



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 05, 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:** *Come thou fount*                      Worship Book No. 521  
Daryl Eshleman, Cal Roggie-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**                      Warren Tyson

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Caleb Harnish-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass  
*Amazing grace*    (Worship Book No. 143)  
*Wonderful, merciful Savior*                      (Grace Notes No. 14)  
*I will come to you in the silence*                      (Grace Notes No. 7)

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Becky Degan

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *Gentle shepherd*                                      Worship Book No. 352

**Scripture:** Luke 15:1-20

**Sermon:** *Beautiful pursuit*                                      Becky Degan

#### Response Song

### Sending

#### Congregational Sharing

#### 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!

THE MYF (YOUTH GROUP) is at Lake Wynonah today for their annual Welcome / Farewell Day. This is when they say goodbye to high school seniors and outgoing advisors, Marcia Stoesz and Dwight Yoder, and welcome incoming freshmen and new advisors, Jess Martin and Rod Lefever.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Miz Steinbaeher and her family in the loss of her husband, Jere, who died this past Tuesday, July 31. A viewing will be held at the church **today** from 4:30-7 p.m. Following a private family burial, a memorial service is scheduled for here at the church tomorrow (Monday), at 11 a.m.

DAVE BONTRAGER was transferred to Lancaster Rehabilitation Center for his ongoing care following knee replacement surgery.

CHERYL ESHLEMAN was hospitalized last Thursday for an infection. She was discharged on Sunday and is now continuing her recovery at home.

JON CARLSON is on vacation through Saturday, August 11. He is enjoying time at the beach with family and friends. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during his absence, please contact Nina Harnish or a Care Team member listed in the church directory.

BECKY DEGAN will be on vacation this coming Thursday, August 9, through Saturday, August 18. She will be enjoying time in the Adirondacks with her family and extended family.

IN A SOCIETY MARKED by bitter division and painful injustice, how do we love our neighbors – and our enemies? Beginning August 12, we're embarking on a 21 day journey designed to help us survive an *apocalypse*, a time when God reveals and unmask the true condition of the world and our hearts. Interested persons can sign up to receive a brief daily devotional email at <http://www.foresthillschurch.org>

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:

- Miz Steinbaecher and her family mourning the loss of Jere.
- Cheryl Eshleman recovering from an acute infection.
- Ady Carlson recovering from pneumonia.
- Our MYF (senior high youth) and Junior Youth celebrating the beginning of a new year of programming with kick-off events.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK is scheduled for next Sunday, August 12, at the West Earl Lions Park in Talmage. Please note that the start time will be **10 a.m.** If you plan to stay for the picnic lunch after the worship service but have not yet made your reservation, please do so today. (See bulletin insert for details.)

A NEW DOUBLE-DOOR REFRIGERATOR was installed in the church kitchen this past week. Over a year ago, our aging fridge was not working properly. The service technician did a temporary fix and suggested that the fridge would need to be replaced. That temporary fix worked for quite some time. However, in recent weeks the fridge was emitting a constant malfunction signal, and it would no longer cool to the required temperature for food safety. Research done when the initial problem occurred allowed for a timely transition to this new equipment.

ALL SENIORS who do not participate in the shared meals at one of the local retirement communities are invited to the bi-monthly luncheon here at the church on Monday, August 20, at 11:30 a.m. Please notify the church office by August 12 of your plans to attend or not to attend this luncheon. New participants are always welcome to join the fun. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any personal dietary restrictions.

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, Mennonite Women are continuing to collect 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, and then return the completed kits to the church.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS have come up about the new request for *metal* pencil sharpeners in the MCC school kits. 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.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) needs volunteers for the Food and Clothing Banks. If you would like to know more about these volunteer opportunities, contact Deb Sprunger at 717-208-3711, ext. 103.

ANOTHER CVCCS OPPORTUNITY is its casserole ministry. Volunteers are needed to make meals, soups, and treats for Food Bank clients to take home for a quick heat-and-eat treat. Interested persons may contact Jacqueline at 717-208-3711, ext. 104.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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, Adult Bible Study) begin.
- ☼ Sunday, October 21, Noon – MYF Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser luncheon followed by Annual Business Meeting.

#### MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:15 a.m.-9 p.m. – Welcome / Farewell at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ Next Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park.
- ☼ Sunday, August 19 – Lunch and Hike.
- ☼ Sunday, August 19 - \$25 deposit for Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat is due.
- ☼ 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.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin

Greeter: Alice Babikow

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz Clapper, Lauri Lefever

(W) Liz Clapper, Monica Kreider

## TODAY

- ☼ 9:15 a.m.-9 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Welcome / Farewell Day at Nolts' Lakehouse.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. *This is our story* Adult Summer Sunday School series continues. Theme will be *Sharing our story through music*. Group will meet in the sanctuary.
- ☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 10 a.m. – Service in the Park. (See bulletin insert for details.)
- ☼ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Surviving an Apocalypse* based on Revelation 19:11-16.
- ☼ Lunch – Following the worship service, everyone is invited to stay for a chicken barbecue picnic lunch.
- ☼ MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) – No evening activity.

REPORT: (07/29) General Fund \$8,913; LM Partnership Fund \$8,000

**YTD Giving \$537,432; YTD Budget \$561,554 (-4.3%)**

Sunday School 146; Worship 200

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### **Staff and Leadership Teams**

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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