



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 4, 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: *When the saints go marching in*

Caden Nolt-Trumpet

Gathering Song: *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly*

Worship Book No. 514

Becky Degan, Tim Smoker, Warren and Linda Tyson-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Clair Sauder

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

We are called

Lift high the name of Jesus

Love come down

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

13-Year-Old Recognition

Janette Lile

Ellie Lefever, Emma McGowan, Adam Nolt, Mary Schnabel

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *He leadeth me*

Worship Book No. 599

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon: *How to be wrong: Mission critical*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Mission Spotlight: Mentoring Program

Becky Degan

Sending – continued

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 Paul Burkholder who died last Friday, October 26. A memorial service is scheduled for here at Forest Hills on Saturday, November 17, at 10 a.m., following a visitation hour that begins at 9 a.m.

MARY SCHROEDER was admitted to Ephrata Community Hospital this past Monday for an acute infection. She remained hospitalized at bulletin publication time.

THEDA GONZÁLES was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital last Friday with heart issues. She was discharged this past Tuesday and is now continuing her recovery at home.

THANKS AGAIN to the leadership team for the excellent job they did in organizing this past week's Halloween Alternative – Janette Lile (chair), Tracy Esch, Joan Krause, Rose Mosemann, and Lisa Spangler! Thanks to the MYF for the great job they did in setting up all the tables, games and the cardboard box maze! Thanks to Violet Horst and her kitchen team for the hundreds and hundreds of homemade soft pretzels that were made – and eaten – and to Sam Clement and Oregon Dairy for providing wagon rides. Thanks also to those who donated candy, and thanks to the 80+ volunteers, including junior high and senior high youth group members. Fifty-seven community families brought 125 kids to join with our own Forest Hillers for a total attendance of 145 children. Thanks to everyone who made this event a fun evening for all who participated.

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 involved with the mentoring program.
- Mary Schroeder recovering from an acute infection.
- Theda Gonzales recovering from heart-related issues.
- Paul Burkholder's family and friends mourning his passing.

THE MISSION AND SERVICE COMMISSION has selected families in the Conestoga Valley School District for this year's Christmas giving project. Further details are on the bulletin insert. These holiday gifts will be distributed to families on Saturday, December 15, at Zion Lutheran Church, 18 Quarry Road, Leola. There are several opportunities to help with the set up and distribution of the gifts. Please sign up on the sheet on the display board in the foyer by November 18 if you would like to volunteer for this event.

THE PLAYGROUND IS NOW A REALITY. With seed money from recent bequests, Council approved a proposal to begin construction of a playground on our church property. Despite scorching temperatures and construction delays, the playground was finally completed in mid-September. Due to permitting costs and accessibility requirements, the playground ended up costing a bit more than expected. This leaves a deficit of approximately \$8-10,000 to fully fund the cost of the complete project. Council has approved an above-budget request for this gap to be covered. If you believe that this playground is an opportunity to foster a greater sense of community and connectedness within our church family and our community and wish to contribute to this project, place your contributions earmarked for *Playground Fund* in the regular offering.

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 muscle-power will be needed to help them make this move. They also still need a single bed. If you can help with either of these needs, please be in touch with Norma Stauffer ASAP.

DO YOU HAVE A LARGE BIBLE that you no longer use? Would you be willing to donate it to the church for a library showcase display? If so, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office at your earliest convenience.

IMMIGRATION: A CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at Landisville Mennonite Church, at 7 p.m. When facing critical questions, Christians turn to the Bible for guidance, but few may realize that migration figured just as prominently for biblical authors as it does for us. Greg Carey from Lancaster Theological Seminary will lead a discussion on the migration theme that runs from Genesis to Revelation. Following Greg's presentation, Oscar Barbosa J.D, Immigration Attorney, will present *What Americans need to know*.

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. – Girls / Guys Night at Hershey's bring a snack.
- 🦃 Sunday, November 11 – Lunch with French exchange students.
- 🦃 Friday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. – Hershey Bears game; cost \$16.00.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council provides monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. As of October 31, our year-to-date giving totals \$60,885, while our year-to-date budget is \$98,862, a shortfall of 38.4%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

REPORT: (10/28) General Fund \$6,379
Sunday School 173; Worship 208

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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 Report

by Pastor Jon Carlson

On Saturday, October 27, delegates from Atlantic Coast Conference gathered together at Akron Mennonite Church for our Fall Assembly, focused on celebrating 40 years since ACC's founding. Highlights of the day included key individuals from the history of ACC (including Etta Esch, Wes Boyer, Esther Martin, John Sucker, Warren Tyson, and others) reflecting on God's faithfulness throughout the past 40 years. Common themes included the significance of women in ministry, the rich theological diversity of the Conference (and the challenges it can also create), and the desire to experience and share God's grace and peace.

The Peace and Justice Committee presented its annual Peace Mug award to Titus Peachy, and funds collected through Nickels for Neighbors were donated to the Radical Living Urban Youth Garden in New York City.

In the afternoon, Pat Martin (Akron) led delegates in singing hymns representing ACC's history and diversity. Following that, delegates spent time exploring what the next 40 years of our life together might look like.

This year's Assembly brought a greater awareness of both how much has changed in the past 40 years and how consistently God has been faithful to our Conference and our congregations.

Forest Hills Delegates to ACC are Lyn Carlson, Ruth Ann Martin, and Thomas Verghese. Jon Carlson, Kristin Lapp, Ken Martin, and Larry McJunkin serve on ACC Committees. All credentialed pastors and ministers are also delegates.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Greeters: Kori, Dean, Ryan and Dylan Jantzen

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery: (SS) Rose Miller, _____

(W) Tracy and Randy Esch

TODAY

- 🌿 Daylight Savings Time ended; hope you remembered to turn your clocks back one hour.
- 🌿 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- 🌿 After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- 🌿 Noon – Mentoring Teams Luncheon.
- 🌿 Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.
- 🌿 6-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Guys / Girls Night at Hersheys'.

THIS WEEK

- 🌿 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – No MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) this week.
- 🌿 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
 - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK and Gr. K-5): *Jesus visits Mary and Martha.*
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): *What does it cost, and how did I get it?*
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Bible Study: *End of life planning* led by Ken Martin.
- 🌿 Friday, Evening – Diakonia Class House Concert and Dinner.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 🌿 New Members Sunday – Numerous persons will be sharing their testimonies and be welcomed as members of our church family.
- 🌿 Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Lunch with French exchange students.

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