



Towamencin Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 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

Worship Team

We Praise God

Call to Worship

Ben Weaver

Worship In Song

Aaron Leatherman

Children’s Story

Sharing & Prayer Time

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Joshua 14: 6-15

Sermon: “Gracefully Aged”

Pastor Mike

We Respond

Song of Response

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Jessica Leatherman

If you are a guest with us today,

please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate.

Receiving of Gifts Discernment Ballots

Wendell Weaver

Building Update

We Are Sent

Benediction

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

-Pray God’s blessing on Lowell Ehst and Ginny Mellott as they begin another term of service in respective church roles as elder and deaconess. Thank God for other persons featured in our recent ballot who expressed willingness to be considered for these roles. Pray for God’s guidance as we continue to consider ways in which our gifts may be used for the work of Christ and His Church.

-Remember Hailey Hagen and her travels with the Girl Scouts to Hawaii. She left early this past Thursday morning and will be gone for two weeks. Pray for safety and a time of learning and growth for Hailey.

-Pray for Jen Crissman, Jake Knechel, and Kyle Rank who will be baptized at our outdoor baptism service on Sunday, August 24. Pray that God would begin a work of growth and learning in their lives that will develop and produce the fruit of faithfulness and service in their lives through their public testimony of faith.

-Please pray for those among us who are feeling overwhelmed with the stresses of life. Pray that God would open the doors to help and encouragement and that they would be able to find emotional peace and rest.

-Praise God for opportunity afforded our pastor and his family for time away from pastoral responsibilities this past week! Lift Pastor Mike in prayer as he returns to his list of responsibilities. Pray for renewed insight and energy for the work of the Kingdom.

-Continue to lift Timmy Vasey in prayer as he recovers from a partially broken collar bone. Remember John and Jenn in the extra challenges of parenting during the two weeks they expect him to be wearing a sling.

-Praise God with Veronica Knechel for successful transition into a new job which God has brought to her! Pray for continuing strength and health for the challenges of her workplace.

-Praise God for continuing healing in the lives of Darryl Knechel and Blanche Freed. Pray for renewed strength and full restoration of health and energy.

Announcements

In today's bulletin, there is a **Gift Discernment Ballot**. The voting and affirmation will take place today after the offering.

Rose Hackman, Congregational Coordinator, will be on vacation **Wednesday, July 30, through Wednesday, August 13**. Please forward all bulletin announcements to Pastor Mike or Neal Frederick during that time. Thanks!

Next Sunday, all of the adult Sunday School classes are invited to begin a 4-week study on the book, Reaching Beyond the Mennonite Comfort Zone, written by Will Schirmer. This is a study on outreach and evangelism. Books will be available at the first class.

During the time of my mouth surgery I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and meals. I thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and concerns throughout my healing. I also thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during my recent hospital experience, and also the visits and the flowers.
Ruthie Gehman

URGENT NEED! IVOC'S Food Pantry is experiencing a shortage of food. They are seeing an increase in families needing assistance. Food donations will be collected over the next two Sundays here at the church. Items needed are: peanut butter, jelly and jams, tuna fish, cold & hot cereals, macaroni & cheese dinners, pasta and rice, spaghetti sauce, dessert items (jello, pudding, cake mixes, etc.), canned meals (beef stew, ravioli, etc.), basic staples (sugar, flour, oil, etc.), canned vegetables and fruits, and soups.

ATTENTION MYF: Shartlesville Rodeo & Water Slide at Hemlock Springs, Saturday and Sunday, August 2--3. Meet at Parmers at 4:45 p.m. Saturday for the rodeo and then stay overnight at Hemlock Springs. We will have devotions on Sunday morning and spend the day using the water slide. We will return home approximately 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$30. Things to bring:

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| Bible | sleeping bag |
| pillow | toiletries |
| bathing suit | towel |
| change of clothing | food items you signed up to bring |

TODAY

Greeters: Loren & Eileen Parmer Family
 Nursery: Phyllis Leatherman, Natilya Parmer
 S.S. Nursery: Jen Vasey, Frances Landis
 Library: Ashley Bergey
 Audio: Jason Knechel
 Host Family: Brent & Diane Knechel

THIS WEEK

Monday, 6-7 p.m. Women's Water Exercise at Greaser's home
 Tuesday, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 Saturday-Sunday, 4:45 p.m. Meet at Parmer's for rodeo & water slide
 SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Sallie Sperry, Curt & Ann Stoudt
 Nursery: Sarahlyn Knechel, Amber Knechel
 S.S. Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler, Gloria Bergey
 Library: Kiersta Leatherman
 Audio: Aaron Leatherman

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon: "Dressed for Success" Pastor Mike, Col. 3: 12-17
 Aug 12 (Tues) Sewing Circle, bring sandwiches
 Aug 24 (Sun) Outdoor Baptism Service
 Oct 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Women's Retreat at Honeybrook, PA

<u>Statistics Last Week</u>		
Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,467.05	Worship 143
Sunday School	\$ 4.74	SS 127
Building Fund	\$ 1,045.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 5,516.79	

Life With God Ministries
 Listen on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on WNPV-AM 1440
 Website: www.life-with-god.org

Franconia Conference News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 33rd Annual Chicken BBQ & Quilt Auction on Saturday, August 23 at Souderton Mennonite Home. Community Old-fashioned Hymn Sing Under the Tent on Sunday, August 24, 6:00 p.m.

Free Family Film at Perkasie Mennonite Church on their outdoor 30-foot screen on Friday, August 1. For more details, see www.perkmenno.org.

Two public concerts are upcoming at Spruce Lake Retreat: **The Franz Family on Saturday, August 2, and Zambian Vocal Group on Monday, August 4.** Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. www.sprucelake.org.

All are invited to an evening on mission with **Steve and Betsy Dintaman** at Methacton Mennonite Church on Sunday, August 3 at 7 p.m. Steve and Betsy are working with Mennonite Mission Network at Lithuania Christian College as a theology professor and a librarian, respectively.

Have a taste of cross-cultural fun! Join in the good time at a Peach Picnic on Saturday, August 2 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Souderton Borough Park. Twenty-four students who are in a "Western European Young Leaders" summer program at Drexel University are coming for a short visit to the Souderton area.

"Cantabile Children's Choir" is auditioning young singers, grades 3-9, for its 2008-2009 season. The choir meets on Tuesday nights at Lansdale Presbyterian Church and has traveled throughout the US, Canada and Italy. Auditions are Tuesdays at 7 p.m., August 12, 26, September 2 and 9. Call Director Susan Liegel at 215-858-9528 for a brochure or with specific questions. See flyer on bulletin board downstairs.

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