



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 8, 2018

Called to be followers of Jesus Christ,  
Forest Hills Mennonite Church desires to be a  
welcoming community of grace, love, joy and  
peace, so that through the power of the  
Holy Spirit, God's reconciling love will flow  
through us in healing and hope to all people.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Hour

### Gathering

#### Prelude

**Gathering Songs:** *I saw the light*

*Just a little talk with Jesus*

Willie Hurst, Noah Schnabel-Leaders

Don Nelson-Guitar, Caleb Harnish-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Siegrist

### Praising and Adoring

**Creative Movement:** *King of my heart*

Primary Students

Emily Eshleman, Becky Degan-Coordinators

#### Congregational Singing

*Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb*

*There is power in the blood*

*Will the circle be unbroken*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Jon Carlson

**Dismissal for Kids Church** (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *When peace like a river*

(Worship Book No. 336)

**Scripture:** Acts 15:1-21

Kathy Unangst

**Sermon:** *This is our story: The first church council*

Jon Carlson

#### Response Song

### Sending

#### Congregational Sharing

**Sending Prayer:** Lyn Carlson (EMM Africa Learning Tour)

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

**Coffee Fellowship:** Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

**Welcome Guests!** We trust that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us today and will find yourself renewed and challenged in your journey with God. So that we might record your attendance, please complete a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Feel free to join us for Coffee Fellowship after the service, and please do come back and worship with us again.

ALL SENIORS who do not participate in the shared meals at one of the local retirement homes are invited to the bi-monthly luncheon here at the church on Monday, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office **today** of your plans to attend or not to attend this lunch. New participants are always welcome to join the fun. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

OUR MYF (YOUTH GROUP) will be hosting its annual Services and Experiences Auction and Lunch on Sunday, April 29. Along with a silent auction of youth services, the live auction will include donations of various services and experiences. In the past, donations have included meals, day trips, picnics, boating excursions, cleaning services, birthday party planning, etc. If you would like to donate an item for the live auction, please contact Janette Lile or Becky Degan.

OUR GROUP SUBSCRIPTION to *The Mennonite*, a monthly publication of the Mennonite Church USA, is now renewing. This periodical is made available at a reduced rate of \$20 (regular rate is \$46 per year) to Forest Hills households. If you are interested in joining or renewing through our group subscription, please give your payment of \$20, cash or checks payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church, to Norma Stauffer by April 29. There are no automatic renewals. The only way to subscribe is to submit your payment.

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind, please lift them to the Lord in prayer. Pray specifically for the activities that are happening at our church this week and for the work of the broader church agencies and ministries. Pray also for the following:

- Eli Passage grieving the unexpected loss of his cousin.
- All others grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Clara Landis recovering from a minor stroke.
- Jere Steinbaecher experiencing ongoing medical care for cancer.
- Lyn Carson leaving on Saturday for an educational trip to Kenya and Zanzibar with Eastern Mennonite Missions.
- Those who are struggling with anxiety and depression.
- Those experiencing chronic illness and their care providers.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER will present a concert here on Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m. Collette Carlson sings in this choir. The choir's mission is training children and youth, kindergarten through grade 12, to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. A freewill offering will be received. For more information, check out the poster on the fellowship hall bulletin board or visit [www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org](http://www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org).

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday; our youth group will lead the morning worship service.
- ☼ Sunday, April 29, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- ☼ Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.
- ☼ Sunday, June 24, 4 p.m. – Church Picnic.
- ☼ Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.

#### MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today – \$50 Service Trip deposit is due.
- ☼ Today, 6 p.m. – Youth Sunday prep.
- ☼ Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday – the MYF will be in charge of the morning worship service.
- ☼ Sunday, April 29, Noon – Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- ☼ Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.



THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE Spring Assembly Celebration will be held at Hope Community Church in Fleetwood on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Delegates and conference attendees are invited to a day of fellowship, conference life updates, and engagement with MCUSA's Journey Forward materials. Journey Forward is a 2-year process of church renewal and strengthening our identity around core commitments that are lived out in different ways across the denomination. ACC delegates and all other interested persons are invited to attend. Attendees may register at <http://atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly/> or by calling the ACC office at 717-394-8107, ext. 100. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE ANNUAL MENNONITE WOMEN'S Chatter, Chow, and Cheerful Service gathering for Atlantic Coast Conference women will be held on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Mennonite Central Committee's Material Resource Center on Trout Run Road in Ephrata. Women and girls, ages 9 and older, are invited to enjoy a morning of fellowship, service and a light lunch. Please bring a pint of chicken corn or vegetable soup to share; a vegetarian soup will also be provided. Go green and bring your own mug, bowl and spoon. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS IS POSTED ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD. CHECK OUT THE FLYERS POSTED THERE TO LEARN MORE.**

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: David Bontrager, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Irene and Andrew Ebersole

Greeters: Tracy and Randy Esch

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Clapper Family  
(W) Clapper Family

## TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelpian Room #17.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

## THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Landis Homes Seniors Lunch.
- ☼ Monday, 6 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- ☼ Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Care Team.
- ☼ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Regret-free parenting* led by Denise Groves.
- ☼ Tuesday, 4 p.m. – Diakonia Class Tour of Four Seasons Produce with dinner to follow.
- ☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Church Council.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Pastor Jon will continue his *This Is Our Story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *Little Christs* based on Philippians 2:1-13.
- ☼ Noon – Baptism Class; lunch will be provided.
- ☼ 1-3 p.m. – Sound Tech Training.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

REPORT: (04/01) General Fund \$19,603

No Sunday School; Worship 355

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### **Staff and Leadership Teams**

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

Janette Lile - Director of Children and Youth Programming

Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin, Rose Mosemann,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team