



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 21, 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 Phyllis Stuckey-Organ; Becky Degan-Piano

Gathering Song: *To God be the glory* Worship Book No. 102

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Allon Lefever

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Jimmy Kreider-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass

Come, now is the time to worship (Grace Notes No. 2)

Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Together

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Janette Lile

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *When our confidence is shaken*

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5 Kate Lefever

Sermon: *How to be wrong: I know you are, but what am I?*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

NO Coffee Fellowship Today: Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our MYF (Youth Group).

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 be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for you to contribute to the Nickels for Neighbors children's offering project. This year's grant will go toward the Radical Living Urban Youth Garden in Brooklyn, New York. After the worship service, the Sunday School children will be standing at the doors of the sanctuary with containers for a final collection of your loose change and bills. The money will be delivered to the Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly on Saturday, October 27.

PAUL BURKHOLDER was admitted Lancaster General Hospital this past Thursday. No further information was available at bulletin publication time.

RUTH ANN MARTIN was expected to be discharged from Ephrata Community Hospital this past Thursday. Her recovery from double knee surgery will continue at home.

MIKE STAUFFER remains a patient at Hershey Medical Center where he had stomach surgery this past Tuesday.

HOLLY SCHLOSSER is recovering at home following foot surgery this past Tuesday.

FILLED GROCERY BOXES to be delivered to the Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly this coming Saturday, October 27, are due **today**. Should you need to make other arrangements, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office ASAP.

FOREST HILLS is seeking another person to serve as a delegate to represent our congregation in the work of Atlantic Coast Conference. This position is a 2-year term and involves attending and participating in both the spring and fall ACC assemblies that are held at various churches throughout the Conference. If you have an interest in serving in this way or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jon at your earliest convenience.

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 serving in various locations – Alice Babikow, Carter Hurst, and Zac Hummel.
- Ruth Ann Martin, Mike Stauffer, and Holly Schlosser recovering from recent surgery.
- Paul Burkholder who was hospitalized this past Thursday.
- People who have been affected by recent hurricane destruction.
- Relief agencies such as Mennonite Disaster Service preparing to respond to disaster needs.
- Our search for a church administrator.
- All those grieving the loss of beloved family members and friends.
- Those involved with Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly this coming weekend.

OUR 18th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31. 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; share them with friends and neighbors.

THE LOST AND FOUND is well stocked! Check out the table in the foyer to see if any of the items on display belong to you. In the near future, unclaimed items will either be thrown out or donated to ministries that accept used things.

THE KHILOS, a Syrian refugee family that we help to support, will be moving to a new house in the next few weeks. Help in the form of trucks and muscle-power will be needed to help them make this move that will happen as soon as their new place is ready – sometime in early November. If you can offer either of these services, please be in touch with Norma Stauffer as soon as possible.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of November, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, October 24, so that they can be included on the November church calendar.

ALL FOREST HILLS WOMEN are invited to a night of fellowship while learning to crochet or knit or knot comforters on Thursday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone who comes is invited to bring a plate of cookies to share. Further details were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. RSVP to Nina Harnish by Sunday, October 28, if you plan to attend.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,145 to be divided among its various agencies.

THE FIRST MENNOCON19 NEWSLETTER is out now with lots of great details about what to expect at the MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Visit mennoniteusa.org/ConventionLetter1 to find out what is being planned.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is calling all foodies, amateur (or professional) chefs, or people who just love to cook, to make casseroles, soups, cookies, and more for its food bank clients. For more information, contact Deb at 717-208-3711, ext. 103.

IF YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA for an Equipping Seminar at MennoCon19, convention planners are eager to hear it! Find the selection criteria and submit your proposal at mennoniteusa.org/seminars by November 5.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🍁 Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. – Christmas Music Sunday.
- 🍁 Wednesdays in January 2019 – 6 p.m. Shared Supper; 7 p.m. – Classes for kids and adults.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🍁 Today, 9 a.m. – Set-up for fundraiser luncheon.
- 🍁 Today, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch.
- 🍁 Next Sunday, October 28, 6-8 p.m. – Halloween Alternative set-up.
- 🍁 Wednesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m. – Halloween Alternative.
- 🍁 Sunday, November 4, 6-8 p.m. – Girls / Guys Night at Hershey's.
- 🍁 Sunday, November 11 – Lunch with French exchange students.
- 🍁 Friday, November 16, 7 p.m. – Hershey Bears Game; cost is \$16.00.
- 🍁 Friday, December 28, 5 p.m.-12 a.m. – Mini Lock-in at the church.
- 🍁 February 22-24 – Winter Retreat at Black Rock Retreat.
- 🍁 July 1-6 – Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.



