



Towamencin Mennonite Church  
 Sunday, January 25, 2009

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

***Sanctity of Life Sunday***

Gathering Song Mark Fly  
 Call to Worship John Vasey  
 Worship In Song Mark Fly  
 Prayer and Sharing Time  
 Sharing: North Penn Pregnancy Resource Clinic

Melissa Frankenfield

Worship In Song  
 Scripture Reading: Colossians 1: 16, Jeremiah 1: 5  
 Sermon: “All Life is Sacred” 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.*

Closing Announcements

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 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

*-Continue to keep Russ Detweiler in your prayers as he recovers from his recent procedure. Pray for God’s wisdom and discernment for Russ as he makes decisions about future treatments.*

*-Continue to pray for our MDS work team that is in Pass Christian, MS for a week of work. Pray for traveling and work safety as well as for the ability to relate to and share the love of Christ with persons in the community.*

*-Pray for those who are struggling with difficult or broken relationships. Pray that God’s touch of healing and forgiveness would produce open and honest dialogue and that the end result would be restoration.*

*-Praise God for the commitment and dedication of our youth as they finished a 30-hour fast yesterday in order to send funds to World Vision. Pray that this experience of fasting would continue to produce spiritual growth in our youth and help remind us all of God’s great blessings that we enjoy.*

*-Continue to pray for Neal Frederick, the Canaviri family and the Riddle family as they minister to persons around the world. Pray that they would have the hands and feet of Jesus as they serve the people and that they would boldly share the light of Christ as they serve.*

*-Please keep our building program in your prayers as it gets closer to completion. Pray for a continued spirit of unity as volunteers step forward to help in many ways. Pray also for a vision and passion for ministry as we seek to invite people from the community into this new space.*

*Jeremiah 1: 5*

*“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”*

## *Announcements*

**We praise God for progress** that has been made in funding our building expansion! Most of the \$1.8 million dollar projected price tag has been donated already, and the finish line is within sight! In the most recent tabulation of remaining expenses, **it is projected that we are still about \$102,000 short of our final goal.** If you wish to participate in our efforts to defray these remaining costs, please use blue envelopes in your pew for giving. Any funds contributed in blue envelopes continue to be used toward this project. **(If participating in the numbered envelope system, please remember to place your number on the submitted blue envelope!)** The building should be ready for use in the spring of 2009.

Four men from our congregation participated in the recent **“Polar Plunge”** during **Spruce Lake’s Men’s Retreat.** To view a short video segment, visit Spruce Lake’s website at [www.sprucelake.org](http://www.sprucelake.org); click on “Programmed Events”, “All Events”, “Mens Retreat”, and “Polar Plunge”. It will send the shivers up your spine!!

**Plains Mennonite Church** is inviting several areas churches to a **“Sing the Story” Hymn Sing** on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. Let’s join together to worship the Lord and learn some new songs!



**If you are interested in joining the church** by baptism or membership transfer, please talk to Pastor Mike. A membership class will be forming soon.

*Thank you for the cards, visits, Christmas money, and caroling! May God bless you for your kindness!*  
*Verna Long*



**ATTENTION WRITERS AND ARTISTS:** Please sign-up to write or illustrate a devotional for this year’s **Lenten Devotional.** Consider this opportunity as a way of sharing your faith and gifts with your church community. Instructions are available at the sign-up poster.

### TODAY

Greeters: Karl & Treva Boericke Family, Norm & Arlene Freed  
 Nursery: Claudio Sanchez, Chelsia Leatherman  
 SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler  
 Library: Natasha Bergey  
 Sound: Marlin Bergey  
 Host Family: Gerald & Gisela Derstine

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
 Friday-Sunday, Young Adult Winter Retreat

### NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Loren & Eileen Parmer Family  
 Nursery: Nicole Kulp, Amber Knechel  
 SS Nursery: Jolene Weaver  
 Library: Renae Knechel

### LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: “Another Chance Please!” Jonah 3: 1-10 Pastor Mike  
 Feb 8 (Sun) Youth Sunday  
 Feb 15 (Sun) Guest Speaker: Dr. David Dunbar  
 Mar 8 (Sun) Guests: Christopher Dock Choir  
 Mar 8 (Sun) “Sing the Story” Hymn Sing at Plains Mennonite, 3 p.m.

### MYF

Feb 8 (Sun) Youth Sunday  
 Feb 27-Mar 1 (Fri-Sun) Winter Retreat @ Hemlock Springs with Nate Stuckey as spiritual input speaker  
 Mar 21 (Sat) Youth Auction  
 May 2 (Sun) Couch Derby at Zion Mennonite Church

### Last Week’s Numbers

Offerings		Attendance
Budget	\$ 3,784.29	Worship 135
Sunday School	\$ 15.33	SS 143
Building Fund	\$ 2,743.00	
MDS Trip Giving	\$ 171.00	
<b>Grand Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 6,713.62</b>	

## Franconia Conference News

Come and worship the Lord during a **Praise & Worship Night** at Franconia Mennonite Church on Saturday, February 7, from 7-9 p.m. Worship will be lead by an adult worship team and a youth worship team from Finland Mennonite Church.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** announces a **special painting workshop** beginning Saturday, February 7 and continuing for the next four Saturdays. Taught by Bucks County artist Dot Bunn, participants will learn color theory and work on a reproduction of Edward Hick's Peaceable Kingdom painting. [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org).

**The weekly prayer focus for Franconia Conference** is for Living Branches Communities. The Board, staff and residents of the Living Branches Communities (Souderton Mennonite Homes and Dock Woods Community) pray for God's continued blessing on the joining of their ministries, and ongoing guidance as they work together to enhance the lives of older adults and families.

A **prospective student Open House at Penn View Christian School** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4 at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Sandra Harrell, Director of Admissions, at 215-723-1196 x 1196.

### *Life With God Ministries*

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

*January 25—"Living a Life That is Worthy"*

Website: [www.life-with-god.org](http://www.life-with-god.org)

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

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