



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Clean-Up This Saturday** — make plans to join us on **May 2 at 7 am** for a **Church Work Day** to help spruce up the grounds. Everyone’s help is appreciated!

We are excited to share that our **youth** will be **leading worship** next **Sunday, May 3!** Come join us as we lift our voices together and celebrate what God is doing through them as they lead us in worship.

Next **Sunday, May 3** there will be a **Teachers Appreciation Breakfast** following the service, downstairs for anyone who has taught or helped in the last six months.

How did Mennonites respond as revolutionary fervor spread throughout the American colonies? Learn about their stories at **“A Crisis of Allegiance: American Mennonites during the Revolutionary War”** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center**, on **Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This program will present the range of national Mennonite responses through a local lens. Joel Horst Nofziger will contextualize the historical conflict and Pastor Rob Presthus will respond with some implications for today.

The **Towamencin Mennonite Derby** will be held on Saturday, **May 9** with registration beginning at **5 pm** and racing beginning at **6 pm**. Food and fellowship will be included the night of the race. Adults, come to support our children and cheer them on!

Peter Powerhouse will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, May 13 at 2 pm to 7 pm** here at Towamencin Mennonite Church. Scan the QR code to schedule your donations!



The **Outreach Committee** is planning a **BBQ at Dock Village on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12-3 pm**. Please text Nick Rosato at 610-256-1010 if you would like to help out that day.

Mark your calendars for ***Emerald Crossing VBS***, happening the evenings of **June 22-26!** Registration details are coming soon. Please check your mailbox for a volunteer form and return it to the VBS Committee **today, April 26**.

Plan to join us for an uplifting evening of worship and music! The **Wilmington Celebration Choir** will be here at TMC on Saturday, September 19 at 6:30 pm.

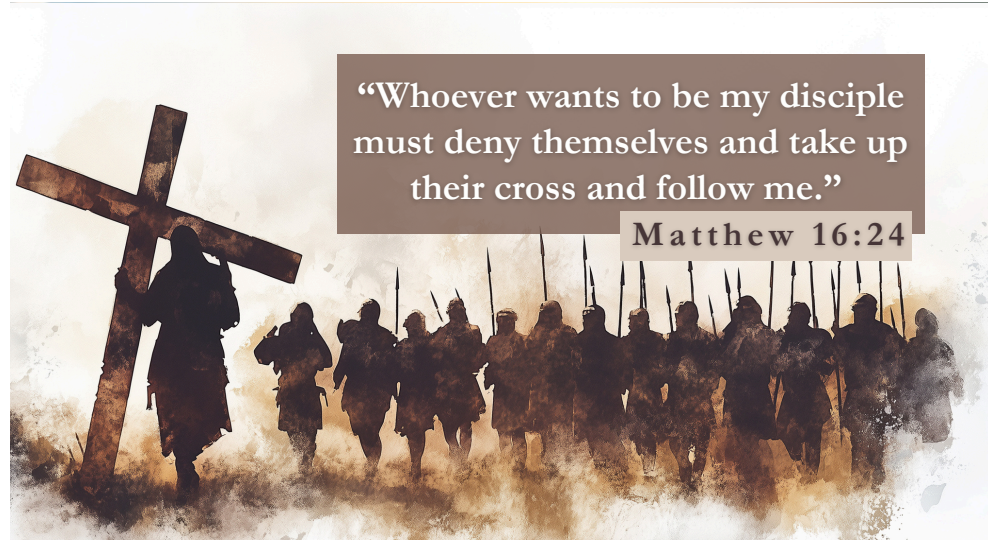
If you’re interested in becoming a **church member**, please connect with **Pastor Ken**.

**Greeters next week, May 3, will be the Saeler Family**

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“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

## WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us today! As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to extend God's healing, hope, and forgiveness to all. Our prayer is that you receive grace and peace from Jesus Christ as we worship together.

