



Towamencin Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 9, 2008

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

Gathering Music

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Mark Fly

Worship In Song

Aaron Leatherman

Offering

Offertory

Jessica Leatherman

If you are a guest with us today,

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1: 1-11

Sermon: “What in the World is God Up to Anyway?”

James Krabill

Songs of Response

Prayer and Sharing Time

Benediction

Sending Song

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

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!

We welcome James Krabill to our service today. James is a popular writer and dynamic speaker. He and his wife, Jeanette, spent nearly 14 years living and teaching in Ivory Coast, including several years living in a small village among the Dida people. As one of the three senior executives with Mennonite Mission Network, James oversees its international and U.S. ministries, short-term mission and service programs, and human resources functions as they related to these departments.

He is author of several books and writings including: Does Your Church “Smell” Like Mission? and Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith? James and Jeanette are members of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, IN. They have three children: Matthew, Elisabeth, and Mary Laura.

Prayer Points

Please keep Neal Frederick in your prayers as he begins his training in Florida this week before heading to Haiti. Pray that he would be able to quickly learn both the language and the culture so that his ministry would have no limitations. Pray also that this experience would be a special time of great spiritual growth for Neal.

Continue to keep Dale Delp in your prayers as he seeks God’s direction for future treatments. Pray for patience for the times of waiting and especially for God’s healing touch on his life.

Esther Delp will be having two stints put in coming up on November 11th and the 20th. Please pray for God’s arms of protection to be with her during those procedures and for a swift recovery

Esther Pearson requests your prayers as she is currently dealing with the pains of cracked ribs. Pray for the pain to subside and for God’s special touch of healing on her body.

Please continue to pray for our country as we begin the transition to a new president. Pray that God would empower and direct him for the tasks before him and that we would return to being a nation that trusts in God, not in the works of human beings.

Announcements

With 85 respondents to discernment of **elder chair** position, **100% gave support** to elder selection of **Harold Mellott** in this role for one year. Thanks for your responses and collective discernment.

Towamencin Board of Elders

All parents of MYFers should attend an informational meeting about the 2009 Youth Convention immediately following Sunday School today in the auditorium.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the Fall Bible Studies! Each evening will begin with a delicious meal and a time of fellowship. Pastor Mike will be answering some of the “Questions that You Always Wanted to Ask your Pastor.”

The **host and hostess schedule** for January through June 2009 is being worked on. Please contact Ruth Ann Fly if you would like to volunteer a Sunday or if you need to make changes from last year.

Tuesday is the last day to sign up for the “**Healthy Living**” **women’s night out** at Diane Keeler’s home on Friday at 6:15 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the mailbox cart.

MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED:

Bux-Mont Living is sponsoring the **African Children’s Choir** concert at Pennridge High School on **Saturday, December 6th**. Towamencin Mennonite Church has been asked to provide a hot meal for the children prior to the concert. I am looking for volunteers to provide the following food items for the meal: lasagna, applesauce, Italian bread, cookies and juice. If you are willing to help, please contact April Clemmer (215-256-6910) or sign up today at the mail cart. Food items will need to be delivered to the Clemmer home by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, December 6th, ready to serve.

Last Week’s Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,496.71	Worship 151
Sunday School	\$ 28.82	SS 130
Bus Fund	\$ 85.00	
Sound System	\$ 21.00	
Building Fund	\$ 2,891.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 8,522.53	

TODAY

Greeters: Marlin & Char Bergey Family
Nursery: Brent Frederick, Sarahlyn Knechel
SS Nursery: Gloria Bergey, Gladys Knechel
Library: Ashley Bergey
Audio: Norm Detweiler
Host Family: Mike & April Clemmer

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Sewing Circle, main dish provided, bring salad or dessert
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Supper & Fall Bible Study
Friday, 6:15 p.m. “Healthy Living” Ladies Night Out at Keeler’s

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Claudio & Mandy Sanchez, Ken & Blanche Freed
Nursery: Natilya Parmer, Amber Knechel
S.S. Nursery: Frances Landis
Library: Kiersta Leatherman
Audio: Norm Detweiler
Host Family: Wendell & Jolene Weaver

