



Towamencin Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 21, 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	Norm Detweiler & Ken Freed
Call to Worship	Ben Weaver
Worship In Song	Mark Fly
Prayer and Sharing Time	
Children’s Singing	Preschool—Grade 6
Worship In Song	
Scripture Reading:	II Samuel 7: 1-16
Sermon: “A Place for God Within”	Pastor Mike
Song of Response	
Offering & Offertory	Norm Detweiler & Ken Freed

*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 Russ Detweiler in your prayers as he undergoes testing on January 7th and then has a tumor removed from his bladder on January 9th. Pray for God’s touch of healing, comfort and discernment to be with Russ and Ev during this time of waiting.

-During this Christmas season, remember those who struggle with loneliness and grief. Pray also for those persons from our congregation who are shut-in. Pray that they will find comfort and peace from God that comes through the care and encouragement of the body of believers.

-Keep Dale Delp in your prayers as he continues on a journey through treatments. Pray that Dale will have strength and endurance throughout this process as well as a special touch of healing from God.

-Pray for those among us who are dealing with difficult relationships at home or at work. Pray that God would provide open dialogue between all involved and that forgiveness and restoration would result.

-Please pray for our special Christmas Eve service this week. Pray that Jesus would be the focus and that this service will truly be a celebration of praise and glory to God for the gift that He gave to us.

A Special Prayer Opportunity

Tuesday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.

and

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

will be a time 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 **proposed 2009 Budget** was approved as presented. Thank you for your affirmation and comments.



Invite your friends and family to come to our **Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a special time of celebrating the birth of Jesus by listening to the Scriptures being read, singing Christmas carols, and lighting candles. An offering will be received to benefit the widows in our church.

Our grateful thanks and prayers for all who have supported us in our transition into parenthood. We greatly appreciate the cards, flowers, meals and visits. We have been greatly blessed with Mara's arrival, and all of our family's love and support.

~Jennifer and Mike Petrucelli

Please have bulletin information to Rose Hackman by 9 a.m. Tuesday for the December 28th bulletin. Rose will be out of the office December 24-30. Thanks!

There will be **no Sunday School next Sunday, December 28.** We plan on having an extended time of fellowship together after the morning service including an opportunity to hear from the decorating committee and the building committee with more details regarding finishing our building project.

NEEDED: CHILDREN'S MUSICAL LEADER

Each Sunday morning, before Sunday School class, the children participate in 10-15 minutes of singing time. We need a person or persons to lead this singing with the children for January and February. Please contact Melanie if you are willing to help in this way.



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

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Special Prayer Time
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Karl & Treva Boericke Family
Nursery: Mandy & Claudio Sanchez
Library: Natasha Bergey
Audio: Aaron Leatherman

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Isaiah 61: 10—62: 3 Pastor Mike
Jan 3 (Sat) New Creations' Annual Holiday Breakfast, see notes
Jan 13 (Tues) Sewing Circle
Jan 13 (Tues) Church Council
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



Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,046.25	Worship 139
Sunday School	\$ 11.48	SS 121
Sound System	\$ 1,000.00	
Building Fund	\$ 2,870.00	
Grand Total Offerings	\$ 8,927.73	

Franconia Conference News

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.

Experience the **Outdoor Live Nativity** on **Sunday, December 21** from 6 - 8 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church. Located near the church building, 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.

The **Mennonite Conference Center** will be **closed for Christmas** from noon on Wednesday, December 24, through Friday, January 2. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

Like Those Who Dream, James Longacre's 200-page book of 30 sermons preached at Salford Mennonite Church from 1992-2006, is available in time for holiday gifts. The book may purchased at Salford Mennonite Church for \$18.95.

Life With God Ministries

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

December 21—"The Message of Christmas"

December 28—"For Me and Mine in 2009"

Website: www.life-with-god.org

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