



## Towamencin Mennonite Church

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*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to extend God's healing, hope and forgiveness to all."*

**July 3, 2011**

**Gathering: The Church as Community**

*Gathering and Connecting*

**Praising: The Church Worshipping God**

*Worship In Song, Sharing God Sightings & Praying,*

*Receiving of Tithes and Offering*

**Teaching: The Church Studying God's Word**

*Scripture Reading: Galatians 5: 1*

*Meditation: "All Tied Up"*

**Celebrating: Bible School Presentation, Children Singing**

**Sending: The Church Goes Out Into the World**

*Benediction Song*

Offertory: Jessica Leatherman

Music Leader: Aaron Leatherman

Worship Leader: Will Schirmer



***We are glad you joined us today! Child care is available during the worship service; it is provided in our nursery, located above the foyer. The 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:*

*Matthew 18: 3, 4*

*"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

## **prayer Points**

*-Herb Knechel was a patient at Grand View Hospital this week experiencing internal bleeding. Please keep Herb in your prayers as he continues to recover.*

*-Please keep Shirley Groff in your prayers as she recuperates from the aches and pains from a recent car accident. Pray for God's healing to be swift and complete.*

*-Pray for those in our midst seeking God's touch of healing and wholeness. Pray for Cheryl Kulp, Regine Greaser, Mikhail Kara, Jordan Delp, Mike Bergey, Esther Pearson, Peter Zucca, and Russ Detweiler.*

*-Pray for our youth as they go to Pittsburgh this week for youth convention. Pray for safety as they travel and for a week of learning and growing closer to God. Pray also for our two delegates - Will Schirmer and Mark Fly as they represent our congregation there.*

*-Pray for the work of Spruce Lake Camp this summer. Pray that many kids, including some from Towamencin, will respond to Jesus as Savior and Lord through this ministry. Pray that many seeds of faith will be sown and that all would fall on fertile soil. Pray also for Tiffany Knechel as she serves there several weeks this summer.*

## *Announcements*

**Do you have any new ideas for the annual fall yard sale?** Are there new ways to interact with the community during the sale? Bring your thoughts and ideas to a **planning meeting** on Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the church. Questions, talk to Diane Keeler.

Our **2011 Penny Power Jar** contributed \$78.20 to help MCC support Leah, an IVEPer from China that served in Oregon for a year and now has returned to China. She has begun an organization called Peace in China and is starting peace camps for young people. A total of \$113,817 (including the \$50,000 match) was collected by 168 congregations and individuals. At the PA Relief Sale, 941,292 coins were collected which included:

668 dollar coins	99 half dollars	50,536 quarters
72,843 dimes	53,815 nickels	763,331 pennies

The **Penny Power Jar in 2012** will focus on supporting education projects through the Global Family Program ([globalfamily.mcc.org](http://globalfamily.mcc.org)). Watch for the Penny Power Jar in the fall!

The **children's offering project for VBS** was for food for **The Shepherd's Shelf**. There is a parking meter in the lobby if you wish to make a further donation to this ministry.

**Next Sunday, July 10, the Pastoral Ballots, Gift Discernment Ballots, and the Elder Ballots** will be collected during the worship service. There are extra ballots in the church mailboxes if you need an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be placed in the church office mailbox or given to Harold Mellott.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Ladies Tea and Testimony** is being re-scheduled for October. More details later.

### *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  
July 10 - "Revelation - Chapter 10"  
Website: [www.life-with-god.org](http://www.life-with-god.org)*

### **TODAY**

Greeters: Jerry & Ronnie Knechel, Claudio & Mandy Sanchez  
Nursery: Neil Bergey, Malina Knechel  
SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler  
Sound: Norm Detweiler

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday - Friday, Mennonite Church USA Convention  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Greeters: Curt & Ann Stoudt, Ken & Vicki Fell  
Nursery: Azariah Parmer, Chelsia Leatherman  
SS Nursery: Jen Vasey  
Sound: Norm Detweiler  
Host/Hostess: Diane & Brent Knechel

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Next Sunday: "Searching for the Lost" Luke 15: 1-10 Pastor Mike

July 11 (Mon) Yard Sale Planning Meeting, 7 p.m.  
July 12 (Tues) Sewing Circle, Hot Dog & Potato Salad Lunch, bring dessert/fruit, Gina Canaviri will be sharing about Bolivia after lunch  
July 12 (Tues) Church Council, 7 p.m.  
July 16 (Sat) Mountain Anthems Concert, 7 p.m.  
July 24 (Sun) Church Picnic at Grove on Hollow Road in Telford  
Sept 16-18 (Fri-Sun) Women's Retreat  
Oct 8 (Sat) Annual Fall Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **MYF**

Aug 7 (Sun) Hemlock Springs water slide  
Welcome to 8th graders and Good-bye to seniors!

### **Last Week's Numbers**

<b>Offering</b>		<b>Attendance</b>
Budget	\$ 3,307.10	Worship 145
No Sunday School		
Total	\$ 3,307.10	

## Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays. July 9: Taking Time for Family

The Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to **First Sunday Croquet** today, July 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free of charge, no reservations needed. Come and play croquet and have fun!

The **Summer Vegetable Basket Program** begins on Monday, July 11. Do you have a home garden and sometimes have extra produce? Donated produce is distributed to local food pantries. Drop-off donations by 9 a.m. on Mondays at: Care & Share Shoppes, Indian Valley Mennonite Church, Plains Mennonite Church, Blooming Glen Creamery Apartments. Visit [www.nutritioncoalition.org](http://www.nutritioncoalition.org).

**Peaceful Living**, a nonprofit organization that provides holistic care for persons with disabilities, presents a workshop **“The Future of the Disabled in a Liberal Society”** by Hans Reinders, on Friday, July 15, at Peter Becker Community, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Questions, see the bulletin board in the foyer or contact Bethany Rogers at 610-287-1200 or [brogers.peacefulliving@verizon.net](mailto:brogers.peacefulliving@verizon.net).

**A New Idea for Family Fun:** practice your family values together and volunteer time at Care & Share Shoppes. Adults with children ages 8+ can help price merchandise, stock shelves, and test toys. Call Sue at 215-723-0315 to find out more information!

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

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*Sunday, July 3, 2011*

*“Celebrating Bible School”*

*Romans 10: 17*

*“So faith comes from what is heard,  
and what is heard comes through the  
message about Jesus Christ.”*