



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 28, 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

Special Music: *Finale from serenade for strings*

Adam Nolt-String Bass

Gathering Song: *God is here among us* Worship Book No. 16

Janette Lile, Norma Stauffer, Tim Smoker, Cal Roggie-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Herb Hoover

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano

Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

The Lord is my light (Grace Notes No. 15)

How can we be silent (Grace Notes No. 13)

My lighthouse

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 we walk with the Lord* Worship Book No. 544

Scripture: Hebrews 2:5-15

Sermon: *How to be wrong: Getting dragged* Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Irrational season* Tim and Sandy Smoker
Lyrics on bulletin insert

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.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Ruth Stoltzfus, who passed away this past Monday, October 22. In addition to many other relatives, Ruth was the mother of Lois Ferguson, the grandmother of Sheila Snyder, and the great-grandmother of Samantha Whitman. Ruth was also the only remaining charter member of Forest Hills Mennonite Church's predecessor, Monterey Mennonite Church. Her funeral service was held here yesterday.

PAUL BURKHOLDER was released from Lancaster General Hospital this past week and transferred to the Hospice Care Center.

OUR 18TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE will be held this coming Wednesday evening, from 6-8 p.m. Thanks to the 80+ volunteers who will make the evening a fun time. This event has the potential to impact many children's lives in a positive way so pick up some flyers from the ledge beneath the mailboxes, and pass them along to friends and neighbors who may be interested in participating in this fun event.

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.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters this coming Thursday, November 1, 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:

- Paul Burkholder receiving hospice care following a stroke.
- Ruth Stoltzfus' family mourning the loss of a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.
- Esther Kreider experiencing some health concerns.
- Erma Mast undergoing heart testing.
- Mike Stauffer recovering from stomach surgery.
- Those helping with the Halloween Alternative, and all of the families who will be attending.
- Those experiencing on-going health issues and also for their caregivers.

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. RSVP to Nina Harnish by **today**, if you plan to attend.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING to participate in a mission or service project in the upcoming months, it would be great to have you share a Mission Spotlight. Please contact Becky Degan to schedule a time.

JOE SEBELIST is collecting teaspoons and tablespoons for The Valor Foundation that feeds the homeless, many of them veterans and their families, during the winter months in the Poconos wilderness. Their goal is to collect 10,000 spoons, and Joe has made it his goal to collect 2,000 before the holidays. Mismatches are fine, but no plastic, please. Any help to meet Joe's goal is welcomed. Place your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the church foyer.

THE KHILOS, a Syrian refugee family that we help to support, will be moving to a new house on Saturday, November 10. Help in the form of trucks and muscle-power will be needed to help them make this move. If you can offer either of these services, please be in touch with Norma Stauffer ASAP.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE is seeking volunteers to help build the walls of a house on Friday, November 16, the day of the local Extraordinary Give. The walls will be sent to Eddie Garcia in Texas whose home was damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Harvey last year. The build will be happening in the parking lot of the MDS office at 583 Airport Road, Lititz. Volunteers are needed to serve from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 2½ hour shifts. Please register in advance by visiting <http://mds.volunteermatrix.com/extragive> or by calling Julian at the MDS office at 717-735-3536. People with varying skill and experience levels are encouraged to participate.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help with baling, book cutting, quilting and sewing, and other tasks at its Material Resource Center in Ephrata now through December when volunteer numbers are traditionally low. Groups are welcome as well as children age 11 and older who would like to serve alongside adults. For more information on how you can get involved in making a difference around the world through material aid, contact David Miller-Glick at DavidMillerGlick@mcc.org or call 717-733.2847.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🌿 Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. – Christmas Music Sunday.
- 🌿 Wednesdays in January 2019 – Winter Bible School.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🌿 Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 🌿 Today, 6-8 p.m. – Halloween Alternative set-up.
- 🌿 Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. – Halloween Alternative.
- 🌿 Next 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 \$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.

Irrational Season

Audrey Assad

Over the skyline to see the spheres
I lift my eyes to the heavens
Nothing sensible has yet appeared
In this irrational season;
But the light is wilder here
Out on the edge of reason
And Love burns bright and clear
Out where I cannot seize Him

All the way my savior leads me
To peace that's past understanding;
Into the wilderness to find the streams
To know beyond comprehending
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REPORT: (10/21) General Fund \$6,584
Sunday School 153; Worship 213

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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: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Michael Degan, Scott Hertzog

Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare

Greeters: Dana, Jim, Christian and Kieren Shannon

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS) _____, _____

(W) Christine Sebelist, _____

TODAY

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

🌿 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Halloween Alternative set-up.

THIS WEEK

🌿 Tuesday, 9 a.m. – Women's Bible Study.

🌿 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Fostering relationships with emerging teens* led by Denise Groves.

🌿 Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. – Halloween Alternative.

🌿 Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

NEXT SUNDAY

🌿 Daylight Savings Time ends; don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

🌿 13-Year-Old Milestone Recognition.

🌿 Pastor Jon will be preaching on *How to be wrong: Mission critical* based on Matthew 22:34-40.

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

🌿 Noon – Mentoring Teams Lunch.

🌿 Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

🌿 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Guys / Girls Night at Hersheys'.

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