

FRANCONIA CONFERENCE NEWS

Join friends of **Sunday School Meditations** at an upcoming Dinner Meeting being held on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Midway Reception Center near Lititz, PA. The program will feature a power point presentation highlighting the fiftieth anniversary of Sunday School Meditations; also singing by the Weaverland Quartet.

Vincent Mennonite Church will be hosting a “**Young Adult Conglomerate**” on Saturday, August 30. A softball/homerun derby will begin at 5 p.m., followed by hot dogs and hamburgers at 6 p.m. There will be a worship service with music and a message at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Open your heart and home to an international student! There is still time for a **5th grade boy from Korea** to have the opportunity to attend Penn View Christian School for the 2008/09 school year! Penn View and American Home Life International are seeking a host family for Hae Chae Lee. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Jane Ruth at 610-287-5542 or e-mail her at jayjane@aol.com.

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Towamencin Mennonite Church

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



Sunday, August 24, 2008

Music for Gathering

Welcome & Prayer

Time of Worship & Praise

Loren Parmer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Worship Team

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Transfer of Membership: Dan Crissman

Congregational Response:

*“With joy we receive you as part of this congregation.
We promise to surround you with love and encourage-
ment that will enable you to grow strong in compassion,
vigorous in service and sure in the way of Christ. We
welcome your contribution to our walk of faith as you
also make this promise with us.”*

Hearing God’s Word: Romans 6: 1-10

Children’s Time Reflecting on God’s Word

Meditation: “Dead, Alive & Free”

Pastor Mike

Preparation for Baptism & Receiving of New Members

Introduction of Baptismal Candidates

Jenn Crissman

Jake Knechel

Lacey Knechel

Kyle Rank

Entering into the Water for Baptism

Song of Response – Amazing Grace

Benediction

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Jeffrey Rickard

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

No turning back no turning back.

The world behind me the cross before me

The world behind me the cross before me

The world behind me the cross before me

No turning back no turning back.

CCLI Song # 2151540

Shall We Gather At the River

Robert Lowry

Shall we gather at the river

Where bright angel feet have trod

With its crystal tide forever

Flowing by the throne of God

Chorus

Yes, we'll gather at the river

The beautiful the beautiful river

Gather with the saints at the river

That flows by the throne of God

On the bosom of the river

Where the Savior King we own

We shall meet and sorrow never

'neath the glory of the throne.

Chorus

CCLI Song # 93731

TODAY

Greeters: Jerry and Cindy Nyce family

Audio: Lowell Bergey

THIS WEEK

Monday, 6-7 p.m. Women's Water Exercise at Greaser's home

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Brent and Diane Knechel Family

Nursery: Amber Delp, Marsha Bergey

SS Nursery: Jen Vasey, Gloria Bergey

Library: Ashley Bergey

Audio: Max Keeler

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 9 (Tues) Sewing Circle

Sept 9 (Tues) Church Council

Oct 4 (Sat) Fall Yard Sale, raindate October 11

Oct 5 (Sun) Communion Service

Oct 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Women's Retreat at Honeybrook, PA

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,695.76	Worship 130
Sunday School	\$ 9.97	SS 103
Building Fund	\$ 2,685.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 8,390.73	

Life With God Ministries

Listen on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on WNPV-AM 1440

Website: www.life-with-god.org

PRAYER POINTS

-Praise God for the good report for Gabriel Hagen regarding the tests on his heart and his head this week. Gabriel does not need any more tests! Thank you to all of you who have interceded to God on the behalf of the Hagen family this week.

-Continue to pray for Mary Lou Bechtel as she discerns a course of treatment for her cancer. Pray that God would guide and direct all who are involved in the process and that God's healing touch would be on her body.

-Please pray for those persons who are dealing with difficult relationship situations. Pray that God would grant them the courage and desire to commit themselves to the work of dialogue and that forgiveness and restoration will prevail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please look over your personal information listed in the blue-covered 2007-08 church directory and let Rose Hackman in the church office know of any changes or additions that need to be made. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please give the information to Rose. Give changes and additional information in written form via the church office mailbox or e-mail at office@towamencinmennonite.org by Sunday, September 14. Thank you for your help!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **October 4** will be our **Fall Yard Sale** with October 11 being the rainedate. If you would like to volunteer to help or if you have items to donate, please contact Diane Keeler or Diane Knechel.

