



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 1, 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: *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

Worship Book No. 50

Janette Lile, Norma Stauffer, Willie Hurst, Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jerry Lile

Praising and Adoring

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-2, 11-15

Carolyn Boussum

Congregational Singing

Phyllis Stuckey-Piano

Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums

How deep the Father's love for us (Grace Notes No. 10)

Day by day (Grace Notes No. 68)

What a friend we have in Jesus (Worship Book No. 574)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *When peace like a river*

Worship Book No. 336

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Sermon: *Legion: A holy disruption*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Healer of our every ill*

Worship Book No. 377

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Sending Prayer: Young Adult Service Trip to Puerto Rico

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!

PASTOR JON CARLSON will be out of the office through this coming Saturday, July 7. He will be vacationing with Lyn, their kids, and her extended family in Vermont. NINA HARNISH will also be on vacation through Saturday, July 7. She and Craig will be enjoying time together at the beach. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during Jon and Nina's absence, please contact the church office or a Care Team member as listed in the bulletin or church directory.

BECKY DEGAN will be working out of the office this coming week. She is with the youth group on their service week in Chicago.

FOREST HILLS WOMEN, age 12 and older, are invited to an evening of garden touring and a shared meal at the Conestoga House and Gardens in Lancaster on Tuesday, July 31, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Further details, including sign-up information, have been placed in mailboxes today.

VBS UPDATES:

- Monday, July 16, through Thursday, July 19, beginning at 6:15 p.m. and ending at 8:15 p.m. each evening.
- Crew Leaders are still needed. No pre-planning required! If you have questions or want to volunteer, see Janette Lile in the foyer after the worship service today.
- Empty water bottles, approximately 16 oz. size, with lids are needed. Please put rinsed water bottles in the designated box in the lobby.
- Food item requests are posted on the VBS display in the foyer. Select an item or two that you are willing to donate, then mark these items for VBS, and bring them to the church kitchen by Sunday, July 15.
- Invitations are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. Take as many as you would like, and pass them along to anyone you think might enjoy participating in *Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus*.

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:

- Kris Long providing post-surgery care to her mother in Indiana.
- Zac Hummel moving to New Orleans to begin a year of service with AmeriCorps.
- Jere and Miz Steinbaeher dealing with the ongoing effects of Jere's cancer.
- Yvonne Kauffman's brother, Jeff, recovering from aneurysm surgery.
- Our young adults traveling to Puerto Rico for a week of service.
- Our youth group and leaders serving in Chicago.
- Faith McGowan attending a week of overnight camp at Camp Hebron.
- Those preparing for Vacation Bible School and for the children who will be attending.

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 the end of June, our year-to-date giving totals \$492,987, while our year-to-date budget is \$503,059, a shortfall of 2.0%. Thanks for your generosity in contributing to the mission and ministries of our church.

DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, Mennonite Women are asking for donations of school kits and hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider taking several of the kit bags from the church bench in the foyer. Fill the bags with the items on the attached contents lists – currently many of them are on sale – and then return the completed kits to the church.

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. A group of Forest Hills women are planning to meet after the worship service on Sunday, July 15, to brainstorm about the possibility of starting a group like this here at Forest Hills; lunch will be provided. If you wish to participate in this idea session, please let Nina Harnish know of your interest.

SITE PREPARATION FOR OUR NEW PLAYGROUND began this past week. If all permits and inspections come through, it should be completed and ready to use in time for our Vacation Bible School. If you have questions about this project, please contact Janette Lile.

THE MOMS PROGRAM is in need of a Pre-K teacher and assistant and a preschool (older toddler) teacher for its 2018-19 program year. All of these positions are paid positions. Each classroom has a planned curriculum, teacher, and assistant. MOMS meets from 9:30-11 a.m. on three Tuesdays each month. Interested individuals may contact Mindy Moore at minmuffin@yahoo.com for further details.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is requesting two items for their back to school drive – 3-ring zippered pencil pouches and back packs suitable for elementary students. They need at least 100 pencil pouches and as many back packs as we can collect. There is a collection bin for the pouches in the foyer, and back packs can be placed on the floor by the bin. Thanks in advance for your donations!

