



Towamencin Mennonite Church

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

July 10, 2011

Gathering: The Church as Community

Gathering, Worship In Song, Welcome and Prayer, Greeting

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Sharing God Sightings & Praying

Children’s Time, Worship In Song

Teaching: The Church Studying God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9

Sermon: “Relentless Seed Sowing”

Responding: The Church Responding to Jesus

Song, Giving our Tithes and Offering, Receiving of Ballots

Sending: The Church Goes Out Into the World

Benediction

Brass Team: Steve Delp, Mike Clemmer, Esther Delp

Music Leader: Gerald Derstine

Worship Leader: John Vasey

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:

II Corinthians 9: 6,7

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

prayer Points

-Herb Knechel returned home to SMH after a hospital stay. Please keep Herb in your prayers as he recovers and gets his strength back.

-Ella Mae Landis is recovering at Peter Becker after a short hospital stay. Please pray that she will be able to get her strength back soon and return home to SMH.

-Continue to pray for those who are going through a journey of physical issues and recovery. Pray for Mike Bergey, Jordan Delp, Russ Detweiler, Regine Greaser, Mikhail Kara, Cheryl Kulp, Esther Pearson, and Peter Zucca.

-Pray for Danny Canaviri and his group as they transition back to the US from Kenya. Pray for traveling safety as well as the ability to assimilate back into their lives here. Pray also that God would nurture the new seeds of faith and wisdom that have been planted in them.

-Pray for our AWAKE prayer gathering and the prayer ministries of the church. May God grant our congregation a desire to pray and renew our desire to draw closer to Him.

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 this Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the church. Questions, talk to Diane Keeler.

The **VBS Children** collected \$678.16 and numerous bags and boxes of food and non-perishable items for The Shepherd's Shelf. May God bless their generosity!



Today, the Pastoral Ballots, Gift Discernment Ballots, and the Elder Ballots will be collected during the worship service.

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

FOUND WOMEN'S WATCH in the kitchen during VBS. Please claim at the church office.

Please check the **Lost and Found Table** in the foyer for items that may have been left at fellowship meals, picnics, or VBS. Unclaimed items will be donated to the yard sale after Sunday, July 17.



Keep recycling your newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers and junk mail in our green and yellow Paper Retriever bin! We received a check for \$19.58 this week that will be used in our Meals of Love ministry.

The **Meals of Love** freezer needs your generous gifts of frozen casseroles and meals, homemade soups and chili, homemade breads, etc. This ministry blesses many persons in our community that need to feel God's love and care. Containers are available in the "freezer" room downstairs.

Check out the **VBS pictures** on the church website in the Photo Gallery!

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 p.m. Yard Sale Planning Meeting
Tuesday, Sewing Circle, Hot Dog & Potato Salad Lunch, bring dessert/fruit, Gina Canaviri will be sharing about Bolivia after lunch
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Loren & Eileen Parmer Family
Nursery: Tiffany Knechel, Galen Knechel
SS Nursery: Gladys Knechel
Sound: Bob Keeler, Norm Detweiler

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: "Welcoming the Lost" Luke 15: 11-32 Pastor Mike

July 16 (Sat) Mountain Anthems Concert & Ice Cream Social, 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.

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

Last Week's Numbers

Offering		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,402.58	Worship 147
Sunday School	\$ 5.00	SS 116
Total	\$ 5,407.58	

Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays. July 16: Family Stories & Memories

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.

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.

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!

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

Website: www.life-with-god.org

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

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Sunday, July 10, 2011