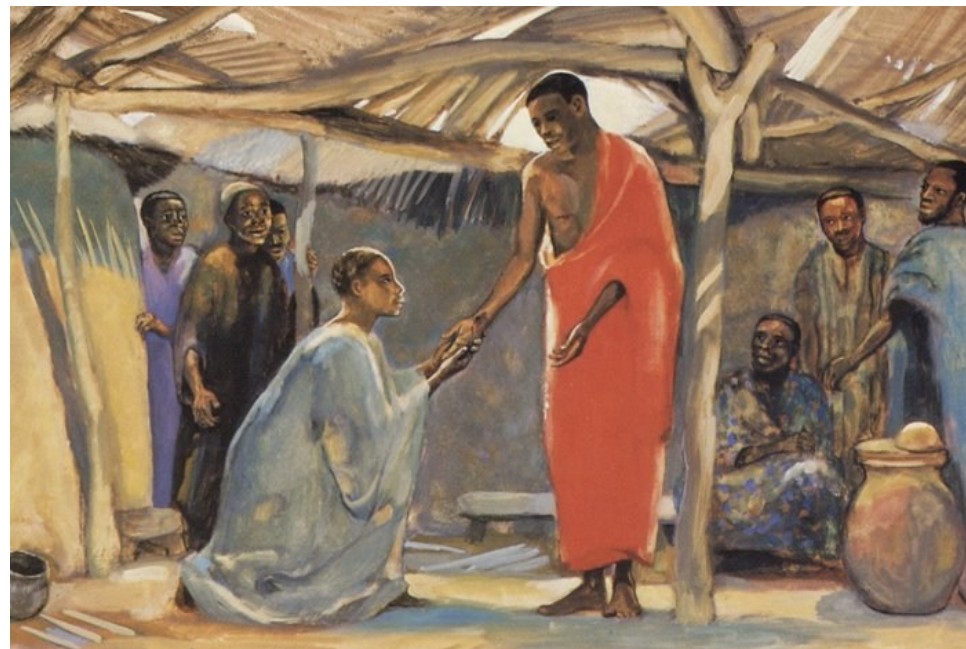


Cover Art: *Jesus appears to Thomas, 1973*. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Attribution: JESUS MAFA. Jesus appears to Thomas, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48302> [retrieved April 9, 2026]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).



Receiving peace and being sent

Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed	\$18,228.33	(\$4,206.54 per week)
March Receipts	\$30,803.24	(avg. \$6,106.65)
March Disbursements	\$20,388.36	
YTD Receipts	\$61,125.20	
YTD Disbursements	\$58,493.42	
2026 Budget Total		\$218,740
March	Surplus	\$10,414.88
YTD Budget	Surplus	\$2,631.78

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

April 12, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude The Strife Is O'er ~ *Giovanni P. da Palestrina*
 Low in the Grave He Lay ~ *Robert Lowry*
 Christ Has Risen, Alleluia! ~ *Haya traditional*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Jesus, stand among us #25

Welcome & Prayer

Praising *What Easter favorites would you
 like to sing?*

Scripture Psalm 16

Offering My Coins Count ~ *Bryan Moyer Suderman*

We Hear God's Word

Worship Music Go and Tell *Choir*

Scripture John 20:19-31

Sermon Receiving peace and being sent *Pastor Michael*

We Respond to God's Word

Song These things did Thomas count

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Use us, God

Benediction

Postlude

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Deb Stevenback
Greeters: Nancy & Don Jacobs
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer, Rod Rush
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

West Swamp Mennonite Church

2501 Allentown Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-7468

E-Mail: westswamp1@verizon.net

Website: www.westswamp.org

Pastor: Michael Howes

717-419-4228, howes.michael@gmail.com

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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

April 12, 2026

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

Calendar

Apr. 12, 3 pm	Ripple Meal
Apr. 14, 8 am	Knotting
Apr. 14, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Apr. 15, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In Practice
Apr. 15, 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Apr. 16, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Apr. 19, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Apr. 21, 8 am	Knotting
Apr. 21, 7 pm	Ministry Team



Notes:

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

2026 Directory Updates are available in the fellowship hall. Please sign the pad if you pick one up. If you would like the secretary to update your directory, she is more than happy to do that. If you are behind in your updates, please accept this offer! If you need a new binder, let her know. (**NOTE:** If you already picked up your update packet, please correct Gretchen Isaak's cell phone number in the Address List: 267-221-5647.)

My Coins Count! This is the last day for our collection. Thank you for all the coins you've donated. You are making a difference in the world in so many ways!

Bible Project Sunday School Class: We've finished Exodus! Now we invite you to join us as we take a deep dive into (drum roll, please) Leviticus. Woo-hoo! If you've always struggled to get through what may seem to be a dry book about boring rules and regulations, now's your chance to really explore and understand how much God wishes to dwell in the midst of his people. We meet by Zoom at 8:45 am. Contact Lynne Rush for the link.

Ripple Meal, today: The Mission Commission is hosting a meal for the Ripple Congregation of Allentown. If you would like to attend the 4 pm service or help serve the meal, see Karen Parzych.

Senior Luncheon, Apr. 16: Keep your Easter celebration going as you enjoy a delicious noon meal, games and fellowship. All those 60 and up are invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Sunday Lunch Bunch, Apr. 19: Join the bunch after the worship service at Sal's Pizza Randa for lunch and fellowship.

Courage to Enter the Song: Lynne Rush invites you to take part in a four week Bible study by Mennonite Action. If you are interested in learning how to resist Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism, while also seeking ways to find rest and renewal,

this study is for you. The study would probably be on Monday, Thursday or Friday evenings at her home, and possibly include a simple supper. Let her know if you are interested or have questions.

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

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the Conference-Related Ministry **Material Resource Center** in Harleysville, PA, especially on April 13-15 as they host the **MCC Mobile Meat Canner**. Over 300 volunteers will process and can 24,000 pounds of meat over 3 days. The canned meat provides nourishment for those around the world who experience war, weather disasters, poverty, famine, and other emergency situations.

Mosaic Women's Annual Gathering: All women within Mosaic congregations or ministries are invited to join us on Saturday, April 18, 10 am-2 pm with the theme of **Well-Watered Women** (Isaiah 58:11). The presenter is Pastor Letty Cortes of Centro de Alabanza. Join for worship and teaching together on Zoom, with regional gatherings (Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida) for lunch and afternoon activities. More info and registration at mosaicmennonites.org/women/.

Zion Mennonite invites you to participate in **Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence**. We honor lives lost by displaying named T-shirts across Zion's property. Installation will take place Apr. 12 at 12 pm. The community walk is Sunday, Apr. 26 at 1: pm, beginning at Zion and continuing to the park, where participants can sign advocacy letters to legislators. The walk concludes at Zwingli Church.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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