) afterward. And for those of you who are wondering, the Eagles do NOT play on Dec. 7; they're the Monday night game that week.

2025 Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed			\$18,108.08	(\$4178.79 per week)
September Receipts			\$15,355.35	(avg \$3838.84)
September Disbursements			\$18,669.10	
September	Deficit		\$3,313.75	
YTD Budget	Deficit		\$10,946.15	
September 2024 YTD	Deficit		\$10,560.65	

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All congregations in Mosaic Mennonite Conference are invited to pray for **Mosaic Conference**, and especially the new congregations who have been affirmed as a Mosaic member and were welcomed at yesterday's Fall Delegate Assembly.

Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 am-2 pm.** at **50 E. Paletown Rd., for Quakertown Christian School Christmas Vendor Market!** Shop local vendors and find unique gifts for everyone on your list. Enjoy soups, lunch, and treats from the bake sale. Kids will love the Lil' Shopper's Shoppe! For more information, visit quakertownchristian.org/events or email etalese@quakertownchristian.org.

Healthy Niños Honduras is hosting its **Annual Banquet & Silent Auction** on **Nov. 8** at Quakertown Christian School. Enjoy a delicious hot buffet dinner, hear an update about the work being done in Honduras, and have a chance to take home gift cards, homemade goods, or other items to get your Christmas shopping started. Register at <https://healthyninos.org/banquet> or at 267-377-5058. We look forward to celebrating another year of helping families in rural communities of Honduras.

Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton is excited to host the **Messiah University Concert Choir** for a special performance, "Songs of Peace & Thanksgiving," on Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm. This inspiring evening of music will feature a beautiful collection of songs celebrating peace and gratitude.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne is working mostly from home, and in the office when possible. Contact her at 215-538-5311 or 267-272-3089.