



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 29, 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: *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

(Worship Book No. 106)

Cheryl Eshleman, Tim Smoker, Warren and Linda Tyson-Leaders
Sandy Smoker-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Degan

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Mighty to save

I surrender all

May the peoples praise you

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Karyn Nancarvis

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *I know not why God's wondrous* Worship Book No. 338

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: *This is our story: Some Anabaptist visions* Jon Carlson

Anabaptist Stories Karyn Nancarvis, Kevin Nofziger

Response Song: *Great is thy faithfulness* Worship Book No. 327

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

NO Coffee Fellowship Today: Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our MYF (Youth Group).

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 be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to stay for the youth group's annual Services and Experiences Auction and Lunch today. This fundraiser will help pay for their service trip to Chicago this summer. Along with a silent auction of youth services, the live auction will include various other services, gift baskets, and experiences. Auction items are on display in the foyer.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to add your name to our group subscription to *The Mennonite*, a monthly publication of the Mennonite Church USA. 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. There are no automatic renewals; the only way to subscribe is to submit your payment.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER will present a concert here today at 4 p.m. Collette Carlson is a singer 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.

EILEEN (LEENIE) CHARLES was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital this past week with pneumonia. At bulletin publication time, she continued to be hospitalized at LGH.

DAN HESS had knee replacement surgery at UPMC Pinnacle Lancaster this past Thursday. At bulletin publication time, he was scheduled to be released in the near future.

KEITH LEHMAN is scheduled for pacemaker surgery at Ephrata Community Hospital this coming Thursday, May 3.

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:

- Keith Lehman scheduled for pacemaker surgery this coming Thursday.
- Paul Eckert recovering from back surgery.
- Dan Hess recovering from knee surgery.
- Leenie Charles recovering from pneumonia.
- Jenna Lile returning home after a cross-cultural semester in Guatemala.

A CPR TRAINING CLASS for staff and usher team representatives has been scheduled here at the church on Wednesday, May 2, from 3-6 p.m. There are a few open spaces in the class. Anyone who might have interest in participating in this training is asked to contact Norma Stauffer in the church office ASAP.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters this coming Thursday, May 3, from 9-11 a.m. Children are welcome to come too. No experience needed; experienced knotters will explain how it is done! Enjoy lunch together afterwards at a local restaurant.

NEW FLOORING will be installed in the church office the week of May 13. Due to the construction disorder and disconnected technology, regular office hours and staff time may be disrupted for several days. Staff members may occasionally work from home; feel free to contact them by personal cell numbers if you call and there is no answer at the church office during this time.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is holding its annual appeal for NEW underwear and socks in all sizes during the month of May. Each client is given new socks and underwear every time they come to the clothing bank. The collection box is in the foyer directly across from the front doors. Please give generously!

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: With spring's arrival, weeds have 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.

FOREST HILLS has received letters of thanks from Camp Hebron for our recent \$1,000 Flex Fund contribution and from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$6,855 to be divided among its various agencies.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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, 9:15 a.m. – Meal Prep.
- ☼ Today, Noon – Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- ☼ Next Sunday, May 6 – Lunch and Service Project.
- ☼ Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.
- ☼ Thursday, June 7 – Tentative Hershey Park Day.
- ☼ Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m. – Parent and Youth Chicago Service Trip Info Meeting.
- ☼ Sunday, August 5 – Welcome/Farewell Day at Nolts' lake house.



ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE YOUTH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a fundraiser at Oregon Dairy on Tuesday, May 8, from 3-8 p.m. Let your server know that you wish to support the ACC youth, and 20% of your meal price will be donated to ACC to support the annual fall retreat. 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: Vernon Kauffman

Sound Room Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Lauren Eshleman

Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Olive and Gary Kendig

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz Clapper, Lag Weaver

(W) Joanne Martin, Rose Miller

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) Fundraiser Luncheon and Service and Experiences Auction. (See bulletin announcement for details.)
- ☼ 4 p.m. – Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Concert.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. – CPR Training for staff and usher team representatives.
- ☼ Thursday – Baptism Class Field Trip to Germantown Mennonite Church.
- ☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Pastor Jon will continue his *This Is Our Story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *This is Our Story: Now What?* based on Matthew 1:1-17.
- ☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.
- ☼ Noon – MYF Lunch and Service Project.

REPORT: (04/22) General Fund \$4,727; Student Aid \$100;
LMS Partnership \$500; Refugee Education \$200
Sunday School 165; Worship 214

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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