

Toledo Mennonite Church

February 7, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Wilma Bender

Song Leader: Barbara Hodel

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

PRELUDE

--Patty Schmucker

GATHERING

Opening Hymn #71 – “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”
Call to worship
Prayer
Welcome to visitors
+ Share the “peace”
Sharing & Corporate Prayer

PRAISING GOD

“The river is here”
“Rain down”
Offering
“As the deer”
“I surrender all”

CONFESSION

Litany of Confession
Prayer

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may participate.

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture – Acts 11:19-30 --Jon Hoag
Hymn #322 – “For we are strangers no more”
Sermon --Walt Morton

“The Importance of Living Life

Supporting God's Great Statement About His Grace, Part 2”

SENDING FORTH

Announcements
Closing Song
Benediction

WELCOME, VISITORS!

- ❖ We are glad you joined us for worship today.
- ❖ We invite you back to future worship services with a Sunday School – study and discussion – hour that follows.
- ❖ Call our office for questions you have about our church ... information you may want about our services, education, ministries, and opportunities to serve ... or any way we can serve you.
- ❖ Amplification devices are available for the hearing impaired. Contact the sound technician if you would like to use one.

TODDLER CARE

PARENTS/INFANTS NURSERY (unstaffed) adjacent to sanctuary
TODDLER CARE – up to age 4
Room 102 during worship (staffed by Carol Nofziger)
TODDLER CARE – up to age 2
Room 102 during Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – **FELLOWSHIP BREAK**

Prior to Sunday School, please help yourself to coffee or tea in the fellowship hall and greet each other.

11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The following classes are available for adults, youth and children:

Adults

➤ Room 204 – *The Book of Acts* – led by Walt Morton

Young Adult & Career

➤ Conference Room – *Jesus Matters* – led by Doug Schmucker

A.S.K.

➤ Room 202 – led by Stefani Hathaway

Grade 6 – Grade 8

➤ Room 203 – Karen Kruzel

Grade 4 – Grade 5

➤ Room 104 – Joel Nofziger

Kindergarten – Grade 3

➤ Room 103 – Carol Nofziger

Preschool

➤ Room 101 – Genelle Taylor

OUR MISSION IS:

- To know and love Christ
- To be a caring family of God
- To minister to a needy world

TODAY AT TOLEDO MENNONITE

5:30 p.m. – SUPER BOWL PARTY

The MYF will host an adult Super Bowl party at Doug & Patty Schmucker’s house. Good food, good fun, and good prizes (and hopefully good football) will be the descriptive words for the evening. This will be a fundraiser with all donations going toward the MYF Service trip to SWAP this summer. *Thank you for your support!* (Reminder: There is no babysitting provided this year.)

5:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Marty Daly will lead the group in this continuing study of God’s word. All are welcome! Those wishing to go to both Bible study and the Super Bowl party are welcome to come to the party when Bible study is over.

THIS WEEK AT TOLEDO MENNONITE

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. – Elders’ meeting

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting at Laura Hoag’s home

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Prayer meeting

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 14, 12:00 p.m. – Koinonia potluck (note change in date)

Sunday, February 14, 1:00 p.m. – Baby shower for Ben, Patti & Gillian Taylor



TMC Announcements

- ✧ Update from Elders: “We as Elders are thankful that Joel Nofziger will be joining us in our Elders’ meetings until Steve Elzinga returns from Tanzania. Joel is joining us as an ‘Elder consultant’ to represent a male congregational voice for our discussions due to Steve’s travel absence. Joel is not considered an Elder in this role, so if you have concerns to share, please do so with our present Elder team: Wilma Bender, Sue Cook, Karen Kruzal, or Pastor Walt. We seek your prayers for Christ’s leading as we continue through this period between established pastors.” --Your Elder Team
- ✧ Many times you hear from the Finance Committee only when the church needs more funding. At this time we would like to thank you for your generous giving and for keeping TMC financially healthy.

