



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 6, 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

Gathering

Prelude Ben Schnabel-Piano
Gathering Song: *I love to tell the story* Worship Book No. 398
Becky Degan, Leanne Beidler, Tim Smoker-Leaders
Call to Worship and Invocation Warren Tyson
Responsive Reading Worship Book No. 776

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano
Janice Southwick-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass
Speak, O Lord
All in all Grace Notes No. 16
O praise the name

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jon Carlson
Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *This is my Father's world* Worship Book No. 154
Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 Kristen Hertzog
Sermon: *This is our story: Now what?* Jon Carlson
Response Song: *Blessed assurance* Worship Book No. 332

Sending

Congregational Sharing
Mission Spotlight: Conestoga Valley Schools Katie Reiff
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 WELCOME Katie Reiff, Conestoga Valley School District Social Worker, to our service. In our Mission Spotlight, Katie will be sharing about the diverse social and economic needs in our community.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Katie and Joe Whitehill in the death of Joe's brother, Keith Whitehill, who died unexpected at the age of 47. Keith lived in Shenandoah, Iowa and leaves behind two school-age children. Joe and Katie have traveled to Iowa to be with family at this time.

KEITH LEHMAN was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital this past week due to unexpected medical issues. At bulletin publication time, he was hoping to be released in the near future. His scheduled pacemaker surgery will need to be rescheduled.

LESTER GRAYBILL, pastor at Forest Hills Mennonite Church from 1979-1997, passed away last Friday, April 27. Should you wish to send condolences to his wife Eileen and the family, her address is 26 Magnolia Court, New Holland, PA 17557-9467.

THANKS TO COLEEN HURST for putting together an informative library showcase display on our high school seniors.

AN INFORMAL BLUEGRASS GOSPEL HYMN SING, led by Caleb Harnish and friends, has been scheduled for the Sunday School hour next Sunday, May 13. All are welcome to attend this Sunday School elective that will be held in the sanctuary.

MENNONITE WOMEN USA encourages women of all ages, stages, and backgrounds to support each other through Bible studies, social activities, service opportunities, friendships and retreats. If you have any interest in forming a group like this here at Forest Hills, please contact Ruth Ann Martin or Nina Harnish to express your interest. A one-time brainstorming session will be scheduled in the near future.

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:

- Post-high graduates, Eric Krause, Kristin Lapp, and Abby Mosemann, celebrating the completion of their undergraduate college education.
- College students completing their school year and beginning their summer plans.
- Jake Bare scheduled for surgery this coming Tuesday, May 8.
- Keith Lehman dealing with health related issues.
- Leenie Charles recovering from pneumonia.
- Joe Whitehill and his family mourning the loss of his brother.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council provides monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. As of last Sunday, April 29, our year-to-date giving totals \$405,872, while our year-to-date budget is \$409,466, a slight short-fall of 0.9%. Thanks for your past contributions, and please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR POST-HIGH STUDENTS:

- Eric Krause will graduate from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology on Saturday, May 12, with an Associate Degree in Cabinetry and Wood Technology. After grad Eric will be working at Premier Custom-Built Cabinetry in New Holland.
- Kristen Lapp will graduate from Millersville University on Friday, May 11, with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She will begin graduate work on May 21 for her Master's Degree in Social Work.
- Abby Mosemann will be graduating from Lancaster Bible College's One Life program on Friday, May 11. In the fall, she will continue her education at Penn State Berk's Campus, studying to become an occupational therapy assistant.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be held here Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, from 6:15-8:15 each evening. Stay tuned for more information about how you can get involved in this exciting event!

DURING THE SUMMER, when you might be away more than usual, why not consider a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving? Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write checks, and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with consistent income on an uninterrupted basis. Interested persons may request a *Frequently Asked Questions* flyer and an enrollment form from the church office.

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 will be disrupted for several days. Staff members will most likely 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!

THE MENNONITE invites original submissions for the July 2018 issue of its print magazine and corresponding online content focusing on *Aging with Dignity*. Submissions are due to editor@TheMennonite.org no later than May 21. Personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, and stories about congregational life in 800-1,200 words are welcome as well as original photography, videos and artwork on the theme. When developing your submission, please review the publication's editorial and anti-oppression guidelines. Visit <https://themennonite.org/july-2018-call-submissions-aging-dignity/> for further details.

"DEAR FOREST HILLS Mennonite Church – Thank you so much for letting the Moms in Touch prayer group use your facility! We have greatly appreciated it as we have another year praying for our kids, the community, and school staff under our belts. Thank you for your generosity! We believe our prayers are changing the world!" – Lindsey Sell for MIT

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Next 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 – Lunch followed by Service Project.
- ☼ Next Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday Celebration Breakfast during the Sunday School hour.
- ☼ Sunday, May 20, 6 p.m. – Ice cream at Oregon Dairy.
- ☼ Thursday, June 7 – Tentative Hershey Park Day.
- ☼ Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m. – Parent and Youth Chicago Service Trip Info Meeting.
- ☼ June 30-July 7 – Service Week in Chicago.



ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE YOUTH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a fundraiser at Oregon Dairy this coming 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: Lee Charles
Sound Room Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Jim Shannon, Dylan Jantzen
Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin
Greeters: Barbara and Barry Weatherholtz
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Louetta Hurst, Sue King
(W) Emiley and Gemma Rodak

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.
- ☼ Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Lunch and Service Project.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6.m. – Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser at Leola Sharp Shopper.
- ☼ Friday, 6 p.m. – Baptism Class.
- ☼ Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser at Leola Sharp Shopper.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Baptism Sunday: Emily Eshleman, Isaac Harnish, Kyra Hersh, Cyleigh Hurst, Jeffrey Lile, Grace McGowan, and Katie Yoder will share their testimonies prior to being baptized. Scripture text will be Matthew 3:13-17 and other selected texts chosen by baptism class members.

REPORT: (04/29) General Fund \$4,886; Refugee Education \$150
Sunday School 164; Worship 200

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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