



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 5, 2019

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

(Worship Book No. 574)

Leanne Beidler, Tim Smoker-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jerry Lile

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano

Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass

10,000 Reasons

King of My Heart

Once Again

(Grace Notes No. 5)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

(Worship Book No. 106)

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: *The Cosmic Christ*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(Worship Book No. 48)

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.

KIDS CHURCH for Pre-K through 2nd graders is scheduled for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month throughout the school year. The children will join the congregation for corporate worship on the 1st and 5th Sundays of the month.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 15-18. Please consider helping with this great event that serves over 100 children! Fill out the sign-up sheet (bulletin insert) and return it to Janette Lile by May 19. We are so thankful for the many volunteers that help to make this event a success.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to add your name to our group subscription to *The Mennonite*, a monthly publication of the Mennonite Church USA. This periodical is made available at a reduced rate of \$20 (regular rate is \$46 per year) to Forest Hills households. If you are interested in joining or renewing through our group subscription, please return your payment of \$20, cash or checks (payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church), to the box in front of the mailboxes. There are no automatic renewals; the only way to subscribe is to submit your payment.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR of Lancaster will be holding auditions for their performing choirs on May 8, 9, or June 19. Sign-ups have also started for non-auditioned classes. For more information visit their website at: www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDY AND GARY ROCK on the birth of their granddaughter, Meredith Nena, born April 30, to Matt and Lindsay Rock. Meredith is also the niece of Becky and Michael Degan and cousin to Matthew.

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:

- Sandy and Gary Rock and family celebrating the birth of their granddaughter.
- Michael Degan recovering from surgery.
- Kieren Shannon and his family adjusting to him being in an outdoor residential program.
- Our seniors and others receiving extra care in long-term care facilities or at home- John Rudy (Fairmount), John Smoker and Carl Wingard (Garden Spot Village), Paul Leaman, Arlene Leatherman, Geneva Martin, Mary Schroeder, Esther Smoker, Gene Siegrist, Kathleen Ranck (Landis Homes), Theda Gonzales, Reuben Stoltzfus, and Esther Zook (individual homes).
- Those who struggle with anxiety and depression.

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 April 30, our year-to-date giving totals \$384,691, while our year-to-date budget is \$432,519, a shortfall of 11%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

MICHAEL DEGAN had surgery on Monday at University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He anticipates being a patient there until the beginning of this week.

DURING THE SUMMER, when you might be away more than usual, why not consider a convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your bank account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Request an enrollment form and a Frequently Asked Questions flyer from the church office.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES IS LOOKING FOR three large properties to house new refugee family arrivals: a 3-BR, a 4-BR, and a 5-BR. The 4-BR house is the most urgent, as the family is scheduled to arrive within the next week. The other two houses are needed within two weeks. If you own a property, and are interested in leasing to a refugee family, please contact Valentina Ross, Resettlement Coordinator: vross@cwsglobal.org and she will provide an overview of the financial support, as well as other services, that they can provide to assist the landlords as well as the tenants.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE WILL PRESENT: *Peace Witness, the Military, and Selective Service: Exploring the Anabaptist Peace Stance in the 21st Century*. Join us here at Forest Hills on June 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for this event. This presentation will equip youth, parents, youth leaders, and educators with information on the current realities of U.S. military enlistment practices and trends, the selective service system, and will help the Anabaptist community articulate what it means to follow Jesus' lead as a Peace Church in today's world.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES is in need of volunteers for its Summer Lunch Program, which feeds children in the Conestoga Valley School District. This is a great opportunity for high school and college students, teachers, retirees, or anyone who has time over the summer to volunteer. Various volunteer positions are available to assist as kitchen helpers, baggers, site managers, or staff to serve and interact with the children. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Deb at 717-208-3711, ext. 103 for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.
- ☼ Sunday, June 16, 4 p.m. - Church picnic at Forest Hills.
- ☼ July 15-18 - Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Sunday, August 11 - Church service in the park.

MYF CORNER -Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.
- ☼ Sunday, May 19 - Out to eat after church.
- ☼ July 2-6 - Mennonite Convention in Kansas City.
- ☼ Saturday, July 27 - Welcome/Farewell Party.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Dale Gamber

Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer

Greeters: Beth & Jim Fenton

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna & Cal Roggie

Nursery: (SS) Posie Kreider

(W) Joan Krause

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- After Worship Service - Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- Noon - Grounded lunch at Stuckeys'.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12), Youth Sunday prep.

