



## 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."*

**September 11, 2011**

**Gathering: *The Church as Community***

*Gathering Songs, Welcome and Prayer*

**Praising: *The Church Worshipping God***

*Sharing God Sightings & Praying, Greeting One Another,*

*Children's Time, Worship In Song*

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

*Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 35-45*

*Sermon: "Uncomfortable Servant"*

**Responding: *The Church Responding to Jesus***

*Song of Response, Commissioning of the Elected Positions and*

*Sunday School Teachers, Giving our Tithes and Offerings*

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

*Benediction, Sending Song*

Offertory:	Jessica Leatherman
Worship Leader:	Harold Mellott
Music Leader:	Loren Parmer
Children's Time:	Ginny Mellott
Sermon:	Gary Parmer

***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:*

*John 3: 16-17*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

## ***Prayer Points***

*-While Russ Detweiler seems some stronger than in past weeks, he continues to feel quite a bit of weakness in his legs. A change in his kidney stents is scheduled for mid-October; this will be an overnight stay at Fox Chase Cancer Center. It will be preceded by further testing. He appreciates his church family's ongoing prayer support during this journey. He and Ev will again be spending time with extended family in Morgantown this weekend.*

*-Church Leadership Team met for their September meeting this past Tuesday. Joining them was new elder, Dale Delp. Pray God's blessing on Dale as he assumes new responsibilities in congregational life. Praise God for his willingness to answer the call of the church. Also pray God's blessing on outgoing elder, Gerald Derstine, who has agreed to ongoing involvement until the return of our pastor from his sabbatical in a couple of weeks.*

*-Continue to lift Curt Stoudt and wife, Ann, in prayer as Curt faces health challenges. Pray for wisdom in making medical decisions and God's hand of healing to be evident. Pray also for daughters, Mary Metzler and Linda Boll, as they walk with Curt and Ann.*

*-Our pastor is planning some quality time with his wife during his time of sabbatical. They will be doing some travel together in the coming week. Pray for protection and a strengthening of their marriage relationship during this time.*

*-Pray for the family of Evelyn Nice as she went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 2. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, September 18, at 2 p.m. at Franconia Mennonite Church.*

## *Announcements*

**We welcome Gary Parmer** to our pulpit this morning. Gary and his wife Jane have been long-time youth volunteers at Line Lexington Mennonite Church. Gary worked for 29 years at Landis Supermarket; his gift in relating to young people was recognized by the congregation, and he was called to full-time associate pastor work several years ago. Gary and Jane live in Souderton and have two grown children and one grandchild.

*I was blessed by receiving over 100 cards in celebration of my 83rd birthday! Many of these were from Towamencin people. May God bless you for your concern and prayers! Your response was an encouragement to me!*  
Russ Detweiler

**Church Leadership Team** recently reviewed decision regarding church closing during Hurricane Irene. Our church, along with many in our area, was closed that Sunday. While contact was made through the church calling chain, we are aware that some missed out on the message! **We wish to apologize for that oversight!** It is decided that in future emergency situations, calls will again come through the calling chain, a message will be posted on church website, and updated message placed on our phone answering machine. We hope to avoid future communication issues!

**Needed for Fall Festival/Yard Sale:** heavy brown paper bags and/or boxes to sell apples. Please bring and place in the storage rooms.

**Rachelle, daughter of Ken/Vicki Fell**, will be doing conservation work in the Mohave Desert from Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please keep her in your prayers for safety and if you would like to send a note of encouragement you may reach her at:

Rachelle Fell  
57087 Yucca Trail  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284  
rock.paper.well@gmail.com

**Women, please sign-up today** for the women's retreat next weekend. Final count is needed by Dawn Zucca by Monday evening.

**NEEDED:** 4-6 people to clean the church while Leatherman's are away September 26 - October 2. Sign-up on sheet by mailboxes.

**MYF: We need to know by Sunday, September 18**, if you plan to attend the Group Work Camp next summer. Camp will be July 1-7 in Buffalo, New York.

## Calendar

### **TODAY**

Greeters: Ken & Blanche Freed  
Nursery: Malina Knechel, Tiffany Knechel  
SS Nursery: Diane Keeler  
Sound: Norm Detweiler

### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, Sewing Circle, lunch will be provided  
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Church Council  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering  
Friday-Sunday, Women's Retreat

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Greeters: Ernie & Nancy Kolb, Bob Frederick  
Nursery: Galen Knechel, Amber Knechel  
SS Nursery: Jen Vasey  
Sound: Bob Keeler, Norm Detweiler

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Next Sunday's Sermon by Ertell Whigman

Oct 2 (Sun) Communion Sunday, No Sunday School  
Oct 8 (Sat) Annual Fall Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date Oct 15)  
Oct 29 (Sat) Ladies' Tea and Testimony  
Oct 30 (Sun) Old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Line Lexington, 6:30 p.m.  
includes Towamencin, Plains, and Line Lexington churches

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

<b>Offering</b>		<b>Attendance</b>
Budget	\$ 7,187.00	Worship 132
Sunday School	\$ 2.85	SS 110
Designated Giving	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 7,689.85	

### **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  
September 17, 18 - "Revelation—Chapter 20"  
Website: www.life-with-god.org

## Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. September 17: Drugs: Family Conflict

**Peace Hymn Sing**, Sunday, September 11, at 4 p.m. at the historic Salford Schwenkfelder Meetinghouse (65 Fretz Road, Souderton).

Indian Creek Church of the Brethren's **Community BBQ and Christian Concert by *Calling Out Closer*** on Saturday, September 24 from 4-8:30 p.m. [www.indiancreekcob.org](http://www.indiancreekcob.org)

The Dock Woods Classic Car Club is hosting the 1st annual "**Dock Woods Antique, Modified and Muscle Car Show**" on Saturday, October 1st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 215-368-4438, ext. 44227.

Marriage Encounter? Not Us! Two opportunities: **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, October 21-23, at Kenbrook Retreat, Lebanon, PA. [www.marriageencounter.org](http://www.marriageencounter.org). **Family Life's Weekend to Remember**, November 18-20, King of Prussia, Crown Plaza. Contact Carol at 215-256-9047 or [leatherman1@verizon.net](mailto:leatherman1@verizon.net)

**Pregnancy Resource Clinic's Walk for Life** will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Green Lane Park. Register at [www.supportlifeprc.org](http://www.supportlifeprc.org).

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Lowell Ehst, Elder  
John Vasey, Elder  
Mary Metzler, Deaconess  
Betty Detweiler, Deaconess

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

**The Week of September 12 - 16**

**Rose Hackman: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Lowell Ehst: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Extra hours as needed or by appointment**

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### One of God's Gift for Grandparents

*Even to your old age, I shall be the same, And even to your graying years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.*  
Isaiah 46: 4

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

**"Uncomfortable Servant"**

**Mark 10: 35-45**