



Towamencin Mennonite Church

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

July 31, 2011

Gathering: The Church as Community

Pre-Service Music, Gathering Song

Welcome and Prayer, Greeting One Another

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Sharing God Sightings & Praying, Worship In Song

Teaching: The Church Studying God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

Sermon: “Apprehending Christ”

Responding: The Church Responding to Jesus

Song of Response, Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Sending: The Church Goes Out Into the World

Benediction, Sending Song

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| Offertory: | Esther Delp |
| Music Leader: | Loren Parmer |
| Worship Leader & Scripture Reader: | Gerald Derstine |
| Guest Speaker: | John D. Martin |

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.

Prayer Points

-One goal which Pastor Mike has set for himself during his sabbatical is to spend time dwelling in the Word, and to specifically memorize the Gospel of Mark. Pray for clear mind to accomplish this task and that God’s Word may dwell richly in him during his time apart.

-Esther Pearson and Glen Miller are both recovering from mid-week surgery. Esther experienced a knee replacement, while Glen went through a hip replacement. Pray for speedy recoveries.

-Russ Detweiler reports continuing pain and discomfort; he is also weak and tired. An appointment at Fox Chase this week revealed an infection. The doctor is also suggesting radiation treatments be considered. Russ’ daughter, Glenda, reflects that the family has “come to rely on the support and prayers of all of you who have faithfully ministered to Russ and the entire family.” She asks that we pray for strength for Russ and relief from the pain which he is currently suffering. Prayers and cards are probably most effective in ministering to Russ and Ev at this time. Address is 224 Detweiler Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

-Thank God for pouring forth His blessing in rain on the parched ground. Continue to pray for our farmers in the challenges which have faced this growing season.

-Ella Mae Landis made a mid-week return from Peter Becker to her room at Souderton Home. Pray for renewed strength for her.

-Elder, Lowell Ehst, is giving time to man the phone, process mail and funnel requests appropriately during our pastor’s sabbatical. Praise God for Lowell’s willingness to give of himself in this way, and pray for discernment and wisdom in these new responsibilities.

-Our offerings support flower ministry! Gisela Derstine continues to coordinate this effort, and has been kept busy sharing reminders of God’s care and the congregation’s prayers with those who are facing health challenges. Thank God for her special gifts and willingness to share in this way.

Announcements

We welcome John D. Martin and his wife Pat to our service this morning. They come to us from the Shippensburg Christian Fellowship. John is part of a team who shares in the preaching ministry. He was a school teacher for 16 years. He lectures on the Kingdom of God and on Anabaptist theology. He has taken three tours to Europe and three to Central America. His most recent project has been publishing a church hymnal.

The **young adults** are spending the day at the shore today. They will be attending Calvary Chapel Ocean City this morning and then spending the day on the beach.

ATTENTION MYF: The **Hemlock Springs** outing is next Sunday! This is a welcome to 8th graders and good-bye to seniors. We will leave after the worship service around 10:30 a.m. **PLEASE SIGN-UP** on the sheet on the mail rack **today**.

Address & Phone Number for Harold & Esther Kratz:

13 Holiday Avenue
Hatfield, PA 19440
Cell 941-302-1965

Please add this address to your pictorial and church directories.

Mark Fly is representing the church-wide pastoral health program, Corinthian Plan, in travels this weekend. He is attending Virginia Mennonite Conference assembly occurring in Harrisonburg.

Last Week's Numbers

| Offering | | Attendance |
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| Budget | \$ 5,223.00 | Worship 133 |
| Designated Giving | \$ 275.00 | |
| Total | \$ 5,498.00 | |

Jubilee Verse for the Week:

Romans 15: 5-6

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Calendar

TODAY

Greeters: Dale & Arlene Delp
Nursery: Audrey Delp, Ashley Bergey
SS Nursery: Jolene Weaver
Sound: Norm Detweiler

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Norm & Betty Detweiler, Bob & Eric Keeler
Nursery: Natasha Bergey, Lacey Knechel
SS Nursery: Jen Vasey
Sound: Marlin Bergey
Hostess/Host: Gisela & Gerald Derstine

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: Guest Speaker, Andrew Knechel
Aug 9 (Tues) Sewing Circle
Sept 16-18 (Fri-Sun) Women's Retreat
Oct 8 (Sat) Annual Fall Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct 29 (Sat) Ladies' Tea and Testimony

MYF

Aug 7 (Sun) Hemlock Springs water slide, leaving approx. 10:30 a.m.
Welcome to 8th graders and Good-bye to seniors!

Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays. August 6: When Mom is Incarcerated

Preschool Story Time at Care & Share Book Shoppe on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. now through August 31.

Free Family Movie Night, August 5, at 7 p.m., Line Lexington Mennonite Church. Movie: "Tangled." Free movie, popcorn, drinks.

Taste & See: God is Good Bible School, Methacton Mennonite Church, Aug 8-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Register by calling 610-584-4080.

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
August 7 - "Revelation—Chapter 14"
Website: www.life-with-god.org*

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Mark Fly, Deacon

E-mail: mike@towamencinmennonite.org
Lowell Ehst, Elder
John Vasey, Elder
Mary Metzler, Deaconess
Betty Detweiler, Deaconess

Summer Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon

The Week of August 1 - 5

Rose Hackman: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Lowell Ehst: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Extra hours as needed or by appointment

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*Sunday, July 31, 2011
"Apprehending Christ"*