



Towamencin Mennonite Church
 Sunday, December 14, 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	Harold Mellott
Worship In Song	Aaron Leatherman
Prayer and Sharing Time	
Children’s Time	
Worship In Song	
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4	
Sermon: “I Have Good News”	Pastor Mike
Song of Response	
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.*

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 Neal Frederick in your prayers as he adapts to a new cultural setting and begins to minister in Haiti. Pray that all of his needs would be met (physical, spiritual and emotional) and that he can connect and minister to the persons he is working with. See more about Neal on his blog at [HTTP://FortheLoveofHaiti.blog.spot.com](http://FortheLoveofHaiti.blog.spot.com).

-Thank you for all involved in presenting a Christmas gift for “Hope Ministries” who distributes these gifts to the children of prisoners. These gifts will be given to the children at a special party this coming Saturday in Philadelphia. Please pray that these gifts will provide hope and encouragement to those children and they will receive the message of the Christ Child this Christmas with great joy.

-Pray for Harold Knechel as he recovers from hip surgery. Pray especially that God’s touch of healing and wholeness would be upon his body.

-Jenn and Mike Petrucelli are the proud parents of Mara Elizabeth, 7 pounds 14 ounces born on Monday, December 8th. Please keep the family in your prayers as they begin this journey of parenthood.

-Please keep Ron Delp in your prayers as he recuperates from a hospital stay this week. Pray that God’s healing touch would be on Ron and that his health would be restored.

A Special Prayer Opportunity

Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

and

Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m.

will be times of prayer at the church specifically focused on our new building and the outreach opportunities available through it. Prayer is the beginning point to allowing God to work. Come out and be part of our praying church as we seek God’s vision.

Announcements

The gifts for Hope Prison Ministries should be returned today. If you forgot yours, please have them to the church by Monday or Tuesday. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those days.



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

Here is a mailing address for **Neal Frederick in Haiti**. **Only letters** can be received so please do not send packages!

Neal Frederick
c/o Baptist Haiti Mission
Unit 2019 - BHM
3170 Airmans Drive
Ft. Pierce, FL 34946

New Creations SS Class will have their **Annual Holiday Breakfast** on Saturday, January 3rd at Ernie and Nancy Kolb's home. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Please RSVP to Ernie & Nancy by December 27 at 215-721-9697.

Today, **a vote will be taken to adopt the proposed 2009 budget**. Thank you to the Finance Committee (Harold Mellott, Lee Greaser, Dale Delp, Gerald Metzler, and Mark Fly) for their work on the new budget.

Thank you for all your prayers for Ivan Moyer at the time of his heart surgery. He is now at home and we are hoping for complete recovery. May God bless each of you for your concern!
Verna Bechtel

A **Christmas letter from Ponce and Gina Canaviri** has been posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Minutes from the Congregational Meeting on December 7 are available on the table in the foyer as they will not be placed in every mailbox. Help yourself.

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 4,221.96	Worship 125
Sunday School	\$ 7.57	SS 114
Building Fund	\$ 5,955.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$10,184.53	

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Today, 6:30 p.m. Christmas caroling at SMH, meet at front entrance
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Special Prayer Opportunity
For painting times, see note below.

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: John & Jen Vasey Family
Nursery: Sarahlyn Knechel, Natilya Parmer
S.S. Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler
Library: Kiersta Leatherman
Audio: Marlin Bergey

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: II Samuel 7: 1-11 Pastor Mike
Dec 24 (Wed) Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service, 6:30 p.m.
Jan 3 (Sat) New Creations' Annual Holiday Breakfast, see notes
Jan 24-31 (Sat-Sat) MDS Trip to Mississippi

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



It's time to start painting!

Diane Keeler is arranging some days and evenings for painting this week: Wednesday, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., and 6-9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and 6-9 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. - ?. Please talk to Diane and let her know when you can help this week! Everyone is welcome!!!

Franconia Conference News

Everyone is invited to a **Christmas Concert at Souderton Mennonite Church** on Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. The SMC Adult Choir Ministry, the SMC Bell Choirs, a Women's Ensemble, and more will perform old favorites and new Christmas songs to celebrate the season. Join us for refreshments afterwards. For more information, visit www.soudertonmennonite.org or call 215-723-3088.

All who experience pain and loneliness during the Advent and Christmas seasons are welcomed to a **Longest Night Service** at Souderton Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 21 from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us in the sharing of scripture, prayer, and music to acknowledge that God is present for those who mourn and struggle. For more information, visit www.soudertonmennonite.org or call 215-723-3088.

Experience the **Outdoor Live Nativity on Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21** from 6 - 8 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church. Costumed characters and live animals bring to life the birth of Jesus. Located near the church building this year, luminaries will light the way from the entrance on Cherry Lane. Refreshments are provided in the church. Come share in the miracle of the babe born in the manger.

Life With God Ministries

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

Website: www.life-with-god.org

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