



Summer Sermon Series: Prayer

Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed		\$18,228.33 (\$4,206.54 per week)
May Receipts	\$17,244.80	(avg. \$3,448.96)
May Disbursements	\$19,396.89	
YTD Receipts	\$93,150.48	
YTD Disbursements	\$93,085.62	
2026 Budget Total		\$218,740
May	Deficit	\$2,152.09
YTD Budget	Surplus	\$64.86

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

June 21, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer ~ *arr.*
For Those with Whom Our Loves Are Bound
~ *Duck/Miller*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song There is a place of quiet rest #5

Welcome & Prayer

Greeting One Another

Songs of Prayer Rain down
 For the beauty of the earth #89
 The Lord's Prayer (It's yours)

Scripture James 5:13-16

Offering Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ~ *Ken Medema*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 6:12, 13

Sermon Drawing near to Jesus through spiritual practices:
 Prayer *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song I must tell Jesus

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Somebody prayed for me

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeters: Elaine & Lee Propst
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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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Carl Raub

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), *vacant*

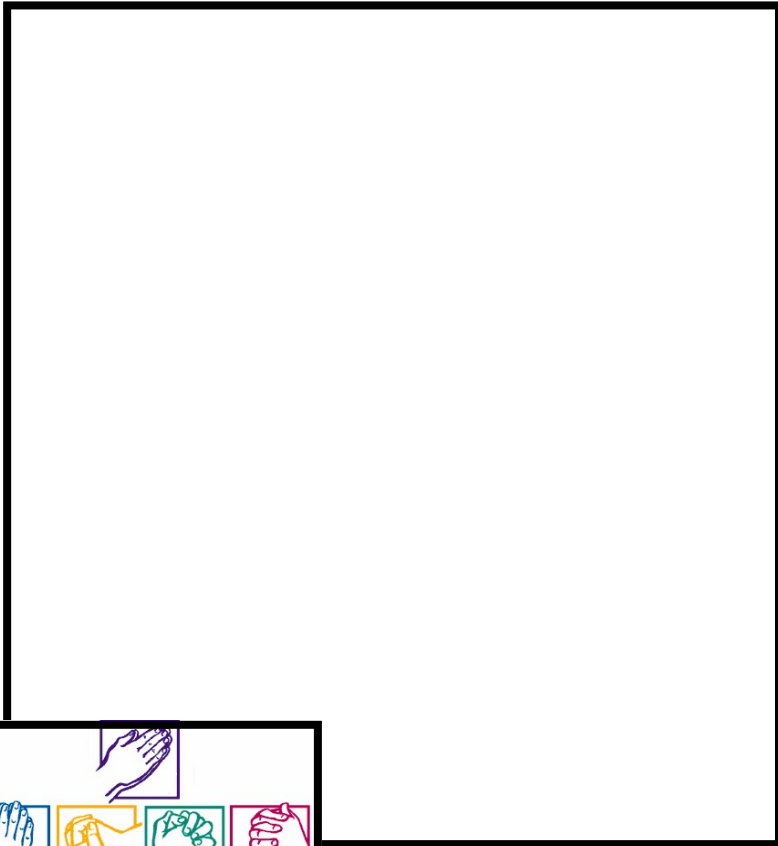
Mission, Karen Parzych

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan



Notes:

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
June 21, 2026
Discovering together how to follow Jesus
and make our community and world a better place

Calendar

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| June 21, 12 pm | Sunday Lunch Bunch |
| June 23, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| June 30, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| July 5 | Worship in the Pavilion |

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recovery from my surgeries. I'm working hard in physical therapy and hope to be back to church soon. ~ **Karen Parzych**

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with our Trumbauersville Community Day booth and the Men-O-Lan Staff Picnic. The time you put into making them successful events is greatly appreciated by the Mission Commission.

Worship in the Pavilion, July 5: Bring a lunch for some extra fellowship after the service.

Directory Updates:

Carl & Cindy Raub no longer have their land line. Reach Carl at 610-554-5057 and Cindy at 610-554-5200. **And a correction** to Rod Rush' number. It's 267-490-7626. (His wife, who can dial it without thinking, accidentally put 215!)

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 congregations are invited to pray for the following young adult Ambassador participants, who began their service this month and the congregation they are serving: **Marciella Shallomita of Nations Worship Center** (Philadelphia); **Dustin Aurelius of Indonesian Light Church** (Philadelphia); **Lincoln Matonti of Redemption Church of Bristol**; and **Josiah Yoder at Philadelphia Praise Center**. Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

Come Join the Fun and Cheer for Your Favorite Team! Zion is hosting a **World Cup Watch Party** on **June 25** from 4–9 pm at Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton, PA. Enjoy an exciting evening of soccer, fellowship, and great food as we watch the action together. There will also be soccer-themed activities for children, making it a fun event for the whole family. Bring your team spirit and join us for a memorable World Cup celebration!

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

Journey Inward/Journey Outward - Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

James 5:13-16

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

"When it comes to prayer, we're all just beginners."

— *St. Theresa of Avila*

Romans 8:26 and 27

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Action step: Pray through the Lord's Prayer slowly, phrase by phrase, every day this week.

Action step: Use the ACTS-L acrostic to spend up to half an hour in prayer.

Adoration - Praising God for who God is

Confession - Agreeing with God about the parts of your life that aren't what God wants them to be

Thanksgiving - Thanking God for what God has done

Supplication - Asking God to move in your life, the lives of others and our world

Lament - Complaining to God about the evil in your life and in our world

Action step: Experiment with contemplative prayer and breath prayers.