



## 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 27, 2011***

***“Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect”***

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

*Gathering Songs, 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***

*Children’s Time, Scripture Reading: Mark 11: 12-26*

*Sermon: “Restored to our Purpose”*

***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: Mark Fly  
Worship Leader: Dale Delp  
Offertory: Esther Delp

***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 17: 20-21*

*Jesus prays, “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”*

## ***Prayer Points***

*-Esther Pearson and Amber Delp both are recovering at home after short hospital stays this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they work at gaining strength and getting back into their normal routines of life. Pray also for others who continue to journey through treatment schedules and recovery. Pray specifically for Mike Bergey, Michele Delp and Curt Stoudt.*

*-Pray that during this Advent season we may all see God in an unexpected way and remember God’s great gift of love to us in new and special ways through the Christmas story.*

*-Pray for those in our midst who struggle with loneliness and depression during the holiday season due to the loss of a loved one. Pray that God’s touch of comfort and peace would be upon them and that they may be encouraged through the memories and stories of the lives of those who have gone home to be with the Lord. Pray also that the church body would be sensitive to these struggles and would be a source of strength and encouragement in their time of need.*

*-Pray for our congregational meeting being held next Sunday. Pray for open dialogue and unity of purpose to come out of this meeting as we together seek God’s direction for TMC.*

## *Announcements*

Next **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 today. If you are interested, a page with explanations of some of the budget line items is available in a mail slot close to the office door. 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.

Several **updates for our church directory** and also **new mailboxes**:

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Please note that some of the mailboxes have been re-arranged to add these persons.

**If you have an interest in being apart of the Christmas choir** and enjoy lifting your voice in celebration of our King, who is coming, has come and is here with us now, please come out for the practice this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. @ church led by Loren Parmer. Attention Men! We need some extra male voices; why not give it a try!

### Last Week's Numbers

Offering		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,033.00	Worship 131
Designated Gifts	\$ 450.00	SS 118
Sunday School	\$ 8.00	
Building Fund	\$ 82.00	
Total	\$ 5,573.00	

## Calendar

### TODAY

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

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Choir Practice @ church  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE prayer gathering  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: John & Jen Vasey Family  
Nursery: Renae Knechel, Kiersta Leatherman  
SS Nursery: Jen Vasey  
Sound: Marlin Bergey

### LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: Guest Speaker: Randy Nyce, Everence  
"Thanks, But No Thanks" Mark 12: 41-43  
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*

*Dec 4 - "Truthful Integrity"*

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, Dec. 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/adults and \$5/kids).

**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

**Sola Gratia Musicians' Christmas Concert** will be held on Friday, December 9th, at 7 p.m. at Franconia Mennonite Church. The following Towamencin children are involved: Ashley, Natasha, Shayna, Leisha and Luke Bergey, & Andre and Kiersta Leatherman.

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