COPIES OF *THE MIRROR*, newsletter of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, are available in the literature rack next to the fellowship hall bulletin board. This newsletter features articles about recently acquired artifacts, the Society's annual Bookworm Frolic, Music in the Orchard, upcoming field trips, and more. Help yourself to a copy of *The Mirror*.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Love INC for our recent gift of \$1,000 to be used for Conestoga Valley Homes of Hope.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Tuesday, July 31, 6-8 p.m. – Ladies Night at Conestoga House.
- ☼ Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today-Saturday – Service Week in Chicago.
- ☼ Sunday, July 15, Noon – Set-up for Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ July 22 – Movie Night at Clappers'.
- ☼ July 29 – Girls/Guys with Hersheys (tentative date).
- ☼ August 5 – Welcome/Farewell at Nolts' Lakehouse.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 27, 2018

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson

Things completed: Baptism of seven teens and a sermon series on Time. **Current matters:** Preaching a series on mental health, long-range planning for preaching themes leading up to Advent, dealing with some challenging personal issues within the congregation, and welcoming newcomers.

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

Current matters: Final preparations for taking a team of 22 youth and adults to Chicago for a service trip, planning ahead for VBS when she returns, getting newcomers involved in worship and including other Forest Hillers in new ways, making plans for new church year in the fall while still planning worship services and Sunday School each week. It's a very busy time! Having enough volunteers continues to be a challenge.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile (Written report given in her absence.)

Things completed: MYF service auction was a huge success as was the hot dog fundraiser at Sharp Shopper for the Student Financial Aid Fund. (We will have three students attending Mennonite colleges in the fall.)

Current matters: Playground project has taken more time than expected due to requirements, permits and inspections, but hopefully it will still be completed in time for VBS. Planning to welcome 9th graders into the MYF and say goodbye to the seniors. Finalizing plans for VBS; crew leaders are still needed.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

Things completed: Met with MOMS Committee to plan for next year's program, and supported young adults in their plans for a service week in Puerto Rico. **Current matters:** Helped plan and implement the summer Sunday School elective for adults, is working with our seniors to help them identify their memorial service wishes, working with a group of women to brainstorm about women's ministries, and planning for Wednesday Evening Activities, college student contacts, and adult Sunday School in the fall. Nina also reported that she is in the process of pursuing licensure for a specific ministry through Atlantic Coast Conference.

Council Highlights – continued

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

Completed matters: Funded Puerto Rico service trip for eight young adults, and reactivated the Local Outreach and Service Advocate position. **Current matters:** Excited about the many service experiences people are having, planning for next year's budget, and supporting CVCCS in their work and projects.

Staff Relations Committee – Evanna Hess

SRC presented a report of a 3-month time tracking project that all staff members participated in; outcomes were mostly as expected. Presented a sabbatical proposal that Pastor Jon requested for the summer of 2019; Council affirmed this request. A minor modification to the Sexual Misconduct Policy was approved.

Discernment Committee – Ryan Nolt

Current matters: Several positions have been filled for the coming church year; still working on filling others.

Property Committee – Norma Stauffer, on behalf of the Committee

Things completed: One HVAC unit was replaced and one repaired, church office was remodeled, and Troy Hurst and his sons did the mulching. **Current matters:** Broken memorial bench will be replaced, and future projects will be reviewed and prioritized – roof replacement, lighting upgrades, van replacement, landscaping, and a unisex restroom.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Sam Clement said that our giving, while behind budget, still remains strong for this time of year. As proposed budget requests are coming in, it appears that we may be looking at an increase of approximately 3%.

OTHER UPDATES

- Replacement of the church van was discussed, and a decision was made to move forward with this replacement.
- An update was given on the Lancaster Mennonite Church Partnership with Lancaster Mennonite School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Evanna Hess provided an update from the Staff Relations Committee.

Complete copies of the meeting's minutes are placed in a notebook that is kept in the library. Interested persons are welcome to take a look at the full minutes at this location.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Dale Gamber

Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Irene and Andrew Ebersole

Greeters: Jean and Clair Hunsecker

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Jenna Lile, Norma Stauffer
(W) Coleen and Chad Hurst

TODAY

- ☼ MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) is in Chicago for Service Week.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. *This is our story* summer Sunday School series for all adults continues meeting in the fellowship hall. *Journey forward* is today's theme.
- ☼ Afternoon – Salt and Light Class at Nolts' lakehouse.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday-Saturday – MYF Service Week in Chicago.
- ☼ Wednesday – July 4th holiday; church office will be closed.
- ☼ Saturday – Young adults leave for Service Week in Puerto Rico.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Hour: Cake and Coffee Fellowship for all ages in the fellowship hall.
- ☼ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *We Are Legion: Healing and hope* based on Mark 5:1-20.
- ☼ Postponed monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.

REPORT: (06/24) General Fund \$6,805
Sunday School 136; Worship 197

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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