



Summer Sermon Series: Service

Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed	\$18,228.33	(\$4,206.54 per week)
June Receipts	\$13,059.05	(avg. \$3,264.76/wk)
June Disbursements	\$14,892.01	
YTD Receipts	\$106,209.53	
YTD Disbursements	\$107,997.63	
2026 Budget Total		\$218,740
May	Deficit	\$1,832.96
YTD Budget	Deficit	\$1,768.10

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

July 12, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord
Blessed Assurance ~ *Phoebe P. Knapp*
The Longer I Serve Him ~ *arr. Fred Bock*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Kindle in us your love

Welcome & Prayer
Greeting One Another

Singing Lord, whose love
Praise, I will praise you, Lord
Longing for light

Scripture Isaiah 58:5-7

Offering Make Me a Servant ~ *arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 13:12-17; Matthew 6:1-4

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

We Respond to God's Word

Song Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

Sharing & Prayer

Sending As you go out from here

Benediction

Postlude I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
~ *African American Spiritual*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Emily Rush
Greeters: Jan & Denny Wieand
Piano: 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, Room 104: The book of James
The Bible Project class, 8:45 am, on Zoom: Leviticus

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Ministry Team, Carl Raub

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Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

July 12, 2026

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

Calendar

July 14, 8 am

Knotting & Quilting

July 21, 8 am

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Aug. 9, 10:30 am

Men-O-Lan Sunday



Notes:

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

The knotters need help! They are running short of tops. If you are interested in sewing patches together, or helping with that process, contact Lynne.

Mark your calendar now: Men-O-Lan Sunday is Aug. 9. This is another way to support our Haitian brothers and sisters during a difficult time. We will worship together, share a meal, and enjoy what MOL has to offer—the lake, the pool, recreation, etc.

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: **Karen Ann Walojo** of International Worship Church (San Gabriel, CA); **Heydi Perez** of Iglesia Menonita Shalom (Tampa, FL); **Demarcus Daniels** of Midian Leadership Project (Charleston, WV); and **Santiago Gomez** of Iglesia de Liderazgo y Fe (Barranquilla, Colombia). Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

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: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-4.

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

Journey Inward/Journey Outward - Service

John 13:12-17

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

The spiritual practice of service is the expression of Jesus-like love through meeting the practical needs of another, especially those most in need of help.

Service is:

- 1. Being with Jesus among the needs of others where he promises his presence.**
- 2. Becoming like Jesus as you are shaped increasingly into his image by imitating his self-giving love.**
- 3. Doing as he did as you make his mission your own.**

Galatians 5:22, 23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Matthew 7:16-20

¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

What is growing from your life?

Hiddenness

Matthew 6:1-4

¹ “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Kinship

Matthew 20:25-28

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Interruptability

Matthew 20:29-34

²⁹ As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

³¹ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

³² Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³³ “‘Lord,’ they answered, ‘we want our sight.’”

³⁴ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Action step: Bring food for Bean Bag and the food bank.

Action step: Take the initiative and serve someone in your household.

Action step: Memorize Galatians 5:13—Serve one another humbly in love.