

Toledo Mennonite Church

February 21, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Doug Schmucker

Song Leader: Barbara Hodel

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*First Sunday of Lent – Holding On and Letting Go
“In the Shelter of the Most High”*

PRELUDE

--Laura Hoag

GATHERING

Opening Hymn #1 (SJ) – “We sing to you, O God”

Call to worship

Leader: We live in shelter of the Most High,

People: We place our trust in the Almighty,

Leader: We claim with confidence God’s protection.

People: When we call out, our God will answer.

All: In our trouble, God will be near.

Prayer

Welcome to visitors

+ Share the “peace”

Sharing & Corporate Prayer

PRAISING GOD

“Great and mighty is He”

“Fear not”

“How can I keep from singing”

“I will come to you in silence”

LENT REFLECTIONS

Children’s Story

--Carol Nofziger

Confession

Theme Song (blue binder) – “Create in me a clean heart”

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture – Acts 13:1-52 (selected portions)

--Paul Hodel

Sermon

--Walt Morton

“The Importance of Living Life...

Wisely Discerning the History and Message of ‘Your People’

(or)...under the Authority of the Holy Spirit”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response

Offering

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

+ TMC Tutoring

--Karen Kruzel

+ Pastoral Search Committee

--Doug Schmucker

Closing Song #580 – “My life flows on”

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 Marla Folkerts)

TODDLER CARE – up to age 2

Room 102 during Sunday School (staffed by Shelba Nofziger)

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

OUR MISSION IS:

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

11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – SUNDAY SCHOOL – con’t.

Kindergarten – Grade 3

➤ Room 103 – Carol Nofziger

Preschool

➤ Room 101 – Genelle Taylor

TODAY AT TOLEDO MENNONITE

5:00 p.m. – Game night

Please bring your favorite game(s) and a snack to share and come with a heart to have fun! This is just an informal gathering where we play games and of course eat together.

THIS WEEK AT TOLEDO MENNONITE

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Prayer meeting

COMING EVENTS

Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 – Annual Conference Assembly of Ohio

Conference at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold

Sunday, March 21 – Movie night at the church

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast



TMC Announcements

- The Pastoral Search Committee met again this past week. The data from the congregational meetings has been compiled and submitted to Andy Stoner, our regional pastor. Please continue to be in prayer for the committee members James Bennett, Kristy Brooks, Spencer Cunningham, Steve Elzinga, Stefani Hathaway, and Doug Schmucker as well as the process.
- Thank you to Rosalee Zientek for all the goodies that she brings to share with the congregation. The banana bread was delicious.
- THANK YOU from the MYF for your support at the Super Bowl party. We raised \$369 to help with our service project with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) this summer.

➤ We would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank you!” for supporting the Black Swamp Benefit. The event depends on its friends and supporters telling their friends about this fun-filled event that benefits Sunshine Inc. of Northwest Ohio and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Black Swamp Benefit, June 18 & 19, 2010 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds; a free event for the whole family. Your support of Black Swamp helps the people with disabilities served by Sunshine and the people in need around the world served by MCC in very real ways. The Black Swamp Benefit and Historic Sauder Village are hosting the 2010 Winter Family Picnic on Tuesday, February 23. See the flyer in your mailbox and on the bulletin board for more information.



Happy Birthday to:

- Stephanie Bartsch - Monday
- Karen Hall - Tuesday
- Adam Trevino - Tuesday
- Nada Miller - Thursday
- Jim Hall - Friday
- Maureen Loutit - Saturday



Happy Anniversary to:

Cathy & Marty Daly – Today

WEEKLY UPDATE

○ ATTENDANCE	79
○ OFFERING UPDATE	
Operating Budget for 2009/2010	\$ 159,927.00
Required Receipts per Sunday	\$3,075.52
Receipts for Operating Fund	\$2,828.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Budget Receipts to Date	\$80,099.96
Required Budget Receipts to Date	\$73,812.48
Over/(Under) Budget to Date	\$6,287.48

Lectionary Readings

This week – Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
Next week – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

- ... our sympathy to the family and church family of Larry Smith, the pastor at Epiphany Lutheran Church who passed away unexpectedly this week
- ... for Linda Roberts, Deborah Young's aunt, as she recovers from sinus surgery
- ... for Stan Zientek's son's blood pressure to come down
- ... for Missy, Beckey Cannon's sister, as she has returned to her home
- ... for John, a friend of Wilma Bender, who has been diagnosed with bone cancer; pray that his heart will be softened to the Lord
- ... for Kate Hillard to continue to improve
- ... for Steve Elzinga as he finishes up his work in Tanzania & Kenya
- ... for an individual who is facing a very difficult family situation and needs prayer

Holding On and Letting Go

Quotes from Lenten Devotions to Ponder

Holding on and letting go. Seems simple, right? Of course I can hold onto what I want and let go of those areas that clutter my life. Possibly. The challenge, however, is to discern what **God** might want us to hold on to and let go of, versus my own selfish desires or painful realities that hinder those ideals.

Psalm 91 includes four metaphors of protection under the auspices of four divine names that provide eight layers of protection: the **shelter**, the **shadow**, the **fortress** and **refuge** of the **Most High**, the **Almighty, Lord**, and **God**.

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.

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| Elders: | Steve Elzinga (Chair), Wilma Bender, Sue Cook, Karen Kruzel |
| Church Council Chair: | Mike Peeters |
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**He who dwells
in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow
of the Almighty,**

Psalm 91:1