Joel Osteen will be speaking in Philadelphia on **Friday, December 5**. Tickets will need to be purchased very soon for this event. Cost is approximately \$15.00. If you are interested in securing a spot with other persons from Towamencin Mennonite, please contact Diane Keeler as soon as possible.

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

We sing

Come Lord Jesus come

(repeat 3 times)

This Is the Day

Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made

That the Lord hath made

We will rejoice, we will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord hath made

We will rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made.

**You are looking for
So come home running
Just as you are**

Verse 1

**Oh heart of mine
Why must you stray
From One so fair
You run away
And one more time
You have to pay the heaviness
Of needless shame**

Verse 2

**Oh heart of mine
Come back home
You've been too long
Out on your own
And He's been there all along
Watching for you down the road**

Verse 3

**Oh child of God
So dearly loved
And ransomed by
The Savior's blood
And called by name daughter and son
Wrapped in the robe of righteousness**

CCLI Song #4274621

FAITH JOURNEYS

Jenn Crissman:

I was raised in the Catholic Church and also attended Catholic school. It was there I learned much about the Lord. I have always felt I had a deep relationship with Jesus. In recent years, raising children has been a very spiritual journey for me. The deep unconditional love I feel for my girls reminds me how much God loves, not only me, but all of us. I often feel renewed and a need to recommit myself to the Lord. Although I have much to learn, I am excited that I am publicly making the decision to become baptized today August 24, 2008.

A passage of scripture that is has been very meaningful to me is Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." As a wife and mother, this scripture comforts me and brings me peace.

FAVORITE SONG: I Can Only Imagine
FAITH PARTNER: Melanie Hagen

Jacob B. Knechel:

Praying for people in and out of our church has had a positive effect on my relationship with God. I asked Jesus into my life at Spruce Lake at the age of 11. Since then I have been learning more about the Lord my Savior. So, knowing that Jesus died for my sins, I would like to make public witness of my baptism and become a member of our church.

One of the first verses I memorized was John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

FAVORITE SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
FAITH PARTNER: Lowell Ehst

Lacey Knechel:

I became a Christian when I was seven. I am getting baptized now, because I want everyone to know that I have accepted Jesus into my heart and want to live my life for God. Last year I wanted to learn more about God, so I tried reading my Bible daily. But, I couldn't stick with it. Then, I noticed Tiffany and Malina reading their Bibles every night. So I decided to try again, and now it's going much better for me. My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 25:40, "The king will reply, I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did it for me." Now I'm enjoying church more.

FAVORITE SONG: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
FAITH PARTNER: Twyla Knechel

**Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.
Chorus**

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

**Chorus 1
Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come**

**Verse 1
One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now**

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Come Home Running

Chris Tomlin

**Chorus 1
So come home running
His arms are open wide
His name is Jesus
And He understands
He is the answer**

**I can only imagine when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine I can only imagine
Chorus**

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Power in the Blood

Lewis E. Jones

**Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood,**

Chorus

**There is pow'r, pow'r, wonderworking pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb,
There is pow'r, pow'r wonderworking pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

**Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood,
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.**

Chorus

**Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.**

Chorus

Kyle Rank:

I did not grow up attending church. It was not until about the sixth grade that I first attended Upper Skippack Mennonite Church. A lot of my church experience and faith walk is due to the friendship of Kevin Hoover and his family. It was at an ALPHA function, led by the Hoovers and others that I was participating in that I accepted Christ. Through out the last year and half since my decision I have seen Christ in many ways, including the miraculous works at Spruce Lake. Today I want to publicly express my faith by being baptized.

My favorite verses are Psalm 23. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FAVORITE SONG: Come Home Running

FAITH PARTNER: Harold Mellott

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Come We That Love the Lord

Isaac Watts

**Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne,**

Chorus:

**We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of
God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God,
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.**

Chorus

**Then let our songs abound and every tear be dry,
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.**

Chorus

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

**Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

Chorus

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high.**

CCCL Song # 117947

I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

**I can only imagine what it would be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When your face is before me I can only imagine**

Chorus

**Surrounded by Your glory what will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees fall
Will I sing Hallelujah will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine, I can only imagine**