



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church**

**September 9, 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:** *Blessed be your name* (Matt Redman, 2002)

Leanne Beidler, Holly Schlosser, Willie Hurst-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation** Evanna Hess

**Praising and Adoring**

**Congregational Singing** Becky Degan-Piano, Erik Schlosser-Guitar

Don Nelson-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Speak, O Lord* (Keith and Kristyn Getty, 2005)

*10,000 Reasons* (Matt Redman, 2011)

*My lighthouse* (Rend Collective, 2014)

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Children's Time** Kristen Lapp

**Dismissal for Kids Church** (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

**Offering:** *Come thou fount (I will sing)* (Chris Tomlin, 2016)

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *Oceans* (Hillsong United, 2012)

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-26 Isaac and Craig Harnish

**Sermon:** *From generation to generation: Millennials* Jon Carlson

**Response Song:** *Just as I am (I come broken)*

(Travis Cottrell, 2009)

**Sending**

**Licensing Service:** Nina Harnish Merv Stoltzfus

Atlantic Coast Conference Minister

**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!

PRAISE GOD FOR THE CONTINUED GENEROSITY of our congregation! We are beginning our new church year in a strong financial position. The final offering for the General Fund, including what was received by mail dated before our fiscal year-end on August 31, 2018, was \$51,205.

As of August 31, 2018	
<b>Income</b>	635,432
<b>Expenses</b>	613,313
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	22,119

Because of your generosity, we were able to fulfill all of our commitments to church agencies while continuing the ministries of our own church.

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully supported the mission of our congregation with your financial support.

Sam Clement  
Treasurer

CHURCH COUNCIL has placed its proposal for our 2018-19 budget in church mailboxes today. Please review it and plan to participate in an open forum for congregational input during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 23. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to any member of Council.

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:

- Eli Passage moving to a new home in Colorado and seeking employment.
- Esther Kreider preparing to move to Garden Spot Village in October.
- The international visitors living with Forest Hills host families and their adjustment to living away from their own families.
- Those experiencing challenging and broken relationships.

GREETERS ARE NEEDED for October, November, and December. Please consider this opportunity to offer a smile and warm welcome to all who come to worship. No training or prior experience is needed. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the foyer near the library.

THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS will be staying with Forest Hills families during this school year. Please make them feel welcomed.

- Kevin and Anna Nofziger and family are hosting two international students this school year. Lawrence is from China and is a junior at Lancaster County Christian School. Robin, who is also from China, is a junior at Lancaster Catholic.
- Geoff and Stashia Nolt and family are hosting Carol Miranda from Honduras. She is working as an aide in the Spanish Immersion program at the Locust Grove campus of Lancaster Mennonite School. She is here through Mennonite Central Committee's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP).
- Chad and Coleen Hurst and family are hosting (C)Esther who is from Nigeria. She is a junior at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

THE LEOLA MOMS PROGRAM will begin its new season with a Welcome Brunch this coming 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.

"DEAR CHURCH FAMILY: Thank you for your friendship and support the last two years. I've really appreciated the opportunity to serve with you playing drums, volunteering at the hot dog sale, and VBS. As I mentioned during sharing last Sunday, this week I am moving to Denver, Colorado where my girlfriend, Brandi Vigil, lives. Please pray for me as I search for a job and we take a new step in our relationship. My new address will be 826 Pintail Avenue, Brighton, Colorado 80601. Thank you to all who wished us well after church and celebrated with me at my birthday drop-in." – Eli Passage

ROOTED, A MENTORING / TUTORING PROGRAM of Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services, is looking for mentors for the fall. Mentors assist students on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:15 p.m., during the school year. If you would like more information about this volunteer opportunity, please email [program@cvccs.org](mailto:program@cvccs.org) or contact Dottie at 717-208-3711, ext. 106.

A MOMS IN TOUCH group meets here at the church every Friday morning from 9-10 a.m., during the school year to pray for the students and teachers at Fritz Elementary School. Interested persons are always welcome to join this group of prayer warriors.

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.

MCUSA'S CONVENTION NEWSLETTER is available now with info about registration, location, and other details about MennoCon 19, the 2019 Mennonite Church USA Assembly. Visit [http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sep\\_2018\\_Newsletter\\_Final.pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sep_2018_Newsletter_Final.pdf) for more information.

