



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 15, 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 Song: *Come let us all unite to sing*

Worship Book No. 12

Leanne Beidler, Norma Stauffer, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano

Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass

Oceans

O Praise the name

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Christian Education Appreciation Litany

Christian Education Commission and Volunteers

Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Ask ye what great thing I know*

Worship Book No. 337

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon: *This is our story: Little Christs*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *You are salt for the earth*

Worship Book No. 226

Sending

Congregational Sharing

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.

TODAY WE THANK all who are involved in our Christian Education programs. Please come to the fellowship hall after the service to enjoy a special treat served to express our gratitude to these volunteers.

THE LOST AND FOUND is well stocked! Check out the table in the foyer to see if any of the items on display belong to you. In the near future, unclaimed items will either be thrown out or donated to ministries that accept used things.

DON MAST, husband of Erma Mast, had hip replacement surgery at Lancaster General Hospital this past Wednesday. At bulletin publication time, he was expected to be released for further recovery at home.

GENE AND DORIS KREIDER have recently moved to Woodcrest Villa. Their new address is 2001 Harrisburg Pike, BB 226, Lancaster, PA 17601.

PAUL LEAMAN was recently moved to Room #106 in the Lancaster House memory support unit at Landis Homes. Erma remains in their apartment at Landis Homes.

PLEASE NOTE that Donna and Lloyd Mast have relocated to be near her daughter and family in Virginia. Their new address is 1230A Ivy Lane, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

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 various services and experiences. In the past, these have included meals, day trips, picnics, boating excursions, cleaning services, birthday party planning, etc. Check out the board in the foyer to see some of the experiences that will be auctioned off this year. If you would like to donate an item for the live auction, please contact Janette Lile or Becky Degan.

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:

- Don Mast recovering from hip surgery.
- Gene and Doris Kreider adapting to their new home.
- Paul Eckert scheduled for back surgery this coming Tuesday.
- Ruth Stoltzfus and her family making decisions about her ongoing care and living arrangements.
- Lyn Carson traveling with Eastern Mennonite Missions on an educational trip to Kenya and Tanzania.

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. Further information has been placed in church mailboxes.

AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, Forest Hills is participating in Lancaster Mennonite School's Church Partnership Scholarship program through a designated fund that is separate from the church's general fund and budget. If you would like to donate to the fund, please make checks payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church and write *LMS Partnership Fund* on the memo line. Please contact Jerry Lile or Rod Lefever if you have any questions about this program.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of May, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, April 18, so that they can be included on the May church calendar.

THE TOTAL OF THE MY COINS COUNT offering, collected by our children's Sunday School departments and donated to Mennonite Central Committee's food projects at the recent Pa. Relief Sale, amounted to \$300.10. Thanks to all who supported MCC through My Coins Count.

HELP WANTED: Do you enjoy connecting with people through social media? The church is looking for someone to volunteer time each week to update our social media presence (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) and help build community through technology. If interested, talk to Pastor Jon.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: With spring approaching, weeds have already started to appear in the church's landscaping beds. Volunteers are needed to do an easy, limited amount of weeding throughout the growing season. If you are willing to consider this opportunity, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office for more information at your earliest convenience.

A GROUP OF CHURCHES and other agencies – the Youth Council of Atlantic Coast Conference, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Eastern Mennonite Missions and Lancaster Mennonite Conference – will be using our Forest Hills space to host a presentation of Ted and Co.'s production of *Discovery: A comic lament* this coming Saturday, April 21, at 6 p.m. This lament explores love, loss and land as it looks at the history of European settlement in the land of Native Americans. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) current clothing needs are for men's and children's summer new or used clothing in all sizes. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the designated container in the kitchen/fellowship hall area or dropped off at the CVCCS building. Please call 717-208-3711 before delivering your donations at CVCCS.

CVCCS is also looking for volunteers who can give one or two days a month or every week to work in the clothing bank on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. Interested persons are asked to contact Deb Sprunger at volunteer@cvccs.org.

LANDIS HOMES has openings for an Executive Director at its Welsh Mountain Home location and an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist at its main campus. Both are full-time positions. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday and High School Senior Recognition.
- ☼ 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, Noon – Baptism class; lunch will be provided.
- ☼ Today, 6 p.m. – Youth Sunday prep.
- ☼ Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday and High School Senior Recognition with lunch to follow.
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LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL is hosting an evening to explore the power of story. Join them for an immersive theatre experience on Saturday-Monday, April 26-28, with shows at 7 p.m., each day and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Audience members will be invited to the stage to enjoy excerpts from Broadway's most recent and popular productions including *Hamilton* and *Wicked*. Light refreshments will be provided. Limited seating; advance reservations encouraged. To reserve tickets, email boxoffice@lancastermennonite.org or call the box office at 717-740-2456.

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: Ron Weaver
Sound Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Yvonne Kauffman-Assistant
Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare
Greeters: Keary, Taylor, Lauryn, Oakley and Damon Larson
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Jerry Lile, Michael and Matthew Degan
(W) Jeanette Rice, Becky Siegrist

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Noon – Baptism Class; lunch will be provided.
- ☼ Noon – Sound Tech Training; lunch will be provided.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Forest Hills Seniors Lunch.
- ☼ Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- ☼ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Being a stay-at-home-mom with older kids* led by Coleen Hurst.
- ☼ Wednesday, 8 a.m. – Diakonia Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- ☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Christian Education Commission.
- ☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelphian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.
- ☼ Saturday, 6 p.m. – Ted & Co. presents *Discovery: A comic lament*. (See bulletin announcement for details.)

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Youth Sunday: Our youth will lead the morning worship service.

REPORT: (04/08) General Fund \$9,904
Sunday School 163; Worship 222

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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

