



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 13, 2018

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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: *How great is our God*

Kyra Hersh, Noah Schnabel

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jon Carlson

Song: *You are holy (You are mighty)*

Willie Hurst, Becky Degan-Leaders

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

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *Multiplied*

Worship Team

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Testimonies

Kyra Hersh, Grace McGowan, Isaac Harnish

Song: *Oceans*

Testimonies

Katie Yoder, Jeffrey Lile

Special Music: *Come as you are*

Worship Team

Testimonies

Emily Eshleman, Cyleigh Hurst

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Proceed to outdoor baptisms at Lefevers' pond

No Coffee Fellowship today; everyone is encouraged to proceed directly to the baptism site.

Directions to Outdoor Baptism Site: From the church parking lot, exit left onto Quarry Road (which becomes Bushong Road). Turn left onto Oregon Pike (Rt. 272) and drive 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Landis Valley Road (which becomes Valley Road). Drive 1 mile, and then turn left onto Shaub Road. Drive 0.2 miles, and turn right onto Meadow Lane. Drive 0.3 miles, and turn right into lane at 65 Meadow Lane. (Pond is visible from the road.)

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVE: An informal bluegrass gospel hymn sing in the sanctuary, open to all interested persons, led by Caleb Harnish and several other Forest Hills musicians.

A **SPECIAL WELCOME** to family and friends who are here for our baptism service today. Note that all of today's song selections were chosen by those who are being baptized. Thanks to Violet Horst for embroidering the baptism towels with today's date, the church name, and the Mennonite Church USA symbol, and thanks also to Velma Smucker for doing the calligraphy on the baptism certificates.

KEITH LEHMAN was released from the hospital this past week. He will be scheduled for further testing while he continues his recovery at home.

JAKE BARE had surgery at Lancaster General Hospital this past week and remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

NORMA STAUFFER is on vacation through Wednesday, May 16. She and Bruce are attending a family wedding in Nashville, Tennessee.

NEW FLOORING will be installed in the church office this coming week. Due to the construction disorder and disconnected technology, regular office hours and staff time will be disrupted for several days. If you call the church office during this time and there is no answer, please feel free to contact staff members on their personal cell phone numbers as they will most likely be working from home this coming week.

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:

- Corinne Swartzendruber scheduled for knee replacement surgery this coming Wednesday, May 16.
- Jake Bare recovering from surgery.
- Keith Lehman dealing with ongoing health concerns.
- Those experiencing chronic illness; pray also for their care providers.

A GOLD WATCH with a black leather band was found underneath the pews in the sanctuary this past week. If you are missing a watch, please contact the church office to see if this one might be yours.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hiring an Operations Coordinator, based at 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, and a Gift Shop Manager, based at the 1719 Herr House and Museum, Willow Street. To review job descriptions, visit lmhs.org. To apply, please send résumé and cover letter to jobs@lmhs.org or LMHS, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, June 24, 4 p.m. – Church Picnic.
- ☼ June 30-July 7 – Youth Group Service Week in Chicago.
- ☼ July 7-14 – Young Adult Service Week in Puerto Rico.
- ☼ Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Tuesday, July 31 – Ladies Night at Conestoga House.
- ☼ Sunday, August 12 – Service in the Park.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Baptism Sunday Celebration Breakfast during the Sunday School hour.
- ☼ Next 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.
- ☼ Sunday, August 5 – Welcome/Farewell Day at Nolts' Lakehouse.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Room Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Michael Degan, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Greeters: Linda and Warren Tyson

Coffee Fellowship Hosts (SS Only): Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Monica Kreider, Emiley Rodak
(W) Liz Clapper, Joan Krause

TODAY

- ☼ Mother's Day, a day to honor our mothers and other influential women in our lives.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday-Wednesday – Church office renovations. (See bulletin announcement for details.)
- ☼ Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Coffee Co. on Route 30.
- ☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.
- ☼ 4:30 p.m. – Salt and Light Class Dinner at Funck's Restaurant with Game Night to follow.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Pastor Jon will be starting a new sermon series, preaching on *The Hours: 80* based on Hebrews 10:19-25.
- ☼ Salt and Light Class Day Retreat.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Ice Cream at Oregon Dairy.

REPORT: (05/06) General Fund \$7,898; Refugee Education \$150
Sunday School 166; Worship 203

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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