



Towamencin Mennonite Church

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to extend God’s healing, hope and forgiveness to all.”

March 20, 2011

“Being Human: Called and Shaped by Jesus”

Gathering: “The Church as Community”

Gathering, Connecting, Sharing God Sightings & Praying

Praising: “The Church Worshipping God”

Worship In Song & Children’s Time

Teaching: “The Church Studying God’s Word”

Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-17

Sermon: “Shaped by New Birth”

Responding: “The Church Responding to Jesus”

Responding in Song, Giving Back to God

Sending: “The Church Goes Out Into the World”

Offertory: Jessica Leatherman

Music Leader: Loren Parmer

Worship Leader: Gerald Derstine

We are glad you joined us today! Child care is provided during the worship service. The nursery is located above the foyer. The Ushers/Greeters will be happy to assist you or answer any questions you may have.

Everyone is welcome to a fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

Sunday School, for all ages, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Jubilee Verse for the Week:

Micah 4: 3

“He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

Prayer Points

-Pray for those who are dealing with health issues and are seeking God’s touch of physical healing. Pray for Regine Greaser, Hedwig Kowalewski (Gisela Derstine’s mother), Jordan Delp, Mikhail Kara, Cheryl Kulp, Mike Bergey, and Evelyn Nice.

-Danny Canaviri will be leaving this week for Kenya. Pray for safe travels, for team unity, and for the ability to share the light of Christ with those he is ministering to.

-Pray for the people of Japan as they recover from the devastating earthquake and tsunami. Pray for them as they mourn the many casualties and as they work at rebuilding their lives and homes. Pray that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs would be able to be met.

-Pray for “Kitty” who is a 31-year old woman who has become a friend of Regine Greaser. Her cancer has caused her to be blind. Pray for her as she continues to deal with cancer as well as the loss of her sight. Pray for God’s touch of peace and healing to be upon her.

-Be in prayer for our upcoming Spring Bible Study and Fellowship nights beginning on March 30. Pray that the study of Jonah would bring us new insights into God’s word. Pray also that our time of fellowship would draw us closer together as a congregation.

Announcements

The **MYF dinner and auction** will held this Saturday here at the church. A list of the donated items is in your church mailbox today. Supper will be served beginning at 5 p.m. The auction will start at 6:30 p.m.



Plan to give blood at the **Red Cross Blood Drive** at TMC on Thursday, April 7, between 2 and 8 p.m. Schedule your time with Mary Metzler.

Spring Family Nights will be held on Wednesdays, March 30, April 6 and 13 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by Bible Study on “Jonah” for the youth and adults. Special activities are planned for preschool age through Jr. Youth. Come for a good time of fellowship and learning together!

A **baptism service** is being planned for June 26. Several persons have already expressed interest in being baptized. **If you would like to join the group, please let Pastor Mike know.**

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Mennonite Women have planned a *“Pampering and Prayer”* evening for Friday, April 1st, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Watch for more details!

Keep recycling your newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and junk mail in our green and yellow Paper Retriever bin! We received a check for \$22.82 this week that will be used in our Meals of Love ministry.



Everyone is invited to join with **Dale and Arlene Delp** as they celebrate their **50th wedding anniversary** with an **Open House** on Sunday, April 3, 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall planned by their family. Please bring a favorite photo or a written memory that will be put into a special memory scrapbook for Dale & Arlene.

TODAY

Greeters: Will & Wanda Schirmer, Joe & Esther Pearson
 Nursery: Malina Knechel, Lacey Knechel
 SS Nursery: Arlene Delp
 Sound: Norm Detweiler
 Host Family: Kathy & Dean Knechel

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. “Hunters & Non-Hunters for Gun Violence Prevention” at TMC
 Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering
 Saturday, 5 p.m. Youth Dinner & Auction

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Ron & Michele Delp Family
 Nursery: Natasha Bergey, Chelsia Leatherman
 SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler
 Sound: Norm Detweiler
 Host Family: Jen and John Vasey

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: Called and Shaped by Jesus
 “Shaped By Thirst” Exodus 17: 1-7 Pastor Mike
 Mar 30, April 6 & 13 (Wed) Spring Family Nights
 Apr 1 (Fri) “Pampering and Prayer” for Women, 7 - 10 p.m.
 Apr 7 (Thurs) Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m.
 May 7 (Sat) Spring Yard Sale
 June 27-July 1 (Mon-Fri) Bible School, 6:15-8:45 p.m. (meal 5:45)

MYF

April 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Spruce Lake Work Weekend
 May 14 (Sat) Iron Pigs Game/Faith Night

Last Week's Numbers

Offering		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,739.16	Worship 135
Sunday School Offering	\$ 150.00	SS 123
Designated Giving	\$ 560.00	
Total	\$ 6,449.16	

Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays. March 26: Carol Lindquist will share on maintaining a healthy marriage in the midst of the stresses of parenting.

Next week, March 28, 29, and 30, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., you can help feed the hungry here and abroad by supporting the **MCC Mobile Canner Project** at the MCC Material Resource Center. Call 267-203-8074 if you would like to donate your time. Last year, our local MCC canning operation produced 15,000 cans of meat for families in countries devastated by extreme poverty, war, tsunamis, earthquakes, or other emergencies.

A meeting of “**Hunters and Non-hunters for Gun Violence Prevention**” will be held at Towamencin Mennonite Church on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will be Bryan Miller, from Ceasefire New Jersey, and Drick Boyd, Professor at Eastern University. Miller and Boyd are founding members of “Heeding God’s Call.” www.efpjc.pjpr.org

Life With God Ministries

*Listen on Saturdays at 8 p.m. on WBYN-FM 107.5 and
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on WNPV-AM 1440*

**Spring Fundraising Banquet, Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.
at Christopher Dock, freewill offering will be recieved**
See Gerald Leatherman for tickets.
Website: www.life-with-god.org

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Harold Mellott, Elder	John Vasey, Elder
Mark Fly, Deacon	Mary Metzler, Deaconess
	Betty Detweiler, Deaconess

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.