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: “That’s Not Fair” Romans 12: 9-21 Pastor Mike
Nov 19 (Wed) Fall Bible Studies
Nov 26 (Wed) Joint Thanksgiving Service with Covenant, 7:30 p.m.
Dec 7 (Sun) Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal, 11:15 a.m.
abbreviated Sunday School time

MYF

Nov 21-23 (Fri-Sun) Leadership Retreat @ Spruce Lake
Dec 13 (Sat) Christmas Party with Harleysville Pediatrics
Jan 23-24 (Fri-Sat) 30-Hour Famine

AUTHENTICALLY FAITHFUL

Dec 13 (Sat) Christmas Dinner/Party, 7 p.m.
Jan 23-25 (Fri-Sun) Winter Retreat

Franconia Conference News

Tickets are now on sale for Christopher Dock's performance of the classical musical *Fiddler on the Roof* on Thursday-Saturday, November 13-15, at 7:30 p.m. Also, senior citizens receive free admission at the dress rehearsal performance on Wednesday, November 12, at 1 p.m. Call 215-362-2675 for more information.

Quakertown Christian School is partnering with **Joni & Friends** for the second annual **Joint Talent Show** on Friday, November 14, at 7 p.m. This evening is an incredible testimony to our Heavenly Father who is truly the giver of all gifts and talents.

Don't miss the **BUXMONT Living "Celebrate Community" Benefit Concert** featuring the **African Children's Choir** and our own local community Youth Choir on **Saturday, December 6**, at 7 p.m. at Pennridge High School. Proceeds will benefit the MAMA Project and its new Nigerian health and nutrition program as well as BUXMONT Living. For tickets, call 215-723-9378 or visit www.buxmontliving.org.

ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS: Rockhill Mennonite Community will hold its First Annual Holiday Shoppers Fair on Friday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. As a part of this day, there will be a homemade cookie sale. If you are willing, please consider donating some homemade cookies. Place two dozen cookies in a bag or container, label them, and drop them off at Rockhill on Wednesday or Thursday of that week. All proceeds of this sale benefit special projects that enhance the lives of our residents.

Life With God Ministries

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

November 9—"Thoroughly Provoked"

November 16—"Starting All Over Again"

Website: www.life-with-god.org

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Ginny Mellott, Deaconess

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

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What In The World Is God Up To Anyway?

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More Announcements

We want to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits and flowers we received in the last couple weeks. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Dale & Arlene Delp

Church Fam -
the knowledge that i have a strong body standing behind me as head out on this new adventure gives me the confidence I need for the next 5 months. It was proved by your encouragement in so many ways sunday night at the 'headed to haiti' party. Words alone cannot show enough appreciation to you all, yet I send my thanks and love to you as your brother in Christ, Neal. Isaiah 26

The **Nursery schedule for 2009** is being worked on. Please contact Mandy Sanchez if you would like to volunteer or have your name removed from next years' schedule. Thank you!

Harvest Sunday, November 23



Let's celebrate the goodness of the Lord by sharing with our neighbors in need.

*Bring a food donation for The Shepherd's Shelf
Christ Lutheran Church*

The Shepherd's Shelf helps those in need in the Harleysville, Towamencin, and Lansdale area. Items that they request are:

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| <i>*Hardy soups with meats</i> | <i>*Toothpaste</i> |
| <i>Canned vegetables</i> | <i>Jelly</i> |
| <i>Lower sodium soups</i> | <i>Oatmeal</i> |
| <i>100% juices</i> | <i>Canned tuna or chicken</i> |
| <i>*Bath soup</i> | <i>Canned fruits</i> |
| <i>Instant mashed potatoes</i> | <i>Cereal</i> |
| <i>Scalloped potato mixes</i> | <i>Crackers</i> |
| <i>Spaghetti sauce</i> | <i>Granola bars</i> |
| <i>Peanut butter</i> | <i>*Diapers—size 5 or 6</i> |
| <i>*Dried pasta (one pound packages only)</i> | |

Items with astericks (*) are especially needed at this time