### THIS WEEK

#### WEDNESDAY

Men’s Discipleship | 6:30 am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting | 7 pm

#### SATURDAY

Church Work Day | 7 am

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Youth Sunday**  
May 3 | 9 am

**Towamencin Mennonite Derby**  
May 9 | 5 pm (Registration)  
6 pm (Races begin)

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
May 13 | 2-7 pm

**Fellowship Meal**  
May 17 | 12 pm

Pastor Ken Hoover | 717-892-9256

Associate Pastor Charlie Ness | 215-896-8830

Youth Pastor Brandon Lee | 203-260-9278



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Gathering:** The Church as a Community  
Songs of Worship | Worship Team  
Greeting | Jason DiTullio  
Announcements & Offering  
Prayer for Mexico Missions Team  
Outreach Update | Nick Rosato

**Singing:** The Church Worshiping God

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

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 14:25-33 | Brian Keeler

**Sermon:** Are You a Fan or a Follower | Matthew 16:24  
| Pastor Charlie Ness

**Responding:** The Church Ministering  
Song of Response | Worship Team

**Sending:** The Church Going Out on Mission  
Benediction

**Refreshments in Fellowship Hall following service.**

**Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 am downstairs.**

**Today's Nursery Care:**

Briana & Kylie S. (Service)

Amber K. & Eileen P. (Sunday School)



## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Praise God that we can serve in His kingdom as disciples and pray for grace to fully devote your life to Him.

Thank the Lord for the **Men's Fellowship** and their ministry. Pray that through the monthly fellowship breakfast, the Wednesday morning Bible study and other events that the men will be encouraged in their role as godly men.

Praise God that Christina Eppolito's Mother, **Ana Ofelia Chang** is recovering from her health issues and is in rehab.

Pray for safety and blessing for the **Mexico Mission Team, Dru Bates, Roy Groff, Brian & LJ Keeler, Dean Knechel, Charlie Ness, Wendell Weaver, and Rolando Zelaya** as they leave on **Saturday** for ministry and construction. They return **Sunday May 10.**

Pray for the **youth** as they prepare for their sharing next Sunday.

Pray for God's grace with the **outreach ministry** as they partner with Dock Woods for a Barbecue and fellowship dinner on May 16.

Pray for God's grace and recovery for the following persons:

**Marlin Bergey** - healing for foot

**Michele Delp** - recovery from surgery and additional surgery on Wednesday

**Larry Kratz** - recovery from back surgery

**Curt Nice** - recovery from infection

**Gloria Zepp** - recovery from auto accident and cancer treatment

Pray for our **missionary of the month, Amanda Nouvong**, serving in Southeast Asia.

Pray for **President Trump** and **advisors** as they lead the nation.

Praise God for the musical gifts He has given **Brandon Derstine, Brandon Lee, Janelle Cassel, Jessica Leatherman**, and the **youth** with to lead in worship next week.

Ask God to bless those who have birthdays this week:

**Ian Dean, Preston Allebach, Janelle Cassel, Paisley Weaver, Gina Canaviri, Jerry Knechel, and Nick Rosato.**

Ask the Lord to bless **Darryl & Stacey Knechel** and

**Tim & Shawna Mikityuk** as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

If the office missed listing any birthdays or wedding anniversaries, please let us know.



# ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER

**Matthew 16:24**  
April 26, 2026

Three Requirements to be a follower of Jesus

**1. Deny \_\_\_\_\_**

To “deny yourself” to surrender your right to have things your way.

**2. Take up your \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus cross - Luke 22:39-44

**Our cross**

- Your cross is something you bear voluntarily.
- You do it not because you can’t escape it, but because you realize its benefit.
- The hardships we face because we choose to do God’s will and not our own!

**3. Follow \_\_\_\_\_.**

Pledge allegiance to Christ alone.

**How to follow - Luke 14:25-33**

- Love him more than personal relationships – 26a.
- Love him more than our own life – v. 26b.
- Love him more than our own resources - v.33

**The reward of following Jesus**

Matthew 16: 25 – 26 - Save your life!

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