

# Towamencin Mennonite Church

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Sunday, April 27, 2008

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

## **We Gather**

Music for Gathering                      Aaron Leatherman & Worship Team  
Call to Worship & Prayer                      Gerald Derstine

## **We Praise God**

Worship In Song  
Sharing & Prayer  
Worship In Song

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Scripture Reading: John 4: 1-15, 39-42  
Sermon: “Spiritual Guidance”                      Walter Sawatzky

## **We Respond**

Song of Response  
Giving of Tithes  
Offertory                                              Jessica Leatherman

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

## **We Are Sent**

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

We welcome Walter Sawatzky as our guest speaker today. Walter is married to Joy Swartley (Deep Run East) and they have two sons Benjamin and Alexander. Walter served for ten years as conference minister and missions administrator for Franconia Conference. He continues as contracted staff with the conference and also is currently working as a coach, especially where people are asking the question “What should I do with my life?”

# Prayer Points

*-Pray for those in our midst who are dealing with issues related to aging. Pray for God’s guidance in making difficult decisions about living arrangements and medical needs and also that family and friends can remain supportive during this time of anxiety.*

*-Continue to pray for our building program as it progresses. Pray for the safety of those working here daily. Pray also for a renewed call to minister to the community through this building.*

*-Please keep the Riddle family and the Canaviri family in your prayers as they face the difficulties of living and ministering in foreign lands. Pray for God’s direction and care for them as they serve. May God grant them a special portion of encouragement and peace of mind.*

*-Please keep Serena Detweiler (granddaughter of Norm and Betty Detweiler) in your prayers. She is hospitalized at Children’s Hospital with a septic infection in her hip. Pray for God’s healing touch to be swift and complete in Serena.*

*-Pray for our gift discernment process that is going on right now. Pray that God would place passion to serve in the hearts of persons and that the ministries of our church would continue to thrive.*

## Night Demons

They come in the night,  
These demons of self-doubt -  
They come to disqualify me,  
Kidnapping my confidence:  
How can you be spiritual  
Yet be this anxious?  
How dare you offer your needy self to be  
A spiritual guide for others?

Then the Spirit comes -  
To comfort, to console,  
Fortifying me with the ancient assurance  
That I am one beggar  
Showing other beggars where to find bread,  
that my very neediness  
Validates my credentials,  
As one who surely seeks  
And just as surely finds,  
- as one already found.

Written by Kent Ira Groff

## God Questions You Might Ask a Friend As You Listen

Who is God to you in this situation?  
What face of God do you see right now?  
How do you picture your relationship with God?  
Where is God in this situation?  
What is your experience of God's love?  
How are you being touched by God's presence? God's  
absence?  
What is your prayer at this time?  
When you pray, what is God like?  
What might God want to say to you in this situation?  
How might God be calling you to respond?  
What would you like to say to God in this situation?  
What are you feeling toward God in light of this situa-  
tion?

**More information about Spiritual Guidance**  
(experience and training) can be found at [http://  
www.on-the-journey.org  
/index.html](http://www.on-the-journey.org/index.html).

## Announcements . . .

*"Thank you for all the cards received remembering our 61st wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated."  
Ralph and Sadie Moyer"*

Please return your **gift discernment forms** to the church office mailbox today. Additional forms are available on the table in the foyer.

**Lots of gently used office furniture** (desks, filing cabinets, and bookshelves) is available for sale by Diane & Brian Keeler. Monies will go to the Building Fund. They would like to sell these items before the yard sale.

**LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Ladies Retreat at Russ & Ev's in Honeybrook on Friday-Sunday, October 24-26.

### Statistics Last Week

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 3,778.00	Worship 123
Building Fund	\$ 6,836.00	SS 93
Building Fund Pizza Hut	\$ 584.56	
<b>Grand Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$11,198.56</b>	

*Coming Soon!*

**Towamencin's Annual Spring Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bake sale, plants, food, and lots of yard sale treasures.

Talk to Jen Vasey to reserve a parking space for \$10 to sell your own treasures.

We need your gently used books, toys, clothes, household items, furniture, etc. to sell to raise money for our building project. **All donations** need to be brought to the church by **Saturday, May 3rd.**



## TODAY

Greeters: Bob & Eric Keeler, Curt & Gladys Nice  
 Nursery: Natilya Parmer, Amber Knechel  
 S.S. Nursery: Jolene Weaver, Mary Lou Metzler  
 Library: Lacey Knechel  
 Audio: Jason Knechel

## THIS WEEK

Monday, 6:15 p.m. Mother-Daughter & Friends Banquet, "Celebrate and Be Joyful" Guest speaker: Joy Sawatzky  
 Tuesday, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

## NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Brian & Diane Keeler Family  
 Nursery: Chelsia Leatherman, Audrey Delp  
 S.S. Nursery: Gloria Bergey, Phyllis Leatherman  
 Library: Ashley Bergey

## LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: II Timothy 1  
 May 10 (Sat) Annual Spring Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 May 31 (Sat) Lamplighters SS Class "Grease" Party  
 June 23-27 (Mon-Fri) "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School, 6:15-8:45 p.m.  
 July 6 (Sun) Church Picnic  
 Aug 24 (Sun) Baptism Service

## MYF

May 4 (Sun) Bible Study @ Parmer's  
 May 18 (Sun) Couch Derby @ Zion Mennonite Church  
 May 25 (Sun) Iron Pigs, 6:05 p.m. game, meet at church @ 4:15 p.m.  
 July 13-19 (Sun-Sat) Group Work Camp to New Berlin, NY

*Life With God Ministries*

April 27 - "What Mountain"

May 4 - "Field of Shattered Dream"

Website: [www.lifewithgodbroadcast.org](http://www.lifewithgodbroadcast.org)

## Franconia Conference News

**Quakertown Christian School** will host its **49th Annual Country Auction & Fair on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10**. Chicken barbecue, auction, breakfast, and other events. For a complete schedule, visit [www.quakertownchristian.org](http://www.quakertownchristian.org) or call 215-536-6970.

**HAHNA**, a group of four Eastern Mennonite University students will be performing a concert of varied music around the theme of being united in love— of God, others, and music— on Friday, May 16, 7 p.m. at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church.

The **May prayer gathering** of Franconia Conference goes to the marketplace! We will be meeting on Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gehman Custom Remodeling showroom in Harleysville. Noel Santiago will bring a message of encouragement.

**Bethany Birches Camp in Vermont** is seeking counselors and a preparation cook beginning in mid-June. Counselors have fun and share God's love with the campers. The prep cook prepares, serves, and gives leadership in the kitchen. Spend the summer in the Green Mountains. Visit [www.vtchildrenscamp.com](http://www.vtchildrenscamp.com).

**Indian Creek Foundation's 17th Annual Roll & Stroll** will take place on Saturday, June 21 in Souderton. Check out their official website for more information [www.rollandstroll.com](http://www.rollandstroll.com).

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