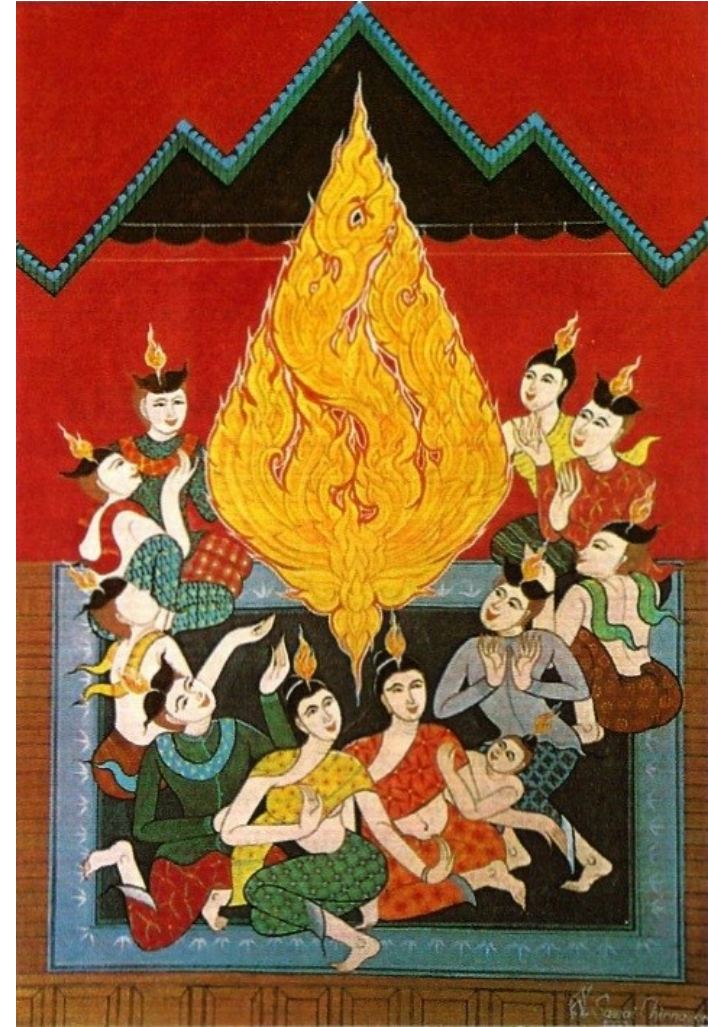


Cover Art: *Pentecost*, by Sawai Chinnawong, 1997. Sawai was born in Thailand in 1959. He grew up in the Buddhist tradition and it was the enjoyment of Buddhist paintings which made him determined to become an artist. During high school he converted to Christianity. After studying art at the Tai-wichitsin Institute in Bangkok, he entered the McGilvray Faculty of Theology at Payap University, Chiangmai, where he graduated with arts and theology degrees in 1989. Since then he has been part of the Church Arts program of the Church of Christ in Thailand. This innovative program funds indigenous Christian art in Thailand and encourages its use in churches. His paintings use traditional Thai art forms and images to convey the Christian message in a way local people will understand.

In this Thai portrayal of Pentecost, a curtain marks off the space in which the disciples met as a family. The artist introduces a nice touch by reminding us that children were present at Pentecost and the Holy Spirit came to them as well. The clothing of the people shows that those of both high-class and low-class society received the flame of the Spirit. In Thai mythology, red is the color of heaven and the strong use of red in the painting is the reminder that heaven came to the people at Pentecost.



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| Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed | \$18,228.33 | (\$4,206.54 per week) |
| April Receipts | \$14,780.48 | (avg. \$3,695.12) |
| April Disbursements | \$15,195.31 | |
| YTD Receipts | \$75,905.68 | |
| YTD Disbursements | \$73,688.73 | |
| 2026 Budget Total | | \$218,740 |
| April | Deficit | \$414.83 |
| YTD Budget | Surplus | \$2,216.95 |

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

Spirit poured out

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

May 24, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Breathe on Me, Breath of God ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ~ *arr. Labenske*
Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove ~ *arr. Lani Smith*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Spirit of the living God #349

Welcome & Prayer
Greeting One Another

Praising Holy Spirit, come with power #26
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit
Gracious Spirit

Scripture Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Offering Every Time I Feel the Spirit ~ *arr. Lloyd Larson*

We Hear God's Word

Worship Music Spirit of life *Choir*

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Spirit poured out *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song Holy Spirit

Sharing & Prayer

Sending May the face of God shine on you
Benediction

Postlude My Country 'tis of Thee ~ *arr. Victor Labenske*
Graveside Memorial Service

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Louise Butcher
Greeters: Sue Howes, Cheryl Fritzinger
Pianist: Joan Hallman
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 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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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

May 24, 2026

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

Calendar

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| May 26, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| May 27, 6:30 pm | Final Music practice & party |
| May 31 | Summer Sermon Series begins |
| June 2, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| June 6 | Trumbauersville Community Day |



Notes:

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

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. Sign up sheet is on the FH bulletin board.

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.

Directory Updates (already):

Rod and Lynne Rush no longer have their land line. Reach Rod at 215-490-7626 and Lynne, for the time being, at 267-272-3089.

Richard Rosenberger's address is now 2849 Big Rd, Apt 1206, Zieglersville, PA 19492.

Corinne High's address is now 2231 Keiper Rd, Unit B, PO Box 12, Spinnerstown, PA 18968.

Need assistance or company? Or know someone who does? Corinne High is available as a helper who can help around the house and assist with grocery shopping.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Vibrant Discipleship** class that meets for an intensive in-person class this week in Akron, PA. Please pray for the first cohort of congregations as they complete this final class of the Vibrant Mosaic program, focused on being formed by scripture.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to come enjoy an afternoon of singing on May 31, from 2-4 pm at Frick's Meetinghouse (2951 Orvilla Road, Hatfield) to kick off summer! We will be lifting our voices using the blue Hymnal: A Worship Book under the direction of Helen Eastburn and Isaac Longacre. Be advised that Frick's Meetinghouse is not climate-controlled. Please be mindful of the weather and prepare accordingly.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

Graveside Memorial Service

May 24, 2026

A Litany of Remembrance

- L: Creator God, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- P: A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by; teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
- L: Sustainer of life, satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- P: May your deeds be sown to your servants, your splendor to their children.**
- L: Ancient of Days, you have been our dwelling place from generation to generation.
Here, in your Ground of Love,
even death becomes a time of seed planting,
from which new life eternally springs forth.
- P: We give thanks, O God, for your life and love that have no end.**
- L: On this day we remember those who have gone before us in faith, in hope and in love.
We remember those who have joined us in the communion of the church
and others we have joined in the communion of life:

Mary Ames

January 3, 2026

Evelyn High

January 18, 2026

Dick Miller

March 12, 2026

- L: O God, in their death we feel the pain of absence.
In their death, through the unity of Christ,
we also know the joy of continued presence.
May the great cloud of witnesses
bless and sustain our daily living.

**P: We give thanks, O God,
for your life and love that have no end. Amen.**

Song: "In the bulb there is a flower"

Blessing

In the bulb there is a flower 614

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1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy.
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free!
There's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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