



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 7, 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:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(Worship Book No. 89)

Norma Stauffer, Warren and Linda Tyson-Leaders

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Leanne Beidler

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar

Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*How Great Is Our God*

*Blessed Be Your Name*

(Grace Notes No. 61)

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Janette Lile

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *O Love of God*

(Grace Notes No. 55)

**Scripture:** Matthew 18:15-22

**Sermon:** *Bully Pulpit*

Jon Carlson

#### Response Song

### Sending

#### Congregational Sharing

**Mission Spotlight:** Mennonite Mission Network Japan

Taicha Hertzog and Andrea Bodden

**Sending Prayer for Jon Carlson's Sabbatical**

Evanna Hess

#### 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.

PASTOR JON WILL BEGIN HIS SABBATICAL tomorrow. In July and early August, the Carlson family will serve on a short-term assignment in Ecuador with Mennonite Mission Network. In August and September, Jon will be resting, studying, praying, and reflecting on where God is leading our congregation. During his absence, Nina Harnish will be the primary contact for pastoral care concerns and Becky Degan will be the primary contact for worship and preaching. We look forward to his return in the fall.

ZAC HUMMEL AND HERB HOOVER will be hosting a forum on July 9, at 7 p.m., to explore questions about how one engages Scripture. The topic for the evening is: *How do you choose your 'go to' passages in Scripture?* All are welcome to join the conversation at Herb's home, 47 Ridgeview Drive, Leola.

DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, Mennonite Women are asking for donations of school kits and hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider taking several of the kit bags from the church bench in the foyer. Fill the bags with the items on the content lists that are attached to the bag and return the completed kits to church.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Esther Smoker as they grieve her loss. Esther passed away on Friday, June 28. Prior to her death, Esther resided at Landis Homes.

ELEANOR GLICK broke her hip and had surgery on Tuesday. She remained a patient at Ephrata Community Hospital at bulletin publication time.

"Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and cards following the death of my brother, Steve Hershberger." - Donna Roggie

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 who serve our community through various non-profit organizations.
- Esther Smoker's family grieving the loss of their mother and grandmother.
- Eleanor Glick recovering from surgery on a broken hip.
- The Carlsons traveling on Wednesday and beginning their month of service in Ecuador.
- Those planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is 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 tubs in the foyer by Sunday, July 21. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Unangst.

HELP US FEED OUR HUNGRY HERD! Food item requests are posted on the Vacation Bible School display in the foyer. Select an item or two that you are willing to donate, then mark these items for VBS, and bring them to the church kitchen by July 14.

EVERENCE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION will have their annual Youth Savings Week, July 8-12. When a youth makes a deposit of \$15 or more in a new or existing savings account during this week, Everence will deposit an additional \$5 into their account. Currently the youth savings account interest rate is 4.00% APY for the first \$1,000, a great rate to reward saving!

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#### 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

- ☼ Saturday, July 13 - Cookout and Movie Night at the Clappers'.
- ☼ Saturday, July 27 - Welcome/Farewell at the Nolts' lake house.
- ☼