



Towamencin Mennonite Church
 Sunday, December 7, 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

Pre-Service Music	Gladys Nice
Call to Worship	Ron Delp
Worship In Song	Gerald Derstine
Prayer and Sharing Time	
Children’s Time	
Worship In Song	
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11	
Sermon: “God’s Comfort”	Pastor Mike
Song of Response	
Offering & Offertory	Gladys Nice

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

Time of Anointing

Benediction

Sending Song—Christian Hymnal # 471

“Lean on His Arms”

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 Harold Knechel in your prayers as he has hip replacement surgery this Tuesday. Pray for God to be present in the operating room as well as through the whole process. Pray also for God’s touch of healing and restoration to be upon Harold during this procedure.

-Please pray for those among us who struggle with loneliness and the grief that comes with the loss of loved ones during this Christmas season. Pray that they will find comfort and peace from God through the care and encouragement of the body of believers. Pray also that our eyes may be opened to the needs of others and that we would all be challenged to serve those who are in need of care.

-Be in prayer for Community Housing Services of Lansdale as they are struggling to stay open during the current financial crisis. Pray that God would provide for their needs just as they provide for food and shelter for those in need in our own neighborhoods.

-Continue to pray for our country’s leaders as they deal with the many crisis situations involving economics and security. Pray that they would lead with vision and insight from God and that they would also make decisions that uphold and promote solid moral and Godly values.

-Please continue to pray for Robert Freed (Dawn Zucca’s father) as he remains a patient at Lansdale Hospital. Pray that the doctors can determine the best course of treatment for Robert and that he would experience God’s healing touch through this hospital stay.



Penn View Farms invites you to their Live Nativity on Saturday, December 13, from 6-8:30 p.m. at 1433 Broad Street in Perkasie. Penn View Farms is owned by Linda Allebach’s parents.

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 next Sunday, December 14.**

I want to thank all you people for the prayers, phone calls, visits and delicious meals that you made for Joe and I. God bless you as you continue to help others who need prayers and encouragement with a grateful heart!

Esther Pearson



Come and join in a **time of Christmas caroling** on Sunday, December 14. Please meet at the main entrance of Souderton Mennonite Home at 6:30 p.m. We will be caroling room to room.

Thank you for your contributions for our **Sunday School Offering** to the Shepherd's Shelf. The kids raised \$157.56 which supported their Thanksgiving meal served to individuals in need from our community.

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.

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,222.12	Worship 131
Sunday School	\$ 22.53	SS 122
Building Fund	\$ 21,750.46	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 25,995.11	

Life With God Ministries

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

Website: www.life-with-god.org

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 p.m. Elders @ Gerald Derstine's home
Tuesday, Sewing Circle & Lunch at Franconia Heritage
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Church Council
Saturday, 12 noon, meet at Parmer's for Christmas Party at Harleysville Pediatrics
Saturday, 7 p.m. Authentically Faithful Christmas Dinner Party

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Gerald & Gisela Derstine, Mike & Jen Petrucelli
Nursery: Marsha Bergey, Brent Frederick
S.S. Nursery: Diane Keeler, Jen Vasey
Library: Ashley Bergey
Audio: Marlin Bergey
Host Family: Mark & Ruth Ann Fly

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Isaiah 61: 1-4 Pastor Mike
Dec 14 (Sun) Christmas caroling, meet at SMH at 6:30 p.m.
Dec 24 (Wed) Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

MYF

Jan 23-24 (Fri-Sat) 30-Hour Famine
Feb 8 (Sun) Youth Sunday

AUTHENTICALLY FAITHFUL

Jan 30-Feb 1 (Fri-Sun) Winter Retreat

JR MYF

Jan 17 (Sat) Bible Study & Game Night w/ Rockhill JR MYF
7-9 p.m. at TMC

Franconia Conference News

The **Mennonite Central Committee Project for January 2009** is the collection of **comforters and blankets**. Each year, MCC sends bedding to hospitals, refugee camps, orphanages and locations experiencing disasters. This year more than 20,000 blankets and comforters have been sent to Afghanistan, Honduras, Iraq, Nepal, North Korea, Russia and Ukraine. You are encouraged to help replenish MCC's supplies.

All are invited to the **Christmas Song Service at Franconia Mennonite Church** on Sunday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Come to sing Christmas favorites from the red Mennonite hymnal.

Quakertown Christian School is holding its annual **Christmas Concert and Book Fair** on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of participation of QCS students in drama, instrumental ensembles, and hand bell and singing selections.

Over forty folk artists will be represented in the **Pennsylvania German Folk Art Sale** at the Mennonite Heritage Center. The event opens December 6 and continues through December 31. The month-long event begins with a special **Christmas Market** event today from 12 noon to 4 p.m. www.mhep.org

Bally Mennonite Church will be offering an **Advent & Christmas Carol Hymn Sing** on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17, from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome!

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