

Towamencin Mennonite Church

Sunday, April 6, 2008

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

WE GATHER

Pre Service Music

Gladys Nice

Call to Worship and Prayer

Mike Clemmer

WE PRAISE GOD

Worship In Song

Mark Fly

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Worship In Song

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:2

Sermon: “Changing the Way We Think”

Noel Santiago

WE RESPOND

Song of Response

Offering of First Fruits

Offertory

Gladys Nice

If you are a guest with us, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate.

WE ARE SENT

Benediction

Sending Song

Child care is provided during the worship service. The nursery is located above the foyer. The Ushers/Greeters will be happy to assist you or answer any questions you may have. We are glad you joined us today!

Everyone is welcome to a fellowship time downstairs following the morning service. Sunday School, for all ages, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Points

-Please pray for our youth as they are in an important learning, growing, and decision-making time of their lives. Pray that they will develop a strong relationship with the Lord and a desire to serve & share the light of Christ with the community around them.

-Pray for our building program as it continues to progress. Pray that the persons who are working here daily will be safe and that we as a congregation can find ways to relate to them and share with them. Pray for a passion to minister and serve out of this new space.

-Continue to pray for Michele Delp and the Delp family through her time of treatments and rehab. Pray that God will grant her strength for the journey and hope for the future.

-Please pray for Kathleen Detwiler (Harold Mellott’s mother) as she recovers from hip surgery.

-Please pray for those among us who are dealing with broken or strained relationships. Pray that God’s touch of healing and restoration would intervene and that open dialogue and forgiveness would prevail.

-Pray for persons who are in the midst of vocation changes. Pray that God would lead them and direct them to employment that would be satisfying and fulfilling and that God’s peace and comfort would be with them in the interim time.

-Continue to pray for Russ Detweiler as he rests and recovers from the recent virus that he dealt with.

Statistics Last Week

Offerings		Attendance	
Budget	\$ 4,024.00	Worship	157
Building Fund Pledges	\$ 1,579.00	SS	132
Building - Above Pledges	\$ 20.00		
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 5,623.00		

Announcements . . .

We welcome Noel Santiago and Noah Kolb to our services today!

Noah has been our Conference Minister over the past few years and Noel is the Executive Minister of the Franconia Conference. Noel will be bringing the morning message and they both will share about our Pastoral Review during the SS hour.

If you are **interested in becoming a member** of Towamencin Mennonite Church, please talk to Pastor Mike. A membership class will be forming for both those desiring baptism as well as those wishing to transfer their membership.

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, cards & meals which we received during the illness & passing of our dear mother and grandmother, Dolores Alderfer. Each one was very meaningful to us & greatly helped us through a difficult time. May God bless you for your kindness.

Wendell, Jolene, Marissa & Nate Weaver
Ben & Denae Weaver

Please remember to fill out your **VBS volunteer form** and return them to Gloria, Linda, or Jen. Thank you!

The Finance Committee has committed a portion of the MMA investment earnings to be used for **Spruce Lake Camp's Church Matching Program**. If you have registered or are planning to register for a summer wilderness camp, please let the church office know soon. You will receive a **\$75 OFF COUPON** for each child that plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

The **MYF** will have a **practice for Youth Sunday** on **April 13** immediately following Sunday School. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

Heaven Bound S.S. Class will be meeting for breakfast on Tuesday, April 22, at Franconia Heritage at 8 a.m. See Frances if you have questions.

The **Mother-Daughter Banquet** will be held on Monday, April 28. Story-teller Joy Sawatsky will be sharing stories of faith with the group. A sign-up sheet will be put up next Sunday to reserve your place.

TODAY

Greeters: Ron & Michele Delp Family
Nursery: Galen Knechel, Brent Frederick
S.S. Nursery: Gloria Bergey, Frances Landis
Library: Sarahlyn Knechel
Audio: Aaron Leatherman

THIS WEEK

Today, MYF Bible Study at Parmer's home
Tuesday, Sewing Circle, bring sandwiches
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Church Council
Thursday, 4-8 p.m. Pizza Hut (Souderton) Fundraiser for Building Project

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Dale & Arlene Delp, Bill & Floss Landes
Nursery: Marsha Bergey, Sarahlyn Knechel
S.S. Nursery: Arlene Delp, Diane Keeler
Library: Natasha Bergey
Audio: Ben Knechel

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon: "How Can I Serve You?" Mark 9: 33-37
Apr 22 (Tues) Heaven Bound SS Class Breakfast @ Franconia Heritage
April 28 (Mon) Mother-Daughter Banquet
May 10 (Sat) Annual Spring Yard Sale
May 31 (Sat) Lamplighters SS Class "Grease" Party
June 23-27 (Mon-Fri) Vacation Bible School, 6:15-8:45 p.m.

MYF

April 20 (Sun) Youth Sunday
April 20 (Sun) Bible Study @ Parmer's home
May 18 (Sun) Couch Derby @ Zion Mennonite Church
May 25 (Sun) Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, 6:05 p.m. game

Life With God Ministries

April 6 - "Hope and Obedience"

April 13 - "I Have Overcome"

Website: www.lifewithgodbroadcast.org

Franconia Conference News

“**Wunderkind**” **Felix Hell** will give a concert Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m. at the Zion Mennonite Church. At age 22, Felix has already been called as the best of the young organists in the world.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS: Camp Men-o-Lan is holding its 8th Annual Benefit Golf Outing on Monday, May 5, at Butter Valley Golf Port. There are still openings for morning and afternoon play. To register, call 215-679-5144.

All are invited to the **April monthly prayer gathering** being held on Saturday, April 19, at Line Lexington Mennonite Church from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact Sandy Landes, at 215-723-5513, ext 121.

The **Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers & Orchestra** will present *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn on Saturday, April 19, at Souderton Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Praise & Worship Night at **Perkiomenville Mennonite Church** on Sunday, April 20 at 6 p.m. Video will be shown of the upcoming Word FM mission trip to China in June. See the flyer on the bulletin board downstairs for more information.

Franconia Conference School for Leadership Formation presents *Managing Holy Restlessness-Calling and Discerning at any age and in any life situation*. This workshop will be held at the Mennonite Conference Center on Saturday, April 19, from 8:30 to noon and will be led by Debra Franke, MA Counseling, and Walter Sawatsky, conference minister. Please register by Tuesday, April 15, by contacting Jessica Walter at jwalter@franconiaconference.org.

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