



Summer Sermon Series: Generosity

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

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

June 28, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude My Savior, First of All ~ *arr. Tracey & Craig McKibbin*
We're Marching to Zion *with* Sonata in G Major
~ *Haydn/Cindy Berry*
More Precious than Silver ~ *Lynn DeShazo*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song God is here among us #16

Welcome & Prayer
Greeting One Another

Songs of Prayer I sing the mighty power of God #46
10,000 reasons
Behold, what manner of love

Scripture Psalm 24

Offering I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ~ *arr. Aaron Williams*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 6:19-24

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

We Respond to God's Word

Song Multiply your love

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Go now in peace, worship continues

Benediction

Postlude Heaven Is a Wonderful Place ~ *O.A. Lambert*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Emily Rush
Greeters: Lee & Elaine 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, Room 104: The book of James
The Bible Project class, 8:45 am, on Zoom: Leviticus

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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

June 28, 2026

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

Calendar

June 30, 8 am

Knotting & Quilting

July 5

Worship in the Pavilion

July 7, 8 am

Knotting & Quilting



Notes:



~ **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: Pastor Michael will preach about the spiritual practice of solitude. Bring a lunch for some extra fellowship time 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 and the congregation or ministry they are serving: **Brendan Sagastume** of Healthy Ninos

Honduras; **Jadon Harley** of Ripple Church and Ripple Community, Inc.; **Josiah Marrero** of Crossroads Community Center; and **Evan Hamm** at Souderton Mennonite. Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to savor history at its **Semiquincentennial Celebration Feast** on **July 11**, 11 am to 1 pm. MHC will provide the main dishes, and we ask each participant to prepare a historic dish item. When participants register, they select the item they'd like to bring. The cost is \$10 to help cover the cost of the mains. Registration is required. To register, contact Regina Wenger at rwenger@mhep.org.

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes is moving to Harleysville and needs **volunteers** to assist with the move and setup! Help support Mennonite Central Committee and sign up today at caresharethrift.org.

Pancake Breakfast at **Bally Mennonite Church**, Route 100, Bally, July 18, 7-10 am. Pancakes & French toast, scrapple & sausage, eggs, and beverages. All are welcome. Cost: Donation. Proceeds will support global refugee relief efforts through Mennonite Central Committee. Questions: 610-845-7780 or visit www.ballymc.org.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

Journey Inward/Journey Outward - Generosity

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

WATCH OUT FOR GREED

Luke 12:15—Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

1 Timothy 6:6, 7—Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

"If he stores it up as a permanent possession, he spoils not only the gift, but himself as well, for he sets his heart on accumulated wealth, and makes it a barrier between himself and God. Where our treasure is, there is our trust, our security, our consolation and our God. Hoarding is idolatry."

"Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety. Yet all the time they are the very source of our anxiety."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

Action step: Memorize Luke 12:15 this week and imagine Jesus saying it to you.

Richard Foster *Celebration of Discipline*

1. Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
2. Reject anything producing an addiction in you.
3. Develop a habit of giving things away.
4. Refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
5. Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
6. Develop a deeper appreciation for the creation.
7. Look with healthy skepticism at usury (buy now, pay later) schemes.
8. Obey Jesus' commands regarding plain, honest speech (Matt 5:37)
9. Reject anything that breeds oppression in others.
10. Shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the kingdom of God.

Hebrews 13:5—Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

ALL WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD

Deuteronomy 8:17-18—You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

1 Corinthians 16:2—On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up.

Acts 20:35—It is more blessed to give than to receive.

BE GENEROUS TO THE POOR

Deuteronomy 26:12—When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

James 1:27—Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.

Action step: Sit down this week with whoever you manage finances with and evaluate the current state of your generosity. Ask Jesus where he is leading you to be more generous.

Action step: Treat someone to coffee or a meal this week.