



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 19, 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** Cheryl Eshleman-Piano, Phyllis Stuckey-Organ

**Gathering Song:** *This is my Father's world*

(Worship Book No. 154)

Janette Lile, Holly Schlosser, Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation** Sandy Smoker

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano, Erik Schlosser-Guitar

Don Nelson-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Here I am to worship* (Grace Notes No. 54)

*Cornerstone*

*Mighty to save*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Blessing our Kindergartners** Solomon Kreider, Hudson Miller

Janette Lile

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *God of grace and God of glory* Worship Book No. 366

**Scripture:** John 8:1-14

**Sermon:** *You say potahto, I say Nazi* Jon Carlson

**Response Song:** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Worship Book No. 145

### 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!

EVERYONE IS INVITED to participate in a brief dedication service for the new playground after the worship service today. As a congregation, helping future generations come to faith in Christ is one of our greatest goals. Our prayer is that this new playground will foster a greater sense of community and connectedness for kids, parents, grandparents, our entire church family, and our neighborhood.

THE NEW PLAYGROUND is nearly complete except for a few details including fencing that is required to meet local codes. Installation of this fencing is expected to be completed in the very near future. In the meantime, the playground is available for use.

TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION of the playground, all children and their parents are invited to come to the playground to enjoy a fun time with friends tomorrow, Monday, August 20, starting at 10 a.m. Adults are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with each other while the kids explore the new playground. Light refreshments will be provided. In case of rain, this event will be rescheduled.

NORMA STAUFFER will be out of the office this coming week. She and Bruce will be helping to lead a Great Allegheny Passageway 5-day bike trip with the Road Scholar program, an educational travel program for persons 50 years and older. Thanks to Ruth Ann Martin for providing part-time office coverage in her absence.

OUR MOMS PROGRAM will begin its new season with a Welcome Brunch on Tuesday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. All women and children – infants through preschool and kindergarten – are encouraged to attend and invite friends and neighbors to get involved as well. Program schedules are available in the fellowship hall literature rack. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

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:

- Those who deal with memory loss and their family and care providers.
- Gratitude to those who have served our church family this past year and for those who are willing to serve this coming year.
- Celebrating the completion of the playground and for the many people that made it possible.

AT TOMORROW'S SENIOR LUNCHEON, Nina Harnish's father, Jerry Kaufman, will bring a Lancaster County atlas from the late 1800's and will help locate family homesteads. He will be here at 11 a.m. to help Senior Lunch participants navigate through the maps.

WITH ONLY TWO SUNDAYS LEFT in our fiscal year, year-to-date income totals \$553,754. This means we need to receive \$55,396 – or \$27,698 per week – for the next two weeks to meet our budget goal. At the present time, year-end expenses are expected to come in close to budget. With lighting, roofing and landscaping upgrades needed in the near future, our Future Capital Projects Fund will soon be depleted, so Church Council is suggesting that we aim to reach or exceed our budget goal with any excess income going into this Fund. Please consider being generous to your church, its ministries, and our vibrant congregational life. With everyone contributing as they are able, we will once again be able to honor the financial commitments we agreed to at the beginning of our fiscal year.

FOREST HILLS is beginning the search for a new Administrator as Norma Stauffer has announced her retirement effective February 2019. Responsibilities include office management, congregational and community communications, assisting pastoral staff, light bookkeeping, facilities oversight, and acting as office receptionist. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, be in touch with Pastor Jon or Evanna Hess, Staff Relations Committee Chair.

MENNONITE WOMEN will continue to collect school kits and hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee through the end of August. If you have kits that have not been returned, kindly return them to the church at your earliest convenience.

THE DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE is seeking candidates to fill the following open positions starting in September:

- Congregational Moderator
- Intermediate Education Coordinator
- Primary Education Coordinator

CHURCH COUNCIL is also seeking to appoint new members to:

- Discernment Committee
- Staff Relations Committee
- Assistant Church Treasurer
- Atlantic Coast Conference Delegates

If you would be interested in serving or know of someone who would be a great candidate to serve in any of these position, please contact Ryan Nolt, Discernment Committee Chair, or Rod Lefever, Council Moderator.

THE CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is hosting a Christmas Party for its clients on Saturday, December 15. They are asking for donations of ornaments, cookies and small gifts before the party and for singers who would be willing lead Christmas carols at the party. If your family, Sunday School class or small group would be interested in knowing more about this volunteer opportunity, please check out the flyer that's posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) NEWSLETTER is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Collection items for the current month are:

- Food Bank: Single serving cereal boxes, fruit cups, canned soups (no cream soups), crackers, pancake mix and syrup, jam or jelly, mac and cheese, and canned fruits, vegetables, pasta, and stews.
- Clothing Bank: New or gently used sneakers and shoes for boys and girls in sizes 12 and up, and girls' socks in sizes 4-10. Winter coats are also needed.

Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the designated containers at the entrance doors (food) and in the kitchen/fellowship hall area (clothing) or dropped off at the CVCCS building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or Thursdays 1-4 p.m.

See calendar updates on back

## LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, September 9 – Nina Harnish's Licensing Service.
- ☼ Sunday, September 23, Sunday School Hour – State of the Church Meeting. (Includes budget discussion.)
- ☼ 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, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today – \$25 deposit for Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat on September 14-16 is due.
- ☼ Today – Lunch followed by hike in Lancaster County Park. Pick-up time will be 3 p.m., at the church.
- ☼ Sunday, August 26, Noon – Council meeting.
- ☼ Sunday, August 26, 3-6 p.m. – Pool Party at Hursts' with Salt and Light Class.
- ☼ Sunday, September 2, 2-5 p.m. – Swim Party at Hertzogs' pool.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman  
Technicians: Jim Shannon, Becky Degan  
Greeters: Paul Burkholder, Clara Landis  
Befrienders: Jake and Ruth Bare  
Coffee Hosts: Cheryl and Larry McJunkin  
Nursery: (SS) Lauri Lefever, Becky Siegrist  
(W) Christine Sebelist, \_\_\_\_\_

## TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – *This is our story* Adult Summer Sunday School Series continues in the fellowship hall. Theme will be *Journey forward*.
- ☼ MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12), Noon-3 p.m. – Lunch and Hike.

## THIS WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Forest Hills Senior Lunch.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Care and Share Sunday; all adults classes meet in their regular classroom.
- ☼ Pastor Jon will preach on *Good News for Fake News World* based on John 8:31-47.
- ☼ 3-6 p.m. – Salt and Light class and MYF pool party at Hurst's pool.

REPORT: (08/12) General Fund \$6,171  
No Sunday School; Worship 239

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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