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Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed **\$18,228.33** (\$4,206.54 per week)

February Receipts \$16,358.45 (avg. \$4,089.61)

February Disbursements \$19,766.99

YTD Receipts \$30,321.96

YTD Disbursements \$38,105.06

2026 Budget Total **\$218,740**

February **Deficit \$3,408.54**

YTD Budget **Deficit \$7,783.10**

February 2025 YTD **Deficit \$3,858.73**

Cash on Hand 2/28/2026 #183,390.92

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

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Standing up and standing back

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Close to Thee ~ *arr. Marianne Kim*
Lord Jesus, Think on Me ~ *Daniel E. Gawthrop*
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ~ *J.W. King*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Jesus, we are here

Welcome
Call to Worship

Praising Meet with me
I stand amazed in the presence #528
Here on Christ the Rock

Offering Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ~ *arr. Cindy Berry*

We Hear God's Word

Drama *Peter's story*
Worship Music Don't Be Afraid *Choir*

Scripture John 18:12-27

Sermon Standing up and standing back *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Confession Poem

Song Lord, I want to be a Christian #444

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Just a closer walk with thee
Benediction

Postlude Who Is on the Lord's Side? ~ *arr. Sir John Goss*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Sue Howes
Greeters: Randy Rush, Gretchen Isaak
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 Winter 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

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), *vacant*

Mission, Karen Parzych

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 1, 2026

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

Calendar

Mar. 3, 8 am	Knotting
Mar. 3, 7 pm	Community Commission
Mar. 4, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Mar. 4, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Mar. 10, 8 am	Knotting
Mar. 10, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Mar. 11, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission



Notes:

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

My Coins Count! During Lent we will be collecting coins for MCC's education projects around the world. Projects like this: In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, MCC and local churches are helping families who had to flee to a different part of the country because of fighting. Their work includes various forms of help like aid in buying school uniforms and supplies, and providing French books for learning a new language. When you give your coins, you are making a difference in the world in so many ways!

Join the **TLC Sunday School Class** at 9:30 am every Sunday for donuts, coffee and a study of the Sermon on the Mount.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **Midian Leadership Project**, a Conference-Related Ministry in Charleston, WV, as they travel to bring their trauma-informed athletics research to a soccer tournament on the border of Thailand and Myanmar, led by Arelti. Pray for them as they connect across cultures and follow the Lord's leading into new places.

Come to the Mennonite Heritage Center on Mar. 7, from 10 am -12 pm. for **"The Why and What of Anabaptism: A Congregational Resourcing Workshop with Karl Landis."** He will offer an opportunity for participants to equip their congregations with a concise and memorable understanding of Anabaptist beliefs and practices. Registration is required (\$20/person): Copies of his book, *Inside Mennonite Life and Thought*, will also be available for sale. Refer to this flyer for more information.

Finding Hope & Rhythm in a Chaotic World—Women's Retreat at Camp Men-O-Lan, Mar. 21, 9am-3 pm. Enjoy a continental breakfast, worship, sharing, a craft, and lunch with speaker Jessica Meade (Foundations Christian Counseling). Cost: \$40; for ladies 18 and older.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday-working from home; Tuesday-Thursday, 10-12:30 (hopefully).