



Towamencin Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 23, 2008

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

Harvest Sunday

Gathering Music

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Mark Fly

Worship In Song

Adriel Leatherman

Prayer and Sharing Time

Offering & Collection for Shepherd’s Shelf

Offertory

Chelsia Leatherman

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

Worship In Song

Scripture Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Sermon: “A Surge of Hope”

Pastor Mike

Song of Response

Report from Franconia Conference

Bob Keeler

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.

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!

Prayer Points

-Please keep in your prayers the Riddle family serving in Italy, the Canaviri family serving in Bolivia, and Neal Frederick serving in Haiti. Please watch the bulletin board for the latest prayer concerns and news. Pray that these persons would continue to have their needs met while they work at meeting the spiritual needs of those they are ministering to.

-Continue to keep Dale Delp in your prayers as he recovers from surgery on Friday and looks to the Lord for guidance for his future treatment schedule. Pray for God’s healing hands to touch Dale in a special way—returning him to full health again.

-Keep Bill and Florence Landis in your prayers as they travel to Florida to visit their ailing son William. Pray especially for William whose cancer has moved into the 2nd adrenal gland and is experiencing increasing pain. Pray for God’s touch of healing to be upon William.

-Be in prayer regarding our joint service with Covenant Community this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Pray that this will truly be a service of praise and thanksgiving and that the fellowship with other believers would be uplifting and renewing to all involved.

-Pray for family and friends who will be traveling to be with loved ones this Thanksgiving week. Pray for safe and swift travel as well as a special time of reconnecting and renewing relationships.

-Continue to pray for those dealing with relationship difficulties. Pray that persons would be open to honest discussion and that forgiveness and restoration would result.

-Be sure to praise God for His great mercy, grace and blessings that He has granted us!

Service Opportunity

We are planning an **MDS trip to Mississippi** the week of January 24-31. Fifteen persons from our congregation are needed to join ten persons from another congregation on this service opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Lee Greaser or the church office as soon as possible.

Announcements

Our annual **Thanksgiving Service** with Covenant Community Fellowship will be held this **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. here**. Invite your friends and family to join in our celebration of thankfulness to God for all the blessings He has given.

The **2009 Budget Proposal** is in your church mailboxes today. Please take time to look them over and be prepared to take action on the proposal at the **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7, at 11:15 a.m.** There will be a fellowship meal following the meeting. **Please bring a main dish and dessert for the fellowship meal.** Place settings and beverages will be provided.

If you are planning to attend **Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake** on Thursday-Friday, January 8-9, 2009, please let Loren Parmer know soon. Speaker is Dr. Tony Campolo and cost is \$99.

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,261.30	Worship 130
Sunday School	\$ 10.23	SS 112
Deacon's Fund	\$ 400.00	
Building Fund	\$ 645.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 5,316.53	

Life With God Ministries

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

November 23—"Gratefulness"

November 30—"God With Us"

Website: www.life-with-god.org

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15: 13*

TODAY

Greeters: Joe & Esther Pearson, Linford & Frances Landis
Nursery: Tiffany Knechel, Chelsia Leatherman
SS Nursery: Diane Keeler, Jen Vasey
Library: Natasha Bergey
Audio: Ben Knechel

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service here with Covenant

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Harold & Ginny Mellott, Renita Myers
Nursery: Malina Knechel, Amber Delp
S.S. Nursery: Gladys Knechel, Mary Lou Metzler
Library: Renae Knechel
Audio: Lowell Bergey

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: "Are You There?" Isaiah 64: 1-9 Pastor Mike
Dec 7 (Sun) Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal, 11:15 a.m.
abbreviated Sunday School time

MYF

Dec 13 (Sat) Christmas Party with Harleysville Pediatrics,
meet at Parmer's at 12 p.m.

Jan 23-24 (Fri-Sat) 30-Hour Famine

Feb 8 (Sun) Youth Sunday

AUTHENTICALLY FAITHFUL

Dec 13 (Sat) Christmas Dinner/Party, 7 p.m.

Jan 23-25 (Fri-Sun) Winter Retreat

Franconia Conference News

Prospective students are welcome to make an appointment and visit **Christopher Dock**. To schedule a visit, please call Lois Boaman, Director of Admissions at 215-362-2675, ext. 106. Visitation dates are: December 15, January 23, February 9, March 6, and April 20.

A book-autographing for *Like Those Who Dream*, a 200-page book of sermons preached at Salford Mennonite Church by author James C. Longacre, will be held on Friday, November 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mennonite Heritage Center.

World AIDS day is on Monday, December 1, and so is the next **Half-Price Sale at the Care and Share Shoppes** from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds from this sale will benefit MCC's Generations at Risk Initiatives. These initiatives touch millions of lives by caring for people with HIV/AIDS.

Rockhill Mennonite Community's First Annual Holiday Shoppers Fair will be held on Friday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Homemade cookie sale, Gift Shop specials, 20 local crafters/vendors, Pick-A-Prize Auction.

The **Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers and Orchestra**, led by Ralph Alderfer, will present *Magnificat* by Vivaldi, *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* by Bach, and *Mass in G* by Schubert on Sunday, December 7, at 3 p.m. at Souderton Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at door.

The **Mennonite Central Committee project for December 2008** is the collection of AIDS Care Kits. This is a great project for the holiday season for families looking for giving projects as an alternative to extravagant gift giving within their families. See green flyers on foyer table.

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