



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 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 Erin Goodridge-Flute, Janice Southwick-Guitar

Gathering Song: *Come, let us all unite to sing*

Worship Book No. 12

Becky Degan, Tim Smoker-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Becky Siegrist

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano, Janice Southwick-Guitar

Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Once again (Grace Notes No. 5)

There is a hope

Lift high the name of Jesus

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

Offering

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-29

Sermon: *Because Mennoniting is hard* Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Farewell Prayer for Kris Long Jon Carlson

Mission Spotlight: MYF Chicago Service Trip
Mary Harnish, Noah Schnabel, Emily Clapper

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!

ALL VBS CREW LEADERS are invited to a training meeting during the Sunday School hour today in the Salt and Light classroom upstairs.

VBS UPDATES:

- Our Vacation Bible School will begin tomorrow evening at 6:15 p.m. Thanks to the skillful leadership of Janette Lile and the many volunteers who are making this learning experience possible.
- Please remember to pray for all the children, leaders, and helpers who will be participating in *Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus* throughout the week.
- Please bring all food donations, marked for VBS, to the church kitchen by today or ASAP.
- 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 our VBS experience.
- If you haven't done so already, please register your children online at <http://www.foreshillschurch.org>.

DESPITE EVERYONE'S BEST EFFORTS, the playground construction is not yet complete. For safety reasons, children are not allowed on the playground until the installation is fully completed. Thanks to the contractors and Forest Hills volunteers who have been doing their best to get this project finished. What you see now will hopefully increase your anticipation for the time when our children can fully enjoy this new outdoor play area.

ALL 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. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Dana Shannon at october22wedding@gmail.com or 717-471-1397.

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 tomorrow, Monday, July 16.
- Ellie Lefever attending a week of overnight camp at Camp Hebron.
- Kris Long transitioning from her home in Mount Joy to her new home in Harrisonburg, Va.
- Those who struggle with mental health challenges, and for their families.
- All children and leaders involved in Vacation Bible School.

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.

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. Deadline is Sunday, July 29. Thanks in advance for your donations!

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL has several positions open for the 2018-19 school year – Accounting Officer, Director of Marketing and Communication, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, Event Liaison, Spanish Immersion Teacher, and more. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/employment for a full listing and more information about each position. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. Interested persons may download an application and then send the completed application and résumé to Lorri Hengst at hengstlk@lancastermennonite.org.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY'S spring/summer newsletter has arrived. Copies are available in the literature rack next to the fellowship hall bulletin board for anyone interested in learning more about what is happening in this ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Tuesday, July 31, 5:30-8 p.m. – Ladies Night at Conestoga House.
- ☼ Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park with lunch afterwards.
- ☼ Sunday, October 7 – Worldwide Communion and Mission Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today, Noon – Set-up for Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Next Sunday, July 22, Evening – Movie Night at Clappers'.
- ☼ July 29 – Girls/Guys with Hersheys (tentative date).
- ☼ August 5 – Welcome/Farewell at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ September 14-16 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

Please note that information about community events is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Check out the flyers posted there to see what other ministries in our area are offering.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Technicians: Dean and Dylan Jantzen

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Greeters: Rose and Abby Mosemann

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Louetta Hurst, Lag Weaver
(W) Monica Kreider, Kristin Lapp

TODAY

- ☼ 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
- ☼ Noon – Mennonite Women USA brainstorming session.
- ☼ Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): VBS Set-up.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday-Thursday, 6:15-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonia Women's Breakfast at Gracie's.
- ☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Class Breakfast at New Holland Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – *This is our story* Adult Summer Sunday School series continues. Theme will be *Sharing our story through music*.
- ☼ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Peace: Because Mennoniting is hard* based on Matthew 5:38-48.
- ☼ Afternoon / Evening – Diakonia Class at Cara Cove.
- ☼ Evening – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Movie Night at Clappers'.

REPORT: (07/08) General Fund \$6,002

YTD Giving \$511,339; YTD Budget \$526,457 (-2.9%)

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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