



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 7, 2018

**WORLD COMMUNION and
MISSION SUNDAY**

**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: *In this place* (Grace Notes No. 19)

Janette Lile, Becky Degan, Tim Smoker-Leaders

Sandy Smoker-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass

Call to Worship and Invocation Jon Carlson

Song: *For Christ and the church* Worship Book No. 416

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Marisa Smucker

(No Kids Church today) Mennonite Mission Network

Congregational Prayer

Sung Offertory: *God, whose giving* Worship Book No. 383

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon: *Continuing the work of Jesus in Benin...and beyond*

James Krabill, Mennonite Mission Network

Song: *O Jesus, I have promised* Worship Book No. 447

The Bread and the Cup

The Bread and the Cup: All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others are invited to come forward to Nina Harnish to receive a blessing. Servers will be available to serve those who are unable to walk to the front. The method of communion used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup.
All bread is gluten free.

Sending

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!

TODAY WE WELCOME two Mennonite Mission Network representatives to our service – James Krabill, Senior Mission Advocate, and Marisa Smucker, Church Relations Representative. James has spent many years in overseas missions and authored several books. Marisa spent time in urban ministry in Pittsburgh, Pa., and also in her birth country of Costa Rica. MMN, the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA, ". . . seeks to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world."

THERE IS NO KIDS CHURCH TODAY. Children's activity sheets and crayons are available on the table outside the middle sanctuary doors.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marcia and Dean Stoesz and Lisa and Dan Nagy on the birth of their grandson, Hudson James Stoesz Nagy, born on Wednesday, September 26. Hudson's parents are Becca (Stoesz) and Jonathan Nagy. The family lives in Perkiomenville, Pa.

JOHN RUDY was released from Lancaster General Hospital this past week and transferred to Fairmont Homes. He was readmitted to the hospital for a high fever and remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

GENE SIEGRIST moved to Manheim House, Room #49, at Landis Homes this past Tuesday.

ESTHER KREIDER will be moving to Garden Spot Village this coming Tuesday. Her new address will be 433 South Kinzer Avenue, GE#344, New Holland, PA 17557, and her new phone number is 717-355-6831.

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:

- Esther Kreider moving to Garden Spot Village this coming Tuesday.
- Gene Siegrist adjusting to living at Landis Homes.
- John Rudy and Theda González dealing with health issues.
- The Stoesz and Nagy families celebrating the birth of their grandson.
- All who are planning and leading Wednesday Evening Activities that begin this coming week.

GROCERY BOXES ARE HERE! Atlantic Coast Conference's Peace and Justice Committee is once again collecting grocery boxes to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee throughout the region. Please pick up a box in the church foyer, along with a suggested list of contents, and return the filled box to church by Sunday, October 21. Boxes will be collected at the ACC Fall Assembly at Akron Mennonite Church on October 27. Visit mcc.org/stories/groceries-donation-distribution for more information on this project.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE FORMS for all Forest Hills families and individuals have been placed in church mailboxes today. A new church directory will be published in the next several weeks. In order to expedite the completion of this project, please complete these forms and return them to the church office promptly. Family members or previous Forest Hills attendees who wish to be included in this directory are asked to contact the church office or complete one of the pink forms on the ledge beneath the mailboxes.

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE: We are happy to report that Dan Hess has agreed to serve Forest Hills as our Congregational Moderator. For those of you who don't know Dan, he has a long-standing history of service to Forest Hills and is up to date on the wider Mennonite Church topics, making him a great choice. Please join me in thanking Dan for his continued support and service to our congregation. A congregational vote of affirmation for Dan will occur at the Annual Business meeting on October 21. – Ryan Nolt, Committee Chair

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,155 to be divided among its various agencies.

IN ORDER TO BETTER FACILITATE our shared worship, the Worship Commission will be moving the piano to the platform this week. The Worship Commission continues to appreciate feedback from the congregation as they shape worship services that invite people to encounter God.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES begin this coming Wednesday, October 10, at 7 p.m. Activities include Adult Choir, KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK and Gr K-5), Junior Youth (Gr 6-8), and Adult Bible Study. Further details are included on today's bulletin insert.

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, October 15, at 11:30 a.m. (Note change of date.) Please notify the church office ASAP 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.

OUR 18th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31 – just a few short weeks away. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Following today's service, please stop by the table in the foyer to sign up to volunteer your time. Also, please bring bags of individually wrapped candies for the children's goodie bags, and place them in the designated container in the foyer. Extra flyers are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes; take some to pass along to friends and neighbors who may be interested in attending this event.

THE NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS JUG for the Atlantic Coast Conference annual collection is 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.