- ✧ Do you like children? Do you enjoy telling them about God’s love? If so, the Nurture Committee has a wonderful opportunity for you! Currently they are looking for a few adults who are willing to give an hour of their time each week to teach Sunday School, or play with fun toys (and kids) in the nursery. Questions? Contact Nada Miller.
- ✧ There will be a baby shower for Ben, Patti & Gillian Taylor on Sunday, February 14 following the potluck. Please note the change in date from the first Sunday of the month (due to the Super Bowl party).
- ✧ One of the items that came up at the gathering on diversity this past Sunday concerned the organizational structure of TMC. This includes both the handbook and job descriptions. These documents are on file in the office. In order to make it easier for anyone who is interested to read them, there are a number of options available. There are two copies of these documents available in the library. There are also two copies in the conference room (specifically for use by the Gifts & Ministries Discernment Committee but available to be looked at by others). You may also request an electronic copy of any or all of the job descriptions from Patty Schmucker. If you need your own personal copy of one or more of the job descriptions, please see Patty for that as well.
- ✧ THANK YOU to all who contributed to the health kits. A total of 83 health kits were sent to MCC along with 8 blankets.
- ✧ Thank you for your continued support of Mennonite Central Committee’s response to the earthquake in Haiti. Cans of meat, water filters, basic medical supplies and tarps are currently being distributed. Teams of structural engineers are assessing buildings, and staff are working in internally displaced persons camps registering people who have become homeless. In addition to cash donations, MCC is asking for 20,000 relief kits, 25,000 heavy comforters and 10,000 flat sheets. MCC needs these for shipment now through February 28. Donations can be made online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by check to the MCC Great Lakes office (1013 Division Street, Goshen IN 46528), or by phone toll free: 1-888-563-4676. Find instructions for donating relief kits, comforters and sheets at mcc.org/kits or by contacting the Great Lakes office at (574) 534-4133.
- ✧ The “Feed Your Neighbor Center” at Epiphany Lutheran Church expresses its appreciation for the contribution of food made by TMC, which helped serve 371 people this past month.

MYF News

- 🗓 Sunday, February 7 - Super bowl party
- 🗓 Sunday, February 14 - Candy making (and cake eating)



Happy Birthday to:

Susan Searles - Monday
 Antonio Vallejo - Monday
 Gabriella Hoag - Wednesday
 Judy Bauman - Saturday



LIBRARY NEWS

- ☞ The Radical Cross (by A. W. Tozer) – Though the cross of Christ has been beautified by the poet and the artist, the avid seeker after God is likely to find it the same savage implement of destruction it was in the days of old. The Way of the Cross is still the pain-wracked path of spiritual power and fruitfulness.
- ☞ Isaiah (by Ivan D. Frieson) – *Believers' Church Bible Commentary, 21st volume* – This commentary is another in the series that helps the faith community interpret and live the book's message.
- ☞ War, Peace and Social Conscience and Mennonite Ethics (by Theron F. Schlabach) – It is a biography that examines the issues and development of Mennonite pacifism and social ethics through much of the twentieth century with its wars and industrial, radical and social changes.

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Lectionary Readings

This week – Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Next week – Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Greater Church

Events

Annual Conference Assembly of Ohio Conference: This event will take place March 12-13 at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold. You are welcome to drop in and attend the worship services on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday at 10:45 a.m. Also, there will be some excellent workshops lined up and you are welcome to register and attend a workshop only. For example, there are workshops being offered that have to do with spiritual formation and disciplines, workshops focused on the new Bible School materials and the *'Gather Round* Sunday School curriculum and workshops for youth workers. Registration forms for the workshops are on the library shelf. You need to register ahead of time because sometimes they fill up.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

- ... congratulations to Joel & Bess Daly (as well as Marty & Cathy - the new grandparents) on the birth of Jonah Michael on January 30th
- ... thanksgiving for the healing that is taking place in Amy Kauffman's life and all the support she has received from the congregation
- ... for Marla Folkerts' continued recovery
- ... for Susan Searles as recovers from a problem with her throat
- ... thanksgiving for the support that Scott & Sarah Coulter have received from the congregation
- ... for the Elders as they meet this week
- ... for the ongoing work of the Pastoral Search Committee

