



Towamencin Mennonite Church

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

June 26, 2011

Gathering: The Church as Community

Opening Songs

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

The blood that Jesus shed for me
‘Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow’r

It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow’r

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow’r

It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
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Shout To The North

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the power of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Worship In Song

A Beautiful Life

Each day I'll do a golden deed
By helping those who are in need
My life on earth is but a span
And so I'll do the best I can

Life's evening sun is sinking low
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deed that I have done
Where there will be no setting sun

To be a child of God each day
My light must shine along the way
I'll sing His praise while ages roll
And strive to help some troubled soul

Life's evening sun is sinking low
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deed that I have done
Where there will be no setting sun

The only life that will endure
Is one that's kind and good and pure
And so for God I'll take my stand
Each day I'll lend a helping hand

Life's evening sun is sinking low
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deed that I have done
Where there will be no setting sun

While going down life's weary road
I'll try to lift some trav'lers load
I'll try to turn the night to day
Make flowers bloom along the way

Life's evening sun is sinking low
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deed that I have done
Where there will be no setting sun

It is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so—it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Sharing God Sightings & Praying

Growing: Receiving New Members

Justin Wilson, Travis Weaver, Steve Delp

Congregational Response:

We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us.
We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship,
study, service and discipline.

We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel,
to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed
community.

We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of
our spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.

Praising: The Church Worshipping God

Children's Time

Giving Back to God

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Stand

You stood before creation
Eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion
My soul now to stand

You stood before my failure
And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand

So what can I say
And what can I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to You

So I'll walk upon salvation
Your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare Your promise
My soul now to stand

So what can I say
And what can I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to You

So I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand
My soul, Lord to You surrendered
All I am is Yours

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***Teaching: The Church Studying God's
Word***

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Sermon: "How Wide Is It?"

***Taking A Stand: The Church Responding
to Jesus***

Preparation for Baptism

Congregational Song

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior

He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior

He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the Risen King

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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Entering into the Water for Baptism

*Casie Allebach, Neil Bergey, Jack Bilboe,
Hailey Hagen, Titus Knechel, Trevor Knechel*

Song of Celebration

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine.

***Sending: The Church Goes Out Into the
World***

Benediction

Music Leader: Adriel Leatherman

Worship Leader: Harold Mellott

Jubilee Verse for the Week

II Corinthians 5: 17

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come.”*

Prayer Points

-Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! Pray that we will all honor the reason that we have Bible School – to share the gift of salvation with the kids and parents from our community. Pray that God will grant us wisdom and stamina for the task – and a special portion of boldness as we demonstrate Christ’s love through our lives to the guests that come through the doors of our church this week.

-Continue to pray for the health needs of our extended church community. Pray for God’s touch of healing and wholeness to be upon Russ Detweiler, Regine Greaser, Mikhail Kara, Peter Zucca, Florence Landes, Mike Bergey, Jordan Delp, Esther Pearson and Calli Derstine.

-Please keep Danny Canaviri and his Kenya team in your prayers. They need to renew their visa’s and are running into difficulties. Pray for God’s guidance and direction to be with them as they work through this process and continue serving and sharing the love of Christ with the people there.

-Pray for Ken Fell as he spends the week at Spruce Lake Camp serving as a caregiver for Joni and Friends.

Our Church Schedule

TODAY

Greeters: Brent & Diane Knechel Family
Nursery: Hailey Hagen, Natilya Parmer
Sound: Marlin Bergey

THIS WEEK

Monday - Friday, 5:45 p.m. Light meal, 6:15-8:45 p.m. VBS
Adult Schedule: Snack 7-7:30 p.m. Class, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. AWAKE Prayer Gathering
Friday, 8:00 – 8:45 p.m. VBS Closing Program & Ice Cream

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Jerry & Ronnie Knechel, Claudio & Mandy Sanchez
Nursery: Neil Bergey, Malina Knechel
SS Nursery: Mary Lou Metzler

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: VBS Sunday
July 16 (Sat) Ladies Tea & Testimony, 11 a.m.
July 16 (Sat) Mountain Anthems Concert, 7 p.m.
July 24 (Sun) Church Picnic at Grove on Hollow Road in Telford
Sept 16-18 (Fri-Sun) Women's Retreat

MYF

July 4 –9 Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention, Pittsburgh

Last Week's Numbers

Offering		Attendance
Budget	\$ 5,533.00	Worship 158
Sunday School	\$ 8.88	SS 128
Total	\$ 5,541.88	

Announcements

Bible School will begin this Monday. A light meal will be provided at 5:45 p.m. for all registered participants. Bible School for all children preschool through grade 8 will begin at 6:15 p.m. and continue till 8:45 p.m. The adult class schedule is: refreshments, 7-7:30 p.m. and class time, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Needed for VBS by Thursday evening: empty clean 1/2 gallon milk or juice cartons (not plastic). Please place them on the bottom shelf of the coat racks in the foyer.

Everyone is invited to the **Bible School Closing Program** on Friday evening from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. The program will include the children singing the songs they learned during the week, a brief overview of what the children learned, showing of the professional DVD that will be filmed during VBS, and an ice cream social.

Faith Journeys

Hailey Hagen

I accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord at Spruce Lake Camp. After discussions with my counselors and listening to the speakers, I realized that I wanted to turn my life over to God. Since that time, my faith has been a process of growth as I have experienced both times of joy and discouragement. Through these times, I have learned the importance of focusing on Jesus as well as the need for the support and guidance of others. I want my faith to be one that can be seen both through my words as well as my actions.

