



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 22, 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

Kori Jantzen-Piano, Dylan Jantzen-Trumpet

Gathering Songs: *My lighthouse
I am*

VBS Music Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Kori Jantzen-Piano

Leanne Beidler, Warren and Linda Tyson, Cal Roggie-Leaders

*Speak, O Lord
I then shall live*

(Grace Notes No. 44)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Peace before us / I bind myself this tide*

(Grace Notes No. 39 / Worship Book No. 411)

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: *Peace: Mennoniting is hard*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *We are people of God's peace*

Worship Book No. 407

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Mission Spotlight: Puerto Rico Service Team

Eric Krause, Herb Hoover

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!

THANKS TO PHYLLIS GAMBER for putting together the interesting photo display in the library showcase. Check it out to see if you can identify any Forest Hillers on the pictures from years past.

ERMA MAST was hospitalized in Harrisonburg, Va., for a heart issue last Sunday while visiting her daughter, Donna Mast. Erma was discharged this past Wednesday and on Thursday traveled back to her home in Garden Spot Village where she will continue her recovery.

KEITH LEHMAN had a pacemaker implanted this past Monday, was released later that same day, and is now continuing his recovery at home.

"THANK YOU for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement at the recent passing of Ann's brother, Carl Groff. It is a blessing to be a part of a caring church." – Byron and Ann Zimmerman

"I WANT TO THANK the congregation for all your support and showing God's love over the last 18 years! You blessed my family in so many ways – awesome programs for our children (KfC, Sunday School, Junior Youth, and MYF), small group, Phileo and Grounded Sunday School Classes, amazing and challenging worship and teaching, women's groups, square dancing, support during Gary's 11-year illness and passing, and support through the adjustments of grief. God bless you all! I'll keep you in my prayers." – Kris Long

KRIS LONG'S NEW ADDRESS is 1718 North Burkwood Court, Apt. D, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Her phone will remain 717-606-4048, and her email is hammockreader@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU for the many, many hours of work that Janette Lile and her team put into organizing and implementing this past week's Vacation Bible School program. A record number of children registered to learn more about God's love for them. Further details will be included in next week's bulletin.

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 recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Ruth Stoltzfus experiencing medical complications with her leg.
- Jere and Miz Steinbaecher dealing with the ongoing care for Jere's cancer.
- Erma Mast recovering from heart-related issues.

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. Extra flyers are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. RSVP to Dana Shannon at october22wedding@gmail.com or 717-471-1397. This coming **Tuesday, July 24, is the last day to sign up.**

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The schedule has been delayed due to some unexpected circumstances related to the installation of the special fall-protection base. Hopefully, things will be completed in the upcoming week. As the installation began, numerous people expressed curiosity about how the location was determined. Here are a few points that made the chosen area make sense:

- Children can access the playground without having to cross traffic in the parking lot.
- Convenient access when there are gatherings in the fellowship hall.
- Less temptation for vandalism due to the easy visibility from the main road.
- This rarely used area was just the right size for the playground configuration.
- It makes a statement that we welcome and value children.

MENNONITE WOMEN will continue to collect school kits and hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee through the month of August. Several questions have come up about the new request for *metal* pencil sharpeners. A sample sharpener has been placed with the bags on the bench in the foyer. This is the type of sharpener that is requested. If you have further questions, contact Eileen Wenger.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of August, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, July 25, so that they can be included on the August church calendar.

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. We need 30 more pencil pouches to reach our goal of 100. As many back packs as we can collect would be wonderful. 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 next Sunday, July 29. Thanks in advance for your donations!

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is in need of volunteers for its Bookworm Frolic on August 15-18. Help is needed to move books in the days preceding the sale, with tasks during the sale, and with clean-up on the final day of the sale. If interested, contact Jon Weaver-Kreider at usedbooks@lmhs.org or 717-393-9745.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help with baling, book cutting, quilting and sewing, and other tasks at its Material Resource Center in Ephrata during the months of September through December when volunteer numbers are traditionally low. Groups are welcome as well as children age 11 and older who would like to serve alongside adults. For more information on how you can get involved in making a difference around the world through material aid, contact David Miller-Glick at DavidMillerGlick@mcc.org or call 717-733.2847.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Tuesday, July 31, 5:30-8 p.m. – Ladies Night at Conestoga House.
- ☼ Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park followed by a picnic lunch.
- ☼ Sunday, October 7 – Worldwide Communion and Mission Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today, 8 p.m. – Outdoor Movie Night at Clappers'.
- ☼ Next Sunday, July 29, Evening – Cookout and Guys/Girls Night at Hersheys'.
- ☼ August 5 – Welcome/Farewell at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ September 14-16 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.



WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018 - 10 a.m.

West Earl Twp. Lions Park - Talmage

For a summer change of pace on **Sunday, August 12**, we will gather for our morning worship service at **10 a.m.** in the **West Earl Township Lions Park** on Route 772 North between Talmage and Brownstown. **Bring lawn chairs or blankets** for seating in the shaded lawn area of the park. In case of rain, the service will be relocated to the church.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this worship celebration in the beauty of creation! Pastor Jon will share some tips on **Surviving an Apocalypse** - where do we turn when it feels like the world is imploding all around us? There will also be a **special children's message**. Musical selections will include **Christian favorites, bluegrass, and more**.

Everyone is invited to stay for the **chicken barbecue picnic lunch**. After lunch, there will be a **candy scramble for the kids**. To help the Kitchen Committee plan for the meal, please **complete the bottom of this sheet** and place it in the offering plate, or call your reservation into the church office (717-656-6227) by August 5. To help conserve creation and save resources, **bring your own NON-DISPOSABLE place settings. Donations will be accepted** toward the cost of the meal and expenses of the day.

Feel free to stay and enjoy an afternoon in the park. The park's great walking path offers the opportunity to walk off your lunch, or you may bring table games or equipment for lawn games. Children may enjoy the playground equipment, or they may bike or roller-blade on the trail that surrounds the park. The park also lies adjacent to a fishing/wading stream.



We (I) will attend the Picnic in the Park on Sunday, August 12.

Name(s) _____

_____ # of adults

_____ # of children (ages 10 and under)



TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

- Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- Technicians: Michael Degan, Dean Jantzen
- Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Kathy Unangst
- Greeters: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp
- Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie
- Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Joan Krause, Monica Kreider
(W) Kristin Lapp, Emiley Rodak

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. *This is our story* summer Sunday School series for all adults continues. Theme will be *Sharing our story through music*; group will meet in the sanctuary.
- Afternoon / Evening – Diakonia Class at Cara Cove.
- 8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Movie Night at Clappers'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.
- Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Care Team.
- Monday, 7 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- Thursday, 7 p.m. – Discernment Committee.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. – Care and Share Sunday: Adult classes will meet in their individual classrooms.
- Communion Sunday: Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Community: Because Mennoniting is hard* based on Matthew 5:21-26.
- Evening – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Cookout and Guys/Girls Night at Hersheys'.

REPORT: (07/15) General Fund \$8,443; Refugee Education \$200
YTD Giving \$519,782; YTD Budget \$538,156 (-3.4%)
 Sunday School 125; Worship 211

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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