



## 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.”*

***November 20, 2011***

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

*Gathering Songs, Welcome and Prayer, Greeting One Another*

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

*Sharing God Sightings & Praying,*

*Children’s Time/Gathering Gifts for the Shepherd’s Shelf,*

*Worship In Song*

### ***Teaching: The Church Studying God’s Word***

*Scripture Reading: Mark 7: 1-23*

*Sermon: “It Is the Heart that Matters”*

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

*Song of Response, Giving of our Tithes and Offerings*

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

*Benediction, Sending Song*

Music Leader: Loren Parmer

Worship Leader: Ron Delp

Offertory: Alyssa Rank & Tiffany Knechel

***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 14: 15-16*

*“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth.”*

## ***Prayer Points***

*-Continue to keep in your prayers those in our midst who are dealing with ongoing health concerns or treatments. Pray especially for Mike Bergey, Michele Delp, Florence Landes, Curt Stoudt, and Peter Zucca.*

*-As we think of our blessings this year at Thanksgiving, pray for those in our own community who struggle to make ends meet. Pray for God’s hand of sustenance to be upon them. Pray also that God would stir within us the ways that we can best help meet their needs.*

*-Pray for our young adults as they look to God for guidance and direction for various decisions they are making regarding schooling, vocations, and other life decisions. Pray that God would guard their hearts and minds during this time and that they would trust him for his leading and direction.*

*-Please be in prayer for persons who are struggling with broken or fragile relationships. Pray for God’s spirit of humility, understanding, and forgiveness to shine through and for the encouragement of hope that comes through the possibility of reconciliation.*

*-Continue to pray for our country and its leaders. Pray for God’s direction and guidance to be upon them especially as they deal with economic struggles and foreign diplomacy.*

## *Announcements*

The **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held on this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Covenant Community.

*We want to sincerely thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and other kindnesses extended to our family during this sad time of Russ' illness. The Towamencin church family played a major role in making the visitation, service and luncheon a personal and meaningful time. We extend special thanks to Pastor Mike for sharing the message, to Mark Fly for leading the singing, to Jessica Leatherman for playing the piano, and to the many others who helped in various ways. The delicious meal that was served to our family after the burial was so special because of the many hands who prepared and served the food. May God richly bless each and every one of you.*  
--Sincerely, The Detweiler Family

Next Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Advent**. The theme is ***Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect***. On the back of the Towamencin News, which you will find in your mailboxes, the scripture texts for each Sunday are listed along with some comments and questions to ponder throughout the week.

On **Sunday, December 4th**, there will be a **congregational meeting at 11:20 a.m.** The main agenda will be the 2012 budget proposal, which will be in your mailboxes next Sunday. The worship service, coffee time and Sunday School will be shortened briefly. A fellowship meal will follow the congregational meeting. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert.

### Last Week's Numbers

<b>Offering</b>		<b>Attendance</b>
Budget	\$ 5,741.50	Worship 135
Designated Gifts	\$ 20.00	SS 110
Sunday School	\$ 32.60	
Total	\$ 5,794.10	

## Calendar

### TODAY

Greeters: Brent & Diane Knechel Family  
Nursery: Tiffany Knechel, Hailey Hagen  
SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler  
Sound: Norm Detweiler  
Hostess/Host: Mary & Gerald Metzler

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE prayer gathering  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at Covenant  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Loren & Eileen Parmer family  
Nursery: Amber Knechel, Casie Allebach  
SS Nursery: Diane Keeler  
Sound: Norm Detweiler

### LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: "Learning to Pay Attention" Pastor Mike

Dec 4 (Sun) Congregational Meeting, 11:20 a.m., Fellowship Meal  
Dec 13 (Tues) Sewing Circle/Lunch at Apple Orchard Café, 12 noon  
Dec 13 (Tues) Church Council, 7 p.m.  
Dec 16-17 (Fri-Sat) Live Nativity, Hot Chocolate & Cookies, 7-9 p.m.  
Dec 24 (Sat) Christmas Eve Candlelight and Song Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Dec 25 (Sun) Christmas Morning Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. No SS

### MYF

Dec 10 (Sat) Service Project @ MCC and Dinner Out, 1:45 p.m.  
Jan 27 & 28 (Fri-Sat) 30-Hour Famine

### *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*

*Nov 27 - "What Jesus Says About Divorce"*

Website: [www.life-with-god.org](http://www.life-with-god.org)

## Conference & Community Events

**Shop for Dock:** The Ten Thousand Villages shop in Souderton is offering a holiday shopping benefit night for Christopher Dock. On Tuesday, November 29, you can shop from 5 to 9 p.m. and 20% of the night's proceeds will benefit the Dock Fund.

Penn View Christian School's annual **Christmas Benefit Concert "A Savior is Born!"** will be held on Friday, December 2, at 7 p.m. at Franconia Mennonite Church. The concert will feature choirs, jazz band, orchestra, and handbells.

**Christmas All-You-Can-Eat Flapjack Breakfast** at **Applebee's** on Welsh Road, Saturday, December 3, 8 - 10 a.m. This is a benefit fundraiser for the Mennonite Education Plan at Plains Mennonite Church. Live Christmas music! Tickets can be purchased from Rose Hackman (\$6 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under).

**MCC Material Resource Center** is hosting a **Celebration Open House** on Saturday, December 3, 1-4 p.m. Help celebrate our mortgage completion! "Surely the Lord has done great things!" Joel 2: 21b

The **Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers & Orchestra** present Two Glorias, *Vivaldi - Gloria* and *Puccini - Messa di Gloria* on Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available from choir members or Franconia Foundation.

Christopher Dock Mennonite High School is **requesting homes for Chinese high school students** for the second semester of the 2011-12 school year, beginning in January. Please contact Tim Kennel at kennel5@yahoo.com.

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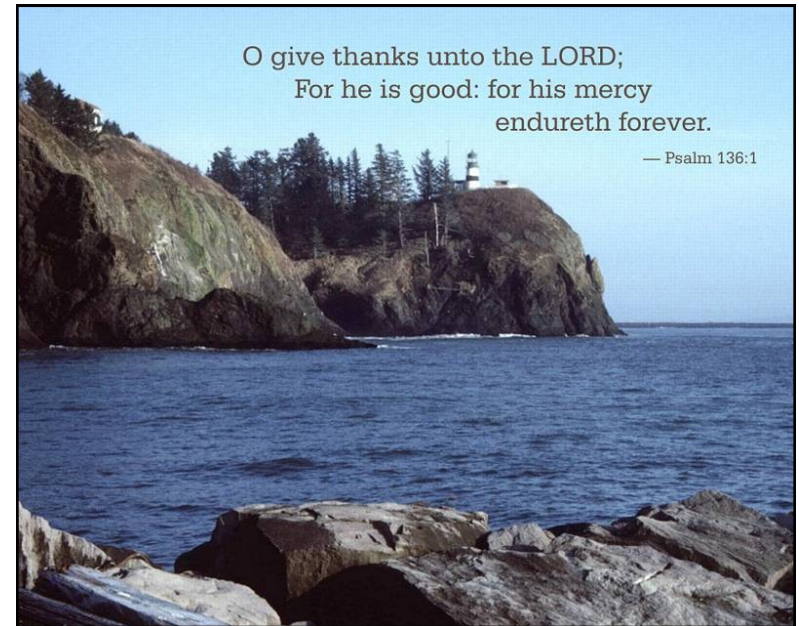
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**Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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*Sunday, November 20, 2011*  
*Harvest Home Sunday*