

What's the big idea?



Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed	\$18,228.33	(\$4,206.54 per week)
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July Receipts	\$13,734.71	(avg. \$3,433.68/wk)
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July Disbursements	\$20,798.72
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YTD Receipts	\$119,944.24
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YTD Disbursements	\$128,776.35
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2026 Budget Total	\$218,740
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July	Deficit	\$7,064.01
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YTD Budget	Deficit	\$8,832.11
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*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

August 23, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude Sent Forth by God's Blessing ~ *Welsh traditional*
The Peace of the Earth Be with You ~ *Guatemala trad.*
God Be with You till We Meet Again ~ *W. G. Tomer*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Jesus, stand among us

Welcome & Prayer
Greeting One Another

Singing You alone
Great is thy faithfulness
God of the Bible

Scripture Micah 6:6-8

Offering Take My Life ~ *William Dexheimer-Pharris*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Matthew 28:18-20; 22:36-39

Sermon What's the big idea? *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song Lord, you give the great commission

Sharing & Prayer

Litany of Blessing

Sending The Lord lift you up
Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Emily Rush
Greeter: Chris Allem
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

August 23, 2026

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

Calendar

Aug. 23	Farewell Luncheon for the Howes
Aug. 25, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Aug. 30	Pastor Charlene Smalls preaches
Sept 1, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Sept. 6	Pastor Jeff Wright preaches
Sept. 16	Music practices resume
Sept. 17, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Sept. 20, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch



Notes:

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

Farewell Luncheon, today: You are invited to remain after the service for one last meal together with Pastor Michael & Sue as we bid them farewell and send them on their way to the next stage of their journey with Jesus.

New address: Pastor Michael & Sue's mailing address is 64674 Orchard Drive, Goshen, IN 46526. Their emails and cell phones remain the same.

Holes to fill: Besides losing a pastor, we are also losing another person from our worship leader pool. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to those who help lead worship. If the idea seems a bit daunting, start out small: volunteer to read scripture or give the offering prayer. Resources are available, you don't need to write your own material (though that is welcome too). Talk to Joan Hallman or Lynne Rush to see if this is a hole you can help fill.

Bean Bag Project: The Bean Bag target item for Aug. 30 is 1 lb bags or boxes of rice. Please put items in the collection bin in the fellowship hall. Other items from the list are welcome too! Thank you for your donations.

Ag Daze: The past several years West Swamp has had a table at Ag Daze and we would like to continue this. Ag Daze is Sept. 12 at Molasses Creek Park. We are looking for someone that would be interested in organizing this event. We have a plinko board that can be used with prizes for kids. You would need to purchase prizes and organize volunteers for the event. Please contact Karen Parzych (215-317-8424) if you are interested.

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.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek to identify new Board Members who will begin serving in 2027. May they sense the Spirit's wisdom in their conversations toward leaders who will faithfully guide Mosaic now and into the future.

Your Story Matters: This event is **Sept. 12, 9:30 am-12 pm** (doors open at 9 am) at **Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton**. Join three Christian authors (Beverly Benner Miller, Bonnie Moyer and Lisa Stenger) as they highlight the transformative power of sharing their stories and how it has revealed God's work in our lives with the purpose of helping others. Contact the church office for RSVP info; registration deadline is Sept. 1.

15th Annual Sporting Clays Event: Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to their exciting Sporting Clays Event on **Sept. 12** at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays. Gather your own group of 2-4 shooters, or come solo and get assigned to a team. RSVP at 484-916-8636.

Church Office Hours

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