THIS WEEK

- Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. - Student Financial Aid Hot Dog Fundraiser at Leola Sharp Shopper.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Youth Sunday - Our MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) will lead the service.

REPORT: (04/28) General Fund \$17,555; Student Financial Aid \$100
Sunday School 169; Worship 201

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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

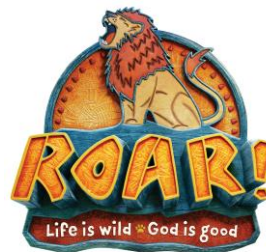
Janette Lile - Director of Children and Youth Programming

Lauren Krady - Administrator

Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Kay Hurst, Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team



ROAR!

Life is Wild - God is Good

July 15 - 18, 2019 ~ 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Vacation Bible School program for children
age 4 - Grade 5 (completed).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please prayerfully consider helping with our summer Vacation Bible School. Look at the areas listed below and check any that may interest you. If you express an interest, you will be contacted later with further details.

- ____ Crew Leaders/Helpers (lead a team of children through the stations each night). **This is where we need the most help!**
- ____ Decorations (to be done before Bible School begins)
- ____ Registration table
- ____ Help wherever needed
- ____ Thursday Night Send-off – handing out treats and mingling

Name: _____

Nights Available: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Place completed forms in Janette Lile's mailbox by May 19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS A SHORT TERM COMMITMENT WITH
LONG TERM REWARDS!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 29, 2019

Financial reports were reviewed. Although income is 11% under budget we continue to be in a strong financial position. The Playground Fund has a deficit; fundraising will begin soon. The Refugee Education fund has a positive balance going in to the 2019-20 school year.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson

The IT infrastructure was upgraded, this will save money now that we have Office 365 Non-profit. Lent/Easter series focused on understanding systems that shape our lives, text messages were used to remind congregants to reflect on this topic. Sabbatical planning is going well both in scheduling guest speakers and in plans for the Carlson family to travel to Quito, Ecuador to serve at a local church.

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

Easter service went well with preschool, primary 1 and 2, and the adult choir participating. MYF airfare has been purchased for convention. Planning is under way for Youth Sunday. Teachers are still needed in the primary 1 and 2 classes; staff is currently stepping in often to fill gaps. Budgeting for MYF per-student has not increased in approximately ten years but expenses have gone up, one reason is due to the locations of the Mennonite Convention requiring us to purchase airfare.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile

KfC ended in March and the team met to discuss ideas for next year. MYF auction was April 14th, bringing in around \$4,000. An adaptive swing was ordered for the playground. VBS team has been meeting and volunteer sign-ups start this week.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

The Young Adults class for the spring quarter is going well. Women's Paint night is May 2. MOM's group tried a new fundraiser format, a pancake breakfast, which went well, around 70 people attended. Summer Sunday school electives are being planned. Care Team needs a new member who will focus on integrating new families to the congregation. Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser is May 9-11.

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

The Flex Fund has had a lower demand this year. FHMC will be funding half of the Ted & Co. show that is happening at Neffsville Mennonite Church. About 40% of the M&S fund is going to support various types of work in Puerto Rico this year.

Discernment Committee – Jerry Lile

Working on finding people to volunteer for several committee openings that need to be filled before the end of the church fiscal year, August 31st. A few Care Team members have terms coming to an end, interested people should contact Jerry.

Property Committee – Lauren Krady, on behalf of the Committee

The roof project is well under way. Lightbulbs in the sanctuary overhead fixtures will be replaced with LED bulbs as soon as the company can fit us in to their schedule. Trees hanging over the neighboring property will be trimmed this summer.

Council Retreat- A half day meeting is planned in May for Church Council, Staff Relations Committee, and the elders to work on church vision and reflect on churchwide priorities.

Janette Lile will be resigning from her staff position in mid-August. The staff relations committee will begin searching for her replacement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Complete copies of the meeting's minutes are placed in a notebook that is kept in the library. Interested persons are welcome to look at the full minutes at this location.