A scripture that has had a lot of meaning for me along the way is Mark 7: 18-23; *"Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'?"*¹⁹ *For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body."* (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")²⁰ *He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.'*²¹ *For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,*²² *greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.*²³ *All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"* Today, I want to publically express the work that God has already been doing in my life through baptism.

Neil Bergey

I gave me life to Christ after attending two events with the MYF this Fall. The first one was the "Fields of Faith" event where I heard testimonies from other High School students. That made me think of my own life and my need for Jesus in my life. Then just a few weeks later, the youth group attended "Judgment House." After seeing the story of Heaven and Hell played out before my eyes, I knew that I wanted to give my life to Jesus.

A verse that means a lot to me is John 3:16; “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son. That whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Casie Allebach

I first started to think about my salvation in the Fall when the MYF went to see “Judgment House.” That experience really made me think of my life and the fact that I need to have God in my life. I realized the many areas of my heart where God was not in control. I would watch other Christians and somehow I felt like I was missing something. So I gave my heart over to Jesus.

A passage of scripture that has special meaning to me is Psalm 23 because it gives me comfort to know that God is leading me and guiding me through both the good and the bad times.

Trevor Knechel

I accepted Jesus as my Savior after talking with my sister one day. We talked about how Jesus died for me and that if I believe him, my sins will be forgiven. After thinking about what we talked about, I felt God tugging inside of me and realized that I needed to accept Jesus as my Savior. I gave my heart to him later that day when I prayed with my mommy and daddy. I want to be baptized today as a sign that I am a Christian.

My favorite scripture is Psalm 23. I like the words because they describe a peaceful place where people are led by a shepherd and I think that is what heaven will be like.

Psalm 23

“¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Titus Knechel

I invited Jesus into my heart one night in my room at home. I thought about how hard that it must have been for Jesus to die for us when he really did nothing wrong. Yet it made me feel good knowing that he died for me. That night, I prayed that Jesus would come into my life. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and that I need him in my life so that my sins can be forgiven. Since that day, I have wanted to be baptized as a sign that my sins are washed away.

One of my favorite verses is Philippians 4:13; "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Jack Bilboe

I was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church along with my wife just after we were married. On my baptism day, I knew what was happening and what salvation was all about, yet I did not really feel it in my heart. I quickly found out that faith is not something that can be faked.

Very soon after my baptism, I was sent into the wilderness for testing (as many believers are). It was here that it became clear that I did not have a real and living relationship with Christ. As the

tests and temptations came, I experienced failure after failure. I did not feel the freedom from guilt and sin that should have been mine if I trusted in Jesus and the more I tried to work things out through my own strength, the worse my life got to be.

After hitting the bottom about 6 years ago, I rededicated my life to Jesus. I knew he was the only way for me to find peace and I laid all my issues at the foot of the cross. The outward life-changes were slow and steady, but the change of my heart was immediate and powerful. I was excited to learn and grow in the Lord. Slowly, God became a fast friend and the many Bible teachings that were forced upon me at an early age started to take new meaning in my life. I was growing and changing and feeling God's love all over me and around me.

It was soon after this that I came through the doors of TMC. I felt loved here. The church members have become the family that I have always longed to have. Today's baptism is a baptism of rededication for me. It is a sign of what God has been doing in my life over the past 6 years. I am not perfect and continue to ask for your prayers as well as your counsel as God works with me in dealing with some of the left-over evidence of my sinful past. But I now know that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and want to live my life for him.

Two of my favorite passages of scripture are Matthew 6:33; "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." And also Isaiah 40:31; "They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength." Thank you for all your support and prayers throughout my journey here. I look forward to serving the church in any way that I can and to working with all of you as we together do God's kingdom work.

Conference & Community Events

WBYN 107.5 will air **Shaping Families** by Third Way Media at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays. July 2: Mennonite Girls Can Cook

The Mennonite Heritage Center's **Hymn Sing at Frick's Meetinghouse today**, at 6 p.m. Singing will be led by Michael Bishop of Blooming Glen. Bring a copy of the 1992 *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Come out to **Living Hope Farm Amphitheatre** on Saturday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy the music of David Landes, a talented acoustical folk musician from the Shenandoah Valley. David sings and plays guitar, hammer, dulcimer, mandolin, banjo, and a variety of hand made instruments. Admission is free. Farm tours will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

On Monday, August 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the MCC Material Resource Center, Ephrata, PA, will host a day of service for youth and young adults. For more info, contact Lisa Heft, 717-733-2847 or lheft@mcc.org.

A **Host Family** is needed for a Haitian student ready to enter her freshman year at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School this fall. English is her first language and she is willing to work for part of her room and board. Please contact Sandy Drescher-Lehman at sdlehman@soudertonmennonite.org.

Used Book Sale donations: Good condition used books and/or rare books are being accepted now through July 15 for the **Mennonite Heritage Center's Annual Used Book Sale, July 21-23**. Please no textbooks, phone books, magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed or cassettes. www.mhep.org

Life With God Ministries

*Listen on Saturdays at 8 p.m. on WBYN-FM 107.5 and
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on WNPV-AM 1440*

July 3 - "Revelation - Chapter 10" July 10 - "Revelation - Chapter 11"
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