



Towamencin Mennonite Church

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

September 18, 2011

Gathering: The Church as Community

Pre Service Music, Welcome and Prayer

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Sharing God Sightings & Praying, Greeting One Another,

Worship In Song

Teaching: The Church Studying God’s Word

Sermon: “A Story of God’s Work in Norristown”

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

Offertory:	Esther Delp
Worship Leader:	Lowell Ehst
Music Leader:	Gerald Derstine
Sermon:	Ertell Whigman

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 7: 37 - 38

*On the last and greatest day of the Feast,
Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,
“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
streams of living water will flow from within him.”*

Prayer Points

- Lift in prayer the nineteen women of our church who are together in a Ladies' Retreat this weekend in Lancaster County. Pray for those bringing leadership to this event and for Vicki Fell who will be sharing spiritual input during their time apart. Pray for travelling safety as they return later today.

-Continue to pray for those in need of God's healing touch--Curt Stoudt and Russ Detweiler.

-Pray for Pastor Mike during his final week of sabbatical. Pray for renewed emotional and physical strength as he prepares to resume his responsibilities among God's people here at Towamencin.

-Remember those in prayer who are bringing leadership to our upcoming Church Yard Sale--Diane Keeler, Diane Knechel, Kathy Knechel, and Eileen Parmer. Pray for wisdom and physical energy for this large event scheduled for October 8. Pray that those attending may be blest and see the light of Christ in us as they come onto our church grounds that day.

-Praise God that Abby Delp’s baby, Joseph, is doing better and is at home. Continue to pray for complete healing from the stomach virus and high fever that Joseph had, and for strength and patience for Abby as she gives him care.

Announcements

We welcome to our pulpit Ertell Whigham, Executive Minister with Franconia Mennonite Conference. Ertell enlisted in the military during his senior year in high school, joining the Marines while already the father of a young son. He served in Vietnam, and later completed his enlistment in North Carolina, where he also became a committed Christian. He re-enlisted as a Marine recruiter in Reading, PA, in the early 70's, where he began to attend a Mennonite congregation. He came to a position of nonresistance, as the Spirit of God spoke into his life. Today, Ertell is an associate pastor at Nueva Vida Norristown New Life, a congregation he helped to establish in 1990. He also has business experience, having served as a district manager for Ehrlich Pest Control for 27 years. Ertell and wife, Pat, live in King of Prussia. They have three children and five grandchildren.



VERMONT APPLES, HOMEMADE APPLE DUMPLINGS! It's time to put your orders in to Kathy Knechel for baskets of apples and apple dumplings.

Courtland apples \$9 per basket
 MacIntosh apples \$8 per basket
 Apple dumplings - \$3.75 each or
 4 or more \$3.25 each

Are you still enjoying the book from the summer Sunday School quarter? If so, please keep it; it is yours to enjoy. If you are finished with the book and do not have someone to pass it on to, please place the book in your Sunday School classroom and we will try to resell them. Thanks!

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.

MYF: We need to know today if you plan to attend the Group Work Camp, July 1-7 in Buffalo, New York. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due to Eileen Parmer today!

Calendar

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Lowell & Lois Ehst, Renita Myers
 Nursery: Amber Delp, Audrey Delp
 SS Nursery: Jolene Weaver
 Sound: Norm Detweiler
 Hostess/Host: Kathy & Dean Knechel

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon by Mike Metzler
 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

MYF

Oct 14-16 (Fri-Sun) Work Weekend at Seaside Home, Cape May, NJ

Last Week's Numbers

	Offering	Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,577.11	Worship 130
Total	\$ 4,577.11	SS 124

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 24, 25 - "Revelation—Chapter 21"
 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 24: Encouraging Families to make a difference

Creation Museum Bus Trip, November 11-13. Trip includes a two-night stay at the Drury Hotel, admission to the Que Creek Mine Memorial, the Creation Museum, and a dinner buffet. Per person rates: \$250 double, \$221 triple, \$207 quad, or \$333 single. More information is on the bulletin board by the pastor's office. Please contact Glenn Freed at gwfreed@juno.com or phone 610-804-8175 or 610-326-5478.

2nd Annual Rook Tournament at Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, on Saturday, September 24 at 10 a.m. To register, call Christopher Friesen at 267-297-6124 or e-mail programs@meetinghouse.info.

Peace and Justice Committee's Fall Gathering "Anger and Relational Peacemaking" on Saturday, October 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Conference Center. www.efpjc.ppj.org

Bethany Birches Camp's Annual Benefit Auction, Saturday, September 24. The camp is in Plymouth, Vermont. A bus from this area will be leaving on September 23. If you can't come physically, you can bid on-line at www.bethanybirches.org/2011-benefit-auction.

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Mary Metzler, Deaconess
Betty Detweiler, Deaconess

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

The Week of September 19 - 23

Rose Hackman: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Lowell Ehst: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Extra hours as needed or by appointment

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Sunday, September 18, 2011
"Diversity Within the Body of Christ"
Acts 8: 26-40