



Towamencin Mennonite Church

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

September 25, 2011

Gathering: The Church as Community

Gathering Songs, Welcome and Prayer

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Sharing God Sightings & Praying, Greeting One Another,

Worship In Song, Children’s Time

Teaching: The Church Studying God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 43-48

Sermon: “Loving Our Enemies”

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:	Alyssa Rank
Worship Leader:	Mark Fly
Music Leader:	Loren Parmer
Children’s Time:	Linda Allebach
Scripture Reader:	Mary Metzler
Sermon:	Mike Metzler

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:

Luke 9: 23-24

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”

Prayer Points

-Pray that as we gather at the communion tables this coming Sunday, our congregation may experience anew Christ’s sacrificial gift for each of us, and that we may be unified more deeply as we reflect on His grace in our lives.

-Pray for Pastor Mike as he returns to pastoral responsibilities this week. Pray for wisdom, understanding, and energy in facing the tasks ahead.

-Curt Stoudt will be facing surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center this coming Tuesday afternoon. He expects to be hospitalized for a couple of days thereafter. Pray God’s peace and healing for our brother. Pray also God’s abiding peace for Curt’s wife and family during the coming week.

-Pray daily strength for Russ Detweiler in his ongoing health challenges. Russ reports that he appreciates the congregation’s support in prayer at this time.

-Give God praise for recent news received that the facilities housing the MCC Material Resource Center on 737 Hagey Center Drive in Franconia Township are now fully paid, and the debt has been retired! Our congregation has taken a number of opportunities to help with this project in recent years, contributing monetarily and with volunteer assistance. Our Sewing Circle makes regular contributions of handiwork. One can learn more about MCC and view volunteer opportunities on their website, www.mcc-harleysville.org.

Announcements

We welcome Mike and Risha Metzler "home" this morning! Mike, the eldest son of Mary and Gerald Metzler, grew up in our congregation. Mike graduated from Messiah College, where he met Risha. They followed God's call to ministry preparation at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and after graduation just over two years ago, Mike accepted a position as Associate Pastor for Youth at Mountville Mennonite Church in western Lancaster County. Mike and Risha are parents of two children, Hannah and Joel.

Still need 3 people to help clean church this week (September 26-October 2) while Leathermans are away. Sign-up today!!!

The **Yard Sale is only two weeks away!** Sign-up today to volunteer to help with the yard sale...we need persons to help set-up, park cars, give tours of our new facilities, pray with persons at the prayer table, donate baked goods, make vegetable soup, and clean-up. This is a great way to interact and get to know our community!



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

We can't thank you enough for all the things you have done for us during Esther's recent hospital experiences: the beautiful bouquet of flowers, the delicious meals you prepared, your prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement. We praise God for such a caring church family. --Esther and Joe Pearson

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!

Calendar

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering
 Wednesday, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Brian & Diane Keeler Family
 Nursery: Ashley Bergey, Natasha Bergey
 SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler
 Sound: Norm Detweiler
 Hostess/Host: Dawn & Dennis Zucca

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon by Pastor Mike Clemmer
 "The Agony of Victory" Mark 14: 32-42
 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

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

Last Week's Numbers

Offering		Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,285.00	Worship 127
Designated Gifts	\$ 70.00	<small>(including 19 women on retreat)</small>
Total	\$ 4,355.00	SS 83

Conference & Community Events

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 gwffreed@juno.com or phone 610-804-8175 or 610-326-5478.

Dock Woods Classic Car Club's 1st annual **"Dock Woods Antique, Modified, and Muscle Car Show,"** on Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Methacton Mennonite Church is hosting a **special showing of a John L. Ruth Trilogy.** Three short films: "A Sentimental Journey Along the 113 Heritage Corridor," "As the Land, So the People," and "Naturally Born Market People." This 1-hour local history-rich program will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, September 30. Free popcorn and drinks.

Mark Your Calendar: **1st MCC Benefit Festival—Philly, Saturday, October 29,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship. Haitian, Indonesian, Ethiopian, and soul food will be offered. Donations for the auction are needed. www.eastcoast.mcc.org/phillyfestival.

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
October 1, 2 - "Revelation—Chapter 20"*

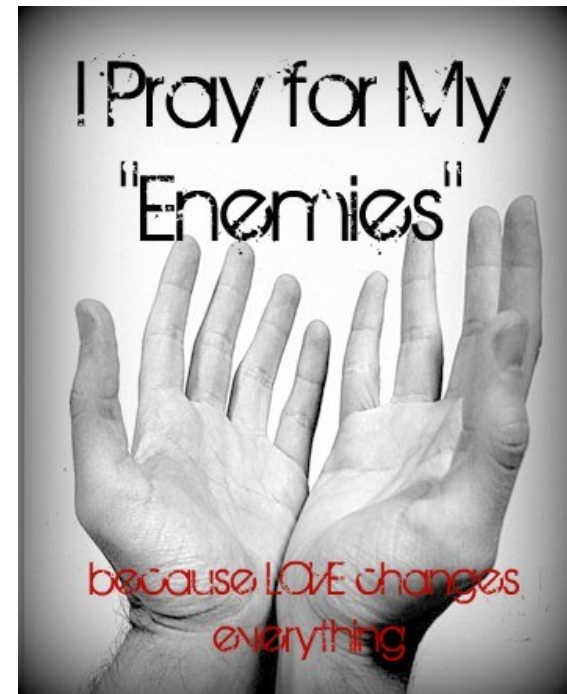
*Life with God Ministries Fall Breakfast, Saturday, October 29, 8 a.m.
Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse, featuring Blooming Glen Quartet*

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Gerald Derstine, Elder	Lowell Ehst, Elder
Harold Mellott, Elder	John Vasey, Elder
Dale Delp, Elder	Mary Metzler, Deaconess
Mark Fly, Deacon	Betty Detweiler, Deaconess

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

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Sunday, September 25, 2011

"Loving Our Enemies"

Matthew 5: 43 - 48