## 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 the Annual Business Meeting.

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

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Today, 6-8 p.m. – Mini Golf at Village Greens. (If you need a ride, meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.)
- ☼ Friday-Sunday, September 14-16 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain.
- ☼ July 1-6, 2019 – Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 29, 2018

### LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

#### Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Pastor Jon

**Things completed:** Completed sermon series on mental health and began work to find a new church administrator. **Current matters:** Beginning planning for a Mission Weekend with Mennonite Mission Network (October 6-7), Advent, and a sermon series looking at generational differences in approaches to worship. Continuing to face the challenges of recruiting volunteers.

#### Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

**Things completed:** Set AV equipment up in primary Sunday School classes for use with curriculum, added several additional sound techs, and accompanied the MYF on their service trip to Chicago. **Current matters:** Planning for fall Sunday School despite the lack of several coordinators, making arrangements for the MYF to participate in the Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat, planning for Advent, and implementing the use of a new slide program for music in worship.

#### Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile

**Things completed:** Completed a successful, record-breaking VBS, gave a blessing to our Kindergartners, and welcomed seven new MYFers and two new advisors and said farewell to three seniors and two advisors. **Current matters:** Anticipating final completion of the playground with installation of a fence, seating bench, and message board. Planning for Kids Church (Sunday mornings), KfC for primary kids and new preschool KfC group (Wednesday evenings), and Halloween Alternative.

#### Care Team – Nina Harnish

**Things completed:** Finished summer Sunday School elective, attended a seminar on providing care, provided support for a young adult service trip to Puerto Rico, and participated in end-of-life care for Jere Steinbaecher. **Current matters:** Organizing the Adopt-a-Student program and class Shepherds; helping to plan Wednesday evening adult Bible Studies and a New Members Sunday; working with a group to organize quarterly women's activities (and exploring possible men's activities), and anticipating being licensed for care ministry on September 9.

#### Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

**Completed matters:** Socks / underwear and school supplies collections for CVCCS completed, and three Forest Hillers participated in

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community outreach seminar at Water Street Rescue Mission. **Current matters:** Planning for Mission Weekend in October, and Service Project Coordinator Lee Charles is on another short-term service trip to Puerto Rico.

#### Discernment Committee – Ryan Nolt

**Current matters:** Reported on current status of several open positions and noted that this is not the first time we entered the new year with some vacancies. Reminded leadership teams to invite new members to their meetings.

#### Property Committee – Norma Stauffer, on behalf of the Committee

**Things completed:** Appreciation expressed for how Troy Hurst and his sons kept the lawn mowed in this extraordinary growing season, several dead shrubs were replaced on the parking lot island, and new refrigerator and new folder were purchased due to poor performance from existing equipment. **Current matters:** Transitioning from Craig Harnish's leadership to Mark Clapper, and researching information on roof replacement, lighting upgrades, and van replacement.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS** – Nominations were gathered for several open positions that Council appoints: Discernment Committee, Assistant Treasurer, ACC Delegates, and Staff Relations Committee.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Treasurer Sam Clement said that while contributions are still coming in, it appears as if we will meet budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year, ending the year in a positive position overall. The proposed budget was reviewed. Copies will be placed in church mailboxes on September 9, and the congregation is invited to give input at the State of the Church meeting during the Sunday School hour on September 23. The annual business meeting is scheduled for October 21, following an MYF fundraiser luncheon.

#### **OTHER UPDATES**

- Update shared on Lancaster Mennonite Church Partnership.
- Pastor Jon reported that publicity about our open Administrator position has been sent to the Mennonite community; word of mouth is also expected to be a good avenue for publicity.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Staff Relations Committee updated Council on several items.

Complete copies of the meeting's minutes are placed in a notebook that is kept in the library. Interested persons are welcome to take a look at the full minutes at this location.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Technicians: Michael Degan, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Pat and Randy Ranck

Greeters: Joyce and Cliff Martin

Coffee Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS) Janette and Jerry Lile

(W) Monica Kreider, Norma Stauffer

## TODAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

☼ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.

☼ 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr 9-12): Mini-golf at Village Greens.

## THIS WEEK

☼ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Moms) begins with Welcome Brunch.

☼ Friday- Sunday – MYF: Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

## NEXT SUNDAY

☼ Pastor Jon will preach on *From Generation to Generation: Gen X* based on Galatians 6:1-10.

☼ MYF returns home from ACC Youth Retreat.

REPORT: (08/26) General Fund \$51,205;  
Refugee Education Fund \$1,200; LMS Partnership \$2,000  
(09/02) General Fund \$6,184  
Sunday School 115; Worship 164

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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

Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

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

Rose Mosemann, Kathy Unangst - Care Team