



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 16, 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:** *Great is the Lord* – Michael W. Smith, 1982

(Worship Book No. 87)

*Celebrate, Jesus, Celebrate* – Don Moen, 1988

(Grace Notes No. 9)

Norma Stauffer, Daryl Eshleman, Warren and Linda Tyson-Leaders

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Ruth Ann Martin

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano

Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*All in all* – Dennis Jernigan, 1991

(Grace Notes No. 16)

*Lamb of God* – Twila Paris, 1985

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* – Graham Kendrick, 1987

(Grace Notes No. 62)

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Annie Loud

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

**Offertory:** *El Shaddai* – Amy Grant, 1982

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Vocalists

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *As the deer* – Martin Nystrom, 1984 (Grace Notes No. 12)

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:1-10

**Sermon:** *From generation to generation: Gen X* Jon Carlson

**Response Song:** *Love in any language* – Sandi Patty, 1986

### Sending

#### Congregational Sharing

**Sending Prayer:** Carter Hurst, YWAM Service Trip

#### 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!

THEDA GONZÁLEZ was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital this past Monday for fluid build-up. At bulletin publication time, she was anticipating a Thursday discharge and returning home to continue her recovery.

CARTER HURST will be leaving on Saturday, September 22, for a 6-month term with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). His term will begin with a 3-month discipleship training program in London. The location of his future 3-month outreach assignment will be determined later.

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 mailboxes.

IT IS WITH MUCH GRATITUDE that we acknowledge the generous bequest from the estate of Anna Mae Landis that gave us the seed money to start our playground. Thanks also to Janette Lile for her persistent and patient leadership of the playground development team consisting of Duane Lapp, Troy Hurst, Jess Martin, Carl Schnabel, and Bruce Stauffer. And thanks to the construction assistants who worked many long hours in the hot sun to help make it all happen – Lee Charles, Troy Hurst, Paul Hurst, Ken Kreider and Bruce Stauffer. The playground is for all to use to foster a greater sense of community and connectedness within our church family and our community.

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:

- Theda González recovering from a health issue.
- Gene and Carol Siegrist – for peace and direction as they navigate the ongoing challenges of Gene's health situation.
- Sheila (Verghese) Taylor scheduled for minor surgery on Friday.
- Erma Mast undergoing heart tests this week.
- Carter Hurst preparing to leave for London this coming Saturday to serve with YWAM.
- The Khilo family seeking housing, and for Ahmad looking for employment.
- The MennoCon19 Worship Planning Committee meeting in Kansas City on September 21-23 to plan for next summer's convention.

IT'S GREAT TO SEE MANY NEW FACES attending our worship services here at Forest Hills. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet these newcomers, one way to learn to know a bit about who they are is to check out our newcomers' bulletin board outside the ushers' room.

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, September 23, where you will have the opportunity to give input on our proposed 2018-19 budget. Copies of the proposed budget were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Questions may be directed to any Church Council member.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of October, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, September 19, so that they can be included on the October church calendar.

ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 10, for the Christmas worship service on Sunday, December 16. Choir, directed by Becky Degan, will rehearse from 7-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday. All adults who love to sing are invited to participate. If you have questions, please contact Becky.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES is looking for adult volunteers, 18 years or older, particularly on Thursdays. To volunteer go to [www.cvccs.org](http://www.cvccs.org) and fill out the volunteer application. Questions may be directed to Deb Sprunger at 717-208-3711.

MISSIONS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 6-7: Representatives from Mennonite Mission Network will be joining Forest Hills for a celebration and exploration of global and local missions. On Sunday, October 7, James Kraybill will host a Sunday School elective for adults while Marisa Smucker shares with the senior high youth. James will also preach the Sunday sermon, and we will celebrate communion together as part of World Communion Sunday. Interested persons may also join a smaller gathering and discussion with these MMN representatives at an afternoon tea on Saturday, October 6. For further information about this gathering, contact Pastor Jon or Tom Verghese.

THE KHILOS, a Syrian refugee family that we help to support, are in need of new housing by the end of October. If you have an apartment in the city or suburbs for rent or know of someone who does, please contact Norma Stauffer **ASAP**. As this is a new experience for both the Khilos and the support team, if you have experience with apartment rentals and would be open to helping navigate this process, please let Norma know of your willingness to assist.

THE NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS JUG for the Atlantic Coast Conference annual collection is now in the church foyer. This year's grant will be given to the Radical Living Urban Youth Garden. Radical Living is a 501c3 community organization that serves the young people of the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. Jason and Vonetta Storbakken have created this ministry to educate, equip and inspire young people in Bedford-Stuyvesant to understand urban farming and work toward environmental justice, all through a faith-based, Anabaptist-influenced, lens. Please place your bills and loose change in the jug. This money will be taken to the ACC Fall Assembly in October.

THE ATLANTIC COAST FALL ASSEMBLY on October 26-27, will include the following events:

- Mennonite Women's Banquet: *Where I go to find fresh bread?* a collection of poems, songs and thoughts with Marilyn Henderson, on Friday, October 26, at Akron Mennonite Church. Registration at 6 p.m.; meal at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$15.
- Mennonite Men's Dinner on Friday, October 26, at Neffsville Mennonite Church at 6:30 p.m. Program will include an address by Tim Moyer, a board member of the bi-national MC USA/MC Canada Mennonite Men organization, a panel discussion on men's groups, and music by Spare Parts, a local a cappella men's quartet. Cost per person is \$20.

Visit [www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly](http://www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly) to register for either event.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE to help meet expenses for persons participating in mission and service projects this coming winter or next spring. The Mission and Service Investment Fund will pay up to half of an individual's costs, not to exceed \$2,000. Contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms should be submitted to Tom Verghese, Mission and Service Commission Director, or the church office prior to the deadline of October 1.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS of the sermon can be accessed on our website – [www.foresthillchurch.org](http://www.foresthillchurch.org) – under the *Sermons* tab for both the current week and past weeks. As a general rule, these are posted early in the week after the Sunday service. You are encouraged to check out the video or audio when you are not able to be here for worship. Also, feel free to share these links with others as you feel led. CD recordings of the entire service can also be obtained from the sound technician at the sound booth.

#### 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 – No Sunday School; group is at the Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain.
- 🌿 Friday, September 21, 7 p.m. – Girls Sleepover at Janette Lile's home; pick up is Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- 🌿 Sunday, September 23 – Guys Event; details to be announced later.
- 🌿 Sunday, September 30, 6-8 p.m. – Mini-golf at Village Greens.
- 🌿 July 1-6, 2019 – Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City.

#### TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman  
Sound Room Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Jim Shannon  
Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman  
Greeters: Emiley, Matt, Gemma, Mahlon and Georgia Rodak  
Coffee Hosts: Cheryl and Larry McJunkin  
Nursery: (SS) Lisa and Dan Nagy  
(W) Emiley and Gemma Rodak

#### TODAY

- 🌿 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- 🌿 Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Returning home from Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

#### THIS WEEK

- 🌿 Monday, 6 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- 🌿 Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- 🌿 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Moms): Soap-making led by Mary Fisher.
- 🌿 Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- 🌿 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School hour: State of the Church Meeting – an open forum in the fellowship hall for all adults to review and discuss the proposed 2018-19 church budget.
- 🌿 Pastor Jon will preach on *From Generation to Generation: Boomers* based on John 3:16-21.
- 🌿 Noon – Rest for the Weary Class Road Rally and Service Project.

REPORT: (09/09) General Fund \$7,586; Student Financial Aid \$100  
Sunday School 174; Worship 217

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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