

Cover Art: *I am the Road, the Truth and Life*, ca. 1909. Detail of the upper part of the door way, main entrance, Vasakyrkan, Gothenburg, Sweden. On the top it says, "Jag är Vägen och Sanningen och Lifvet", meaning "I am the Road, the Truth and Life". Photo and text from Jopparn.

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Doing greater things

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
May 3, 2026

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

Calendar

May 5, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
May 8, 7 pm	Benefit concert for The Drop
May 12, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
May 12, 7 pm	Mission Commission
May 13, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
May 13, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
May 16, 9 am	Men-O-Lan Summerfest
May 17, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

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).

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!

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **Resplandece Mennonite** (Pembroke Pines, FL and hybrid) as they recently welcomed Haroldo Nunes as their next pastor. May God grant Nunes wisdom, courage, and a shepherd's heart as he serves the congregation.

Benefit Concert for The Drop: Laura Williams, with special guest Jay Davids, will perform on **May 8, 7 pm**, at Morning Star Fellowship Church (429 S. 9th St, Quakertown). 100% of donations go towards supporting The Drop.

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 pm**. 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.

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.

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-Wednesday, 9-4. Pastor Michael will be away May 7-11. For emergency pastoral care during that time, contact Joan Hallman (215-679-0441).

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