



Towamencin Mennonite Church
 Sunday, November 30, 2008

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

Let Your Face Shine!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80: 3, 7, 19

Gathering Music

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Paris Hagen

Worship In Song

Loren Parmer

Prayer and Sharing Time

Children’s Time

Worship In Song

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Sermon: “Are You There?”

Pastor Mike

Song of Response

Offering

Offertory

Alyssa Knechel

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

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

*-Pray for our congregational meeting that will be held next Sunday.
 Pray for good discussion and clear direction and discernment re-
 garding the workings of our church.*

*-Pray for those in our congregation who are working through con-
 tinuing health issues. Specifically, pray for Dale Delp, Gabriel
 Hagen, Michele Delp, Russ Detweiler, and William Landes.*

*-The holiday seasons often bring persons reminders of lost loved
 ones or difficulties in relationships. Pray for those among us who
 will experience loneliness during this holiday season. May they
 find comfort from those around them and a special peace from God
 that will carry them through the difficult times.*

*-Praise God that persons have graciously stepped forward to teach
 Sunday School classes for the next quarter. All of the positions are
 filled at this time. Please pray for these persons as they give their
 time and energy to serve in this important way. Pray also for the
 leaders of the Sunday School department as they make decisions and
 plan for things along the way.*

*-Praise God for the giving spirit that is evident in this congregation.
 Our collection of food items for The Shepherd’s Shelf last Sunday
 netted an abundance of grocery supplies to fill the shelves there and
 our offering at the Thanksgiving Eve service for Community Hous-
 ing Services netted \$1,890.28. Continue to pray for these organiza-
 tions as well as for those persons who are in want for their daily
 needs.*

***Yet, O Lord, you are our Father.
 We are the clay, you are the Potter;
 We are all the work of your hand.
 Isaiah 64: 8***

Announcements

Hope Prison Ministries is having a Christmas party for inmates' children and need your help with gifts. Today, you can choose a child from the Christmas tree in the foyer to share God's love with this Christmas season. Wrap the gift and attach the child's card. These gifts need to be returned to church by Sunday, December 14.

The **2009 Budget Proposal** was placed in your church mailboxes last Sunday. 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.

Service Opportunities

Volunteers are needed on this Monday, December 1st, to prepare the remaining church benches for refinishing. Come out at 6:30 p.m. for a night of work and fun!

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.

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 3,630.00	Worship 131
Sunday School	\$ 5.73	SS 124
Non Budget	\$ 350.00	
Sound System	\$ 20.00	
Building Fund	\$ 445.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 4,450.73	

Life With God Ministries

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

November 30 — "God With Us"

Website: www.life-with-god.org

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 6:30 p.m. Bench refinishing project, see notes
Friday, **5: 15 p.m.** Bus trip to hear Joel Osteen, meet at church

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Gerald & Phyllis Leatherman Family
Nursery: Galen Knechel, Nicole Kulp
S.S. Nursery: Gloria Bergey, Arlene Delp
Library: Lacey Knechel
Audio: Marlin Bergey

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: "God's Comfort" Isaiah 40: 1-11 Pastor Mike
Next Sunday: Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal, 11:15 a.m.
abbreviated Sunday School time
Dec 9 (Tues) Sewing Circle & Lunch at Franconia Heritage
Dec 9 (Tues) Church Council
Dec 14 (Sun) Christmas caroling
Dec 24 (Wed) Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

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 30-Feb 1 (Fri-Sun) Winter Retreat

Franconia Conference News

Penn View Christian School's annual Christmas Benefit Concert will be held on **Friday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m.** at Franconia Mennonite Church. The concert will feature the Third Grade Choir, General Choir, Select Choir, Middle School Band, Jazz Band, Middle School Strings, Select Strings, Seventh Grade Handbell Ensemble, and the Eighth Grade Handbell Ensemble. A portion of the offering will be matched dollar for dollar.

All are invited to a **Christmas Service** in an 18th century Mennonite Meetinghouse! A service of Christmas carols, scripture readings, and candle lighting will take place on **Saturday, December 6, at 7 p.m.** in the historic **Germantown Mennonite Meetinghouse.**

The **2009 Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake** will be held February 13-15. The adult program on "Restoring Justice: Creating Peace Between Victim & Offenders" will be led by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, director of the MCC Office on Crime and Justice. The youth program entitled "Understanding Jesus' Activism: Can Youth Change the World?" will be led by Mark Reiff, youth pastor at Doylestown Mennonite Church. [Http://efpjc.pjpr.org/efp092.htm](http://efpjc.pjpr.org/efp092.htm).

Join the **Christmas Peace Pilgrimage** from Nazareth to Bethlehem on Saturday, December 13, beginning at 10:45 a.m. Visit www.peacewalk.org for more information.

Speaker and mime artist Cary Trivnovich will be the key presenter at **Spruce Lake's Winter Retreat** on January 30– February 1. Visit www.sprucelake.org for more information.

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