



Towamencin Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 4, 2009

*“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 Songs

Call to Worship

Worship In Song

Prayer and Sharing Time

Worship In Song

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-8, 18; 2:7

Sermon: “Lavish Living”

Song of Response

Offering

Offertory

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

Sharing the Lord’s Supper

Sending Song

Everyone is welcome to a fellowship time downstairs following the morning service. Sunday School, for all ages, will begin at 10:30 a.m..

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

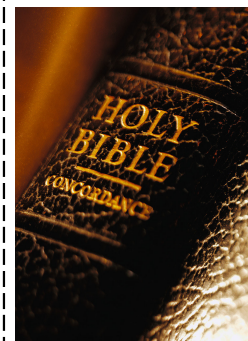
-Pray for Marsha Bergey, Hannah Clemmer, and Dean & Kathy Knechel as they leave for a week of service and learning in Haiti with Water for Life. Pray for safe traveling as well as an openness to see how God is working in and through the Haitian people. Pray also that things would work out to meet with Neal Frederick and encourage him in his work there.

-Pray for Russ Detweiler as he prepares for surgery this week on Friday, January 9 at Fox Chase. Pray that God would go before him and prepare the doctors and nurses for this procedure. Pray also that Russ would receive God’s touch of healing, comfort, and peace of mind throughout this journey.

-Be in prayer for Earl Anders as he prepares to bring our morning message next Sunday.

-Pray for the men who are attending the Men’s Retreat at Spruce Lake this Thursday and Friday. Pray that this would be a time of growing closer together while also growing closer to God.

-Continue to keep Mary Lou Bechtel in your prayers as she recovers from a fall. Pray for God’s touch of healing and restoration to be upon Mary Lou.



If you are seeking new growth to your walk with the Lord in the new year, why not commit to reading God’s Word in an intentional way? There is a sign-up sheet on the mail cart for those who are interested in committing to the challenge of reading the Bible through in the coming year. New updated Daily Bible Reading guides are available on the table in the foyer. **The purpose of signing up** for this challenge is so all involved can encourage each other at working towards completing the task.

Announcements

There will be a **meeting today (January 4th) after SS class** in room #11 downstairs **for all persons planning on going on the MDS trip** to Mississippi. Please plan on attending this meeting to receive important information about the trip.

Persons participating in our numbered envelope giving plan received new envelopes for the 2009 year in mailboxes last Sunday. Blue (building project) envelopes are not being distributed this year, as we hope to be moving toward the end of our giving toward the new building. Blue envelopes will be available in church pews, however, **you will need to write your number on the blue envelope to receive credit on church statements.** One could also save unused, numbered envelopes from last year for giving in 2009. If you are not participating in our numbered envelope giving plan, be aware that there are additional numbers available for use. The plan is confidential and allows you to receive a listing of giving throughout the year for income tax purposes. See congregational deacon, Mark Fly, to be included in this plan or if there are questions or concerns.

Notes of Appreciation

My Dear Towamencin Family, thank you for the many smiling faces and beautiful carols that filled my apartment over Christmas. Also, it was good to be with you at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for the generous love gift! Blessings to each of you!
Esther Knechel

Thank you for the carolers and the gift of money! May God bless you!
Betty Moyer

Thank you to all persons involved in the visual arts of our Advent this year. Thanks especially to Gisela Derstine, Donna Milner-Wall, Ruth Ann Fly, and Nancy Kolb for the time and effort that they put in.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and the gift of money over the Christmas holidays! May God bless you!
Carol Markley

Thank you notes were received from The Shepherd's Shelf for the generous gifts—the \$135.03 collected by the children during Sunday School and the many donations of diapers, toiletries, food and household supplies given by the whole church. The notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Congratulations

to Kristin Young and Mark Wunderlich
 on their recent engagement! Keep them in your prayers
 as they make future plans together.

TODAY

Greeters: Gerald & Phyllis Leatherman Family
 Nursery: Neil Bergey, Tiffany Knechel
 SS Nursery: Arlene Delp

THIS WEEK

Thursday-Friday, Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Gerald & Gisela Derstine, Curt & Gladys Nice
 Nursery: Mandy Sanchez, Natasha Bergey
 SS Nursery: Diane Keeler

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: Guest Speaker, Earl Anders
 Jan 13 (Tues) Sewing Circle, soup will be provided, bring salad or dessert
 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.

Last Week's Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 7,183.61	Worship 170
No Sunday School		
Canaviri Family	\$ 60.00	
Building Fund	\$ 7,567.20	
Grand Total Offerings	\$14,810.81	

Franconia Conference News

Eastern Mennonite Seminary of SE PA is offering the following spring courses: Women and Men in the Bible and Church with Mark & Kathy Wenger; Systematic Theology I with Brinton Rutherford; The Good News, Culture and Anabaptism with Steve Kriss; Church Planting: Laying Foundations with Stuart Murray; and Gateway Course: Bible Survey & Anabaptist Hermeneutics with Marion Bontrager and Mark Wenger. Visit www.emu.edu/lancaster/seminary.

You are invited to join in the public witness: **“Heeding God’s Call-A Faith-based Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence”** for a day of worship, education and action, Saturday, January 17th. For more information, see flyer on bulletin board downstairs or contact Fred Kauffman at jfk@mcc.org.

Life With God Ministries

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

January 11—“Prepared” by David Kochsmeier

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