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## ***Knowing the voice of Jesus***

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<b>Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed</b>	<b>\$18,228.33</b>	(\$4,206.54 per week)
<b>March Receipts</b>	\$30,803.24	(avg. \$6,106.65)
<b>March Disbursements</b>	\$20,388.36	
<b>YTD Receipts</b>	\$61,125.20	
<b>YTD Disbursements</b>	\$58,493.42	
<b>2026 Budget Total</b>		<b>\$218,740</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$10,414.88</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,631.78</b>

*Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Sunday Worship

April 26, 2026

10:30 A.M.

**Prelude**                      Sheep Beneath the Snow ~ *Manx Air*  
                                      Si Bheag, Si Mhor ~ *Turlough O'Carolan*  
                                      Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ~ *William B. Bradbury*

### We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song                      Shepherd me, O God                      #519

Welcome & Prayer  
Greeting One Another

Praising                              Praise the One                              #117  
  Fairest Lord Jesus  
  Wonderful words of life

Scripture                              Psalm 23

Offering                              The King of Love My Shepherd Is ~ *Irish Melody*

### We Hear God's Word

Worship Music                      I heard the voice of Jesus say                      *Choir*

Scripture                              John 10:1-10

Sermon                              Knowing the voice of Jesus                      *Pastor Michael*

### We Respond to God's Word

Song                                      O Christ, impart your teaching

Sharing & Prayer

Sending                              He leadeth me                              #599

Benediction

Postlude

### This Sunday

**Worship Leader:**              Emily Rush  
**Greeters:**                      Bev & George Mellan  
**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 Spring Quarter

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

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#### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**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*

*April 26, 2026*

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

**Calendar**

Apr. 28, 8 am	Knitting & Quilting
Apr. 29, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Apr. 29, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
May 5, 8 am	Knitting & Quilting



**Notes:**

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

**Thanks for your generosity:** We collected \$521.60 for My Coins Count. This year's collection supports MCC's education projects around the world.

**Save these dates:**

**Trumbauersville Community Day, June 6, 3-7 pm:** West Swamp will have a table at this event. We are going to have a plinko game for the kids this year, with prizes for them. The Mission Commission is looking for anyone that would like to come and join the fun.

**Men-O-Lan Staff Picnic, June 19:** The Mission Commission will be hosting this annual meal, and need food items and people to help that evening.

Look for sign up sheets for both these events in the fellowship hall (sometime in May).

**Courage to Enter the Song:** This 4-week Bible study will meet Mondays at 6 pm, beginning May 4, at the home of Lynne Rush and will include a simple supper. There are a couple books still available. Contact Lynne if interested in learning how to resist Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism.

**2026 Directory Updates:** If you did not get your update packet yet, please let the secretary know. (Don't want to print out more than we need!) If you would like the secretary to update your directory, she is more than happy to do that. If you are behind in your updates, please accept this offer! If you need a new binder, let her know. (NOTE: Early packets went out with a typo, so make sure Gretchen Isaak's cell phone number is correct in the Address List: 267-221-5647.)

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Vibrant Identity class** that meets for an intensive in-person class this week in southeastern PA. Please pray for deepened relationship building and understanding of history, polity, and identity for the second cohort of Vibrant Mosaic congregations.

**Zion Mennonite** invites you to participate in **Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence**. We honor lives lost by displaying named T-shirts across Zion's property. The community walk is **today** at 1 pm, beginning at Zion and continuing to the park, where participants can sign advocacy letters to legislators. The walk concludes at Zwingli Church.

**Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse** and the Bucks County Folk Song Society will collaborate for the BCFSS Annual Members Showcase Live Concert on Saturday, **May 9, 7:30 pm** at Perkasie Mennonite Church, 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. All are welcome. Accessible.

How did Mennonites respond as revolutionary fervor spread throughout the American colonies? Learn about their stories at **"A Crisis of Allegiance: American Mennonites during the Revolutionary War"** at the Mennonite Heritage Center on Thursday, May 7, 7-8:30 p.m. This program presents the range of national Mennonite responses through a local lens. Joel Horst Nofziger will contextualize the historical conflict and Pastor Rob Presthus will respond with some implications for today.

**Mark your calendars:** Men-O-Lan's **Summerfest** is **May 16**, 9-2, and includes a live auction, kids' games and activities, barrel train rides, an animal show and of course, lots of good food.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday-Thursday, working mostly from home this week.