A COLLECTION OF OLD PHOTOS is on display in the foyer. Feel free to take as many as you would like to have. They definitely do bring back memories of days gone by.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is looking for donations of craft supplies in Christmas colors – red, green, white, gold and silver. Bits or skeins of yarn and ribbon, popsicle sticks, cinnamon sticks, pompoms, etc., would all be appreciated. These items will be used to make Christmas ornaments for their clients. Monetary donations for craft supplies are also welcome. For more information or to donate, please contact Angela at 717-208-3711, ext. 102.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🍂 Sunday, October 21, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Luncheon followed by the Annual Business Meeting.
- 🍂 Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. – Christmas Music Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🍂 Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School led by Marisa Smucker from Mennonite Mission Network.
- 🍂 Today, 6-8 p.m. – Apple Pie-Making and Bonfire at Stoeszes'.
- 🍂 Next Sunday, October 14, 6 p.m. – Pumpkin-carving at the church. Bring carving utensils; pumpkins will be provided.
- 🍂 Sunday, October 21, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch.

REPORT: (09/30) General Fund \$9,282;
Student Aid \$100; Refugee Education \$200
Sunday School 160; Worship 204

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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

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE FALL ASSEMBLY

Here is a listing of the events that will take place throughout Assembly weekend.

Leadership Resource Day – Friday, October 26

- *Healthy Boundaries 101* with Joanne Dietzel
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Akron Mennonite Church

Mennonite Women's Banquet – Friday, October 26

- *Where I go to find fresh bread?* A collection of poems, songs and thoughts with Marilyn Henderson.
- Registration at 6 p.m.; meal at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$15.00
- Akron Mennonite Church

Mennonite Men's Dinner, Friday – October 26

- With speaker Tim Moyer, a board member of the bi-national MC USA/MC Canada Mennonite Men organization. Other program features include a panel discussion on the value of men's groups and music by Spare Parts, a local a cappella men's quartet.
- Meal at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$20.00
- Neffsville Mennonite Church
- Contact Joe Whitehill for further details.

Annual Assembly Celebration – Saturday, October 27

- 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Akron Mennonite Church
- *Centering, Building, Sharing: Celebrating 40 years of walking with God*

Visit www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly to register for any of these events.



Please note that information about community events is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Check out the flyers posted there to see what other ministries in our area are offering.

Everyone is invited to participate in
WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
at Forest Hills Mennonite Church
starting on **October 10, 2018** from **7-8:15 p.m.**

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KFC (Kids for Christ: Age3-PreK and Gr K-5): Engaging Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks and a variety of other activities are planned especially for primary-aged children!
Come Join the Fun!



Junior Youth Club (Gr. 6-8): Enjoy new friendships while participating in interactive, practical Bible lessons, a variety of social activities, weekend retreats and the annual favorite - the Pinewood Derby competition.
Don't Miss Out on these Fun Times!

FOR ADULTS

Adult Choir: During the fall months, the choir will be preparing for a Christmas music program on Sunday, December 16. If you enjoy singing, the choir is the place for you! Contact choir director Becky Degan for further information. **Make a Joyful Noise!**

Adult Study:

October 10 – Strategies for Managing Stress (Nina Harnish)

October 17 – Human Trafficking (North Star)

October 24 – Running with Perseverance: Integrating Faith and Physical Health (Jon Carlson)

November 7 – End-of-Life Planning (Ken Martin)

November 14 – The Art of Neighboring (Kevin Nofziger)

November 28 – Caring for the Earth (Rodney Martin from Lititz Mennonite)

December 5 – Wills and Legal Planning (Ann Martin from GKH)

December 12 – Reflections: Life Review and Reminiscing (Hospice of Lancaster County)



18th Annual Community Halloween Alternative



Wednesday, October 31, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Forest Hills Mennonite Church
100 Quarry Road, Leola

- ❖ **FREE** family event geared toward children up through 6th grade. (All children must be accompanied by an adult.)
- ❖ **Fun-filled evening with Games, Cardboard Maze, Candy and lots of Great Activities.**
- ❖ **Homemade Soft Pretzels.**
- ❖ **Bounce House.**
- ❖ **Pie-eating Contest.**
- ❖ **Tractor and Wagon Rides.**
- ❖ **Sweet Treats for each child to take home.**
- ❖ **A Positive Alternative to traditional Trick-or-Treat Night.**
- ❖ **This is not a costume event. A dress-up photo booth is available.**

Call the church at **717-656-6227** for more details.

Candy  **Fun**  **Games**

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Sound Room Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Jim Shannon

Befrienders: Andrew and Irene Ebersole

Greeters: Barbara and Barry Weatherholtz

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery: (SS) Liz Clapper, Norma Stauffer

(W) Joan Krause, _____

TODAY

- ☞ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School elective for adults with James Krabill.
- ☞ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- ☞ Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.
- ☞ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Bonfire and Apple-pie-making at Stoeszes'.

THIS WEEK

- ☞ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Landis Homes Senior Lunch.
- ☞ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Moms): *Passing faith on to your children* led by Pastor Jon.
- ☞ WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
(See bulletin insert for details.)
 - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK and Gr. K-5): *Parable of the Good Samaritan*.
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Welcome Night.
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Bible Study: *Strategies for managing stress* led by Nina Harnish.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☞ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *How to be wrong* based on 1 Corinthians 13:8-13.
- ☞ 6 p.m. – MYF: Pumpkin-carving.
- ☞ 7 p.m. – New Members meeting.

TODAY'S *REPORT* can be found on the bulletin insert.