



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 29, 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: *In this place* (Grace Notes No. 19)

Becky Degan, Tim Smoker-Leaders
Sandy Smoker-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation Evanna Hess

Song: *All who hunger gather gladly* (Grace Notes No. 57)
Love come down

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jon Carlson

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Kristen and Taicha Hertzog

Proclaiming

Song: *Bless'd be the tie that binds* Worship Book No. 421

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon: *Community: Because Mennoniting is hard* Jon Carlson

The Bread and the Cup

Communion Celebration: All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The method of communion that will be used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup. Please exit the row to your right and return to the left. Servers will be available to serve those who are unable to walk to the front.

Sending

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!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU for the many, many hours of work that Janette Lile put into organizing and implementing this year's Vacation Bible School program. VBS was a huge success thanks in large part to the skillful leadership of Janette and the 71 volunteers who made it possible. The many people who donated snacks and craft supplies were also an important ingredient. A total of 176 children from 14 Forest Hills families and 84 community families enjoyed the week together. Average children's attendance each night was 154.

JANETTE LILE is on vacation through this coming Saturday, August 4. She will be enjoying time at the beach with her family.

PASTOR JON will be leaving for vacation this coming Saturday, August 4, returning back to work on Sunday, August 12. He will also be enjoying time at the beach with family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kris Long on the birth of her granddaughter, Aurelia Jane, born on Thursday, July 19. Aurelia's parents are Heidi (Long) and Caleb Jablonski. The family resides in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The playground completion was once again delayed this past week due to the torrential rains. Hopefully it will be possible to complete it this coming week.

FOREST HILLS has received letters of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$6,855 to be divided among its various agencies and from Atlantic Coast Conference for our \$11,725 contribution to its ministries.

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 celebrating the birth of her granddaughter, Aurelia Jane.
- Jackie Nelson and David Bontrager who are both recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Those who are seeking employment that is meaningful and meets their needs.
- All of those grieving the loss of beloved family members and friends.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK is scheduled for Sunday, August 12, at the West Earl Lions Park in Talmage. Please note that the **start time will be 10 a.m.** Pastor Jon will share some thoughts on *Surviving an Apocalypse* – where do we turn when it feels like the world is imploding all around us? Musical selections will include Christian favorites, bluegrass, and more. There will also be a special message and a candy scramble for the kids. If you plan to stay for the picnic lunch and have not yet made your reservation, please notify Norma Stauffer in the church office as soon as possible.

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.

A PEACH AND SILVER BEADED BRACELET was recently left at the church. If you think it might belong to you, contact Norma Stauffer.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is looking for volunteer docents for the exhibit *Voices of conscience: Peace witness in the Great War*, hosted at Landis Homes on August 19 through September 26, from 2-7 p.m., on weekends, and from 5-7 p.m., on weekdays. Docents will need to monitor the exhibit and answer simple questions based on material provided. Volunteers may sign up for one day or longer. To obtain more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Deb Laws-Landis at 717-381-3550.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park and Picnic Lunch.
- ☼ Sunday, September 9 – Nina Harnish's Licensing Service.
- ☼ Sunday, October 7 – Worldwide Communion and Mission Sunday.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities (KfC, Junior Youth, Choir) begin.
- ☼ Sunday, October 21, Noon – MYF Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser luncheon followed by Annual Business Meeting.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today, 6-8 p.m. – Cookout and Guys / Girls Night at Hersheys'.
- ☼ Next Sunday, August 5, 9:15 a.m.-9 p.m. – Welcome / Farewell at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park.
- ☼ Sunday, August 19 – Lunch and Hike.
- ☼ Sunday, August 26, 3-6 p.m. – Pool Party at Hursts' with Salt and Light Class.
- ☼ September 14-16 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain.

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: Chad Martin

Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Dylan Jantzen

Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Nina and Isaac Harnish

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Mary Harnish, Lag Weaver

(W) Joanne Martin, Bonnie Sharp

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. Care and Share Sunday: Adult classes will meet in their individual classrooms.
- ☼ 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Cookout and Guys / Girls Night at Hersheys'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Tuesday, 5:30p.m.-8 p.m. – Ladies Night at Conestoga House and Gardens. Supper will be served at 6 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:15 a.m.-9 p.m. – MYF Welcome / Farewell Day at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – *This is our story* Adult Summer Sunday School series continues. Theme will be *Sharing our story through music*.
- ☼ Becky Degan will be preaching on *Beautiful pursuit* based on Luke 15:3-20.
- ☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.

REPORT: (07/22) General Fund \$8,737; LM Partnership Fund \$2,000

YTD Giving \$528,519; YTD Budget \$549,855 (-3.9%)

Sunday School 126; Worship 187

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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