



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church**

**September 2, 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:** *The love of God*

Grace Notes No. 55

Janette Lile, Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:4-9

Becky Siegrist

Bulletin Insert

**Invocation**

**Praising and Adoring**

**Congregational Singing**

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Rain down*

(Grace Notes No 46)

*All who hunger gather gladly*

(Grace Notes No. 57)

*Day by day*

(Grace Notes No. 68)

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Children's Time**

Janette Lile

**Offering**

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Worship Book No. 582

**Scripture:** Exodus 16:1-18

**Sermon:** *Food and God*

Nina Harnish

**Response Song:** *In the bulb there is a flower* Worship Book No. 614

**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!

"ERNESTINE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the congregation for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and e-mails during my recent health issues. They were all very much appreciated. I am feeling much better and thank the Lord for His healing. During my health issues we were in a café with a wall hanging that said, "Faith in God includes faith in His timing." Sometimes that is difficult, but so true. Blessings."  
– Keith Lehman

NORMA STAUFFER had outpatient wrist surgery this past Friday to repair a break sustained in a biking accident while on vacation the previous week.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF ZAC HUMMEL'S new address: 8419 Palm Street, New Orleans, LA 70117. His email and phone number have not changed. Zac is doing a one-year term with AmeriCorps' City Year program, serving as a tutor/ teacher's aide and coaching volleyball at a local school.

BECKY DEGAN is on vacation through Saturday, September 8. She is enjoying time in Myrtle Beach with her extended family.

PRAISE GOD for the ongoing generosity of our congregation! Due to the last day of our fiscal year falling after bulletin publication time, there is no final report of our year-end income and expenses. However, it does appear that we will meet our budget giving goal. A final account will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters this coming Thursday, September 6, from 9-11 a.m. Children are also welcome to come along. No experience needed; experienced knotters will explain how it is done! Enjoy lunch together afterwards at a local restaurant.

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:

- Zac Hummel serving with AmeriCorps in New Orleans.
- Donna and Cal Roggie celebrating the birth of their granddaughter.
- Those desiring physical, emotional or spiritual healing.
- Norma Stauffer recovering from wrist surgery and managing her church responsibilities with the use of just one hand.
- Thankfulness for the generous people of this church who allowed us to meet our financial commitments for the past church year.

START THE NEW (CHURCH) YEAR with a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write checks, and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with consistent income on an uninterrupted basis. Request an enrollment form and a Frequently Asked Questions flyer from the church office.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE Fall Assembly will be held at Akron Mennonite Church on Saturday, October 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join ACC in celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Remember the people and projects that helped define ACC in the past, consider where we are today, and think creatively about what the future might hold for our future together. Find more info about the weekend's events and register by October 24 at <http://atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly/>. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

MEN OF FHMC, [register now](#) for the exciting/stimulating/dynamic re-launch of Mennonite Men's Dinner during the Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly. Experience camaraderie with other men of ACC at the Men's Dinner at Neffsville Mennonite Church on Friday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. This dinner is open to men of all ages and will include a program to learn more of the values of men's groups, a speaker, and special music by several members of Spare Parts, a men's acapella quartet. Dinner is \$20.00 per person. Register on ACC's website at [www.atlanticcoastconference.net](http://www.atlanticcoastconference.net). Stay tuned for further exciting details.

## **Call to Worship**

### **Leader:**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Congregation Response:**

Here we are Lord!  
We come into your house this morning  
praising your faithfulness,  
giving thanks for your mercy,  
seeking your joy.  
Thank you for creating us  
and giving us life and breath today.  
Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
and for the Holy Spirit  
whose presence here  
unites us as your people.  
Fill us with your peace today. Amen

THE LEOLA 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.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Eby Cemetery Association will be held here at the church on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$6,855 to be divided among its various agencies.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER (MCCL) is accepting registrations for two programs: Prelude Music (kindergarten - grade 1) and Choristers I & 2 (grades 2 -5 and grades 5 - 8). These non-auditioned classes offer vocal training in an atmosphere that strives to expand the musical, social, and spiritual growth of every singer. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from September through November and again in February through April. To register, contact [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.org) or call 717-455-7025.

EPHRATA RE-UZIT has multiple opportunities for volunteer cashiers and donation processors at the Ephrata shop and for book sorters at Booksavers. Flexibility is available regarding days, shifts, and frequency. Interested volunteers may contact Sue Shirk, Volunteer Coordinator, at [voldev@reuzit.org](mailto:voldev@reuzit.org) or phone 717-733-4934, x109.

COBYS FAMILY SERVICES is seeking a Facilities Manager to oversee the care and maintenance of its four properties. Further details about this employment opportunity are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, September 23, Sunday School Hour – State of the Church Meeting. (Includes discussion on proposed budget.)
- ☼ Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7 – Mission Weekend.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities (KfC, Junior Youth, Choir, Adult Bible Study) begin.
- ☼ Sunday, October 21, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Luncheon followed by Annual Business Meeting.

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

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today, 2-5 p.m. – Swim Party at Hertzogs' pool.
- ☼ Next Sunday, September 9, 6-8 p.m. – Mini Golf at Village Greens.
- ☼ Friday-Sunday, September 14-16 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.
- ☼ July 1-6, 2019 - Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City.

#### TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jamie Eshleman

Greeters: Deb Frey, Ruth Hooper

Befrienders: Irene and Andrew Ebersole

Coffee Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery: (SS) Alice Babikow, \_\_\_\_\_

(W) Vanessa Bunting, Joanne Martin

#### TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings have been postponed until next Sunday, September 9.
- ☼ 2-5 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr 9-12): Pool Party at Hertzogs'.

#### THIS WEEK

- ☼ Monday – Labor Day Holiday; church office closed.
- ☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Pastor Jon will preach on *From Generation to Generation: Millennials* based on Genesis 1:1-26.
- ☼ Licensing Service for Nina Harnish.
- ☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.
- ☼ 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr 9-12): Mini-golf at Village Greens.

REPORT: (08/26) No offering report was available at bulletin publication time. Figures will be reported in next week's bulletin.  
Sunday School 156; Worship 211

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Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

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Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Michael Degan, Kay Hurst, Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin,

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