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.

REPORT: (10/14) General Fund \$10,229; Student Aid \$100
Sunday School 179; Worship 207

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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

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles
Sound Room Technicians: Dean and Dylan Jantzen
Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Kathy Unangst
Greeters: Brenda and Tom Verghese
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl and Larry McJunkin
Nursery: (SS) Kori and Dylan Jantzen
(W) Kori and Dylan Jantzen

TODAY

- ✿ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ✿ Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) Fundraiser Luncheon.
- ✿ Following lunch – Annual Business Meeting.
- ✿ 6:30 p.m. – Shepherds Meeting.

THIS WEEK

- ✿ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Moms): *Women and depression / anxiety and SAD* led by Dr. Leanne Beidler.
- ✿ WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
 - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK and Gr. K-5): *Jesus forgives a woman.*
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): *Fears and phobias.*
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Bible Study: *Running with perseverance: Integrating faith and physical health* led by Pastor Jon.
- ✿ Friday-Saturday – Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly at Akron Mennonite Church.
 - Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Leadership Resource Day.
 - Friday, 6:30 p.m. – ACC Women's Dinner.
 - Friday, 6:30 p.m. – ACC Men's Dinner at Neffsville Mennonite Church.
 - Saturday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – Annual Assembly Celebration.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ✿ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *How to be wrong: Getting dragged* based on Hebrews 2:5-15.
- ✿ 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Halloween Alternative set-up.

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 15, 2018

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson

Things completed: Elders recently met and welcomed Randy Esch; Jon completed his sermon series on generations that included music from those generations; and the piano has been moved to the stage. **Current matters:** Christa Mylin, an anthropology student, will be participating in church life as part of her studies on gender dynamics in the Mennonite Church; Advent planning has begun; there is an active search for a new administrator; Atlantic Coast Conference will be celebrating its 40th anniversary at the upcoming Fall Assembly; and a new members Sunday is scheduled for November 11.

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

Things completed: Children moved to new classes in September; the basic emphasis for our children's Sunday School program is still, how we can welcome all kids? In the ongoing absence of two education coordinators, Becky and Janette Lile have been directly communicating with children's Sunday School teachers and Wednesday evening club leaders. **Current matters:** Choir has begun rehearsing for Christmas Music Sunday, and the primary children will also be involved in that service; musicians, worship leaders, and sound techs are being scheduled for the winter quarter; and the MYF is planning their Winter Retreat and starting fundraising for MC USA Youth Convention next summer.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile

Things completed: Fall programs are up and running. **Current matters:** Plans are underway for the annual Halloween Alternative; the MYF is assembling the cardboard maze for Halloween Alternative and planning to distribute Christmas cookies to Fairmount Homes' residents; a 13-year-old milestone celebration is scheduled in November; and the playground is complete, except for a few final details, including how to address a funding gap for the project. Janette will be doing an in-house audit of security clearances in the near future.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

Things completed: Nina was recently licensed; started a Tuesday morning Bible Study for women; met with Pastor Jon and the Elders to discuss adult Christian education opportunities; helped plan an evening activity for women; met with prospective new members; and continued to walk with the many, many people in our congregation who have care needs. **Current matters:** Helping to plan an upcoming Shepherds meeting.

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese (written report)

Completed matters: Mission weekend with input from Mennonite Mission Network at an informal Saturday afternoon meeting and during Sunday School and worship the following Sunday. **Current matters:** Conestoga Valley School District families in need have been chosen as our Christmas giving project.

Discernment Committee – Jerry Lile

Current matters: Committee's work is done for now; will start again in January 2019.

Property Committee – Norma Stauffer, on behalf of the Committee

Things completed: Fall pruning was started; several lights were repaired; wifi cable was installed to the upstairs; and the picnic tables were power-washed. **Current matters:** Van replacement, sanctuary and parking lot lighting upgrades, roof replacement, and memorial bench repair are all projects that are still in process. New issues are spouting problems and a problem with one of the smoke detectors in the sanctuary.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Details are limited as the church year is still very new. However, it was noted that contributions are behind where they were at this same time last year.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – All positions are filled for the Staff Relations Committee and Discernment Committee. One position remains open for ACC Delegates, and the Assistant Treasurer replacement has not yet been found.

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CHURCH SAFETY – Pastor Jon reported on a meeting he had with other pastors after recent school shootings. Discussion centered on what non-violent measures Mennonites might consider for keeping their congregations safe. Council authorized an inquiry into the possible installation of security cameras at strategic locations throughout our facility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Evanna Hess provided an update from Staff Relations Committee.

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.