



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

June 23, 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: *Come, Now Is the Time* (Grace Notes No. 2)
Don Nelson, Marv Zook-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Evanna Hess

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Amazing Love

Not Be Shaken (Grace Notes No. 30)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Janette Lile

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus* (Worship Book No. 598)

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: *Soapbox* Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*

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.

JON CARLSON will be enjoying time in Vermont with family from June 23-29. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Nina Harnish or a Care Team member as listed in the bulletin and church directory.

THE CARLSONS ARE COLLECTING items to take on their trip to Quito, Ecuador, where they will be serving for a month with Mennonite Mission Network. They would love to have the church join them in collecting supplies that will support the work happening in the church there. These items can be brought in for the next two weeks: used (washed) flannel sheets (these will be made into diapers), used (washed) t-shirts (these will be made into grocery bags), coloring books in English or Spanish (for refugee children), colored pencils, pencils, sharpeners, and children's books in Spanish.

GREETERS ARE NEEDED for July, August, and September. This is a great opportunity to welcome all who come to worship. It is easy, fun, and rewarding! Please sign up on the board in the lobby by the mailboxes.

ALL FOREST HILLS LADIES (post high and older) are invited to a dinner in the garden at Conestoga House and Gardens, 1608 Marietta Avenue in Lancaster, on July 9, from 5:30-8 p.m. Extra flyers can be found on the ledge under the mailboxes. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Dana Shannon at 717-471-1397.

GENEVA MARTIN has moved to Landis Homes, Lititz House, room 3 and Carolyn Boussum has moved to Brethren Village, Terrace Crossing, room 406.

CREW LEADERS ARE STILL NEEDED for our Vacation Bible School, which will be held from July 15-18. There's no pre-planning involved for Crew Leaders or their helpers! Please contact Janette Lile if you are willing to serve our children in this way. She will also be in the foyer after the service today, waiting to sign you up!

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:

- Donna and Cal Roggie as they grieve the sudden loss of Donna's brother.
- Andrea Bodden and Taisha Hertzog serving in Japan with Mennonite Mission Network.
- Geneva Martin and Carolyn Boussum adjusting to new homes.
- Rob Bathurst recovering from gastric sleeve surgery.
- Staff preparing for Jon's sabbatical and Janette's leaving.

THE ANNUAL JUNIOR YOUTH POOL PARTY will be held on July 14, immediately after church until 3:30 p.m. at Coleen and Chad Hurst's home. Lunch will be provided courtesy of the Junior Youth. PLEASE RSVP to Ryan and Pat Nolt at rpnolt@ptd.net by July 12th!

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is already looking forward to next school year and has started their school supplies drive. We are collecting child safe scissors and 1 1/2-inch three ring binders; our goal is to have 50 of each item. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer by Sunday, July 21. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Unangst.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE MORE DRIVER to help transport the MYF (Youth Group, Grades 9-12) to the Baltimore Washington International airport for their trip to convention on July 2, if you are willing to drive, please contact Becky Degan.

SOME OF OUR ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL electives will be recorded, if you would like a link to the recording, please email the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Tuesday, July 9 - Ladies night at Conestoga House and Gardens.
- ☼ July 15-18 - Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Sunday, August 11 - Church Service in the Park.

MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Sunday, June 23 - Long's Park Concert.
- ☼ July 2-6 - Mennonite Convention in Kansas City.
- ☼ Sunday, July 13 - Cookout and Movie Night at Clappers'.
- ☼ Saturday, July 27 - Welcome/Farewell party.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman

Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Becky Degan

Befrienders: Pat & Randy Ranck

Greeters: Katie, Joe, Nora, & Danny Whitehill

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

Nursery: (SS) _____

(W) Janette & Jerry Lile

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the Fellowship Hall: *Take My Hands, and Let Them Move: Miami and Beyond*, presented by Andrew Bodden.
- 6:30 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Grades 9-12) - Long's Park Concert.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Care and Share Sunday: Adult classes will meet in their individual classrooms.
- Pastor Jon will preach on *This is Good* based on 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

REPORT: (06/16) General Fund \$11,519
Sunday School 94; Worship 173

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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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 3, 2019

Financial reports- Sam Clement

Although income is 10% under budget we continue to be in a strong financial position. Budget worksheets will be sent out for commissions to fill out and present to Council for approval for the next fiscal year.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson

Council discussed how to determine prioritization of staff time and programming decisions in light of Janette's upcoming departure. Jon is looking forward to the congregational visioning process.

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

MYF parent meeting included conversation about summer service project for 2020. The most likely option is Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Recruiting Sunday School teachers continues to be a challenge, but some progress is being made.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile

Janette reported on her advance planning in preparation for leaving her position in August. The Halloween Alternative committee is preparing for that event. KFC needs a dedicated coordinator. Janette will prepare a Kids Church schedule for September – December. Crew leaders are still needed for VBS.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

Nina reported on the Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser: donations totaled \$8 less than last year (just over \$3,300). Nina and Lauren are working with Arleta to centralize resources for funeral meal planning.

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

Many individuals in the church are engaged in mission & service work, from West Virginia to Japan. M&S is also exploring the possibility of a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" event to foster intergenerational community.

Discernment Committee – Jerry Lile

The committee is making progress in appointing individuals to serve in the coming church year. Discernment Committee presented Dean Jantzen as a candidate for Assistant Treasurer. This appointment was APPROVED

Property Committee – Lauren Krady, on behalf of the Committee

Haller replaced the light bulbs in the sanctuary with new LED bulbs. Roof repairs have been completed. Ray High will do some landscape trimming end of June and give us an estimate for redoing the landscaping from the front entrance around the side of the church for next year's budget.

Visioning Process and Retreat Review – Comment was made about the importance of focusing on values and beliefs as part of this ongoing process. Some of these value statements were captured in "what we're passionate about." Council discussed forming a steering group to shepherd the logistics of the visioning process.

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 take a look at the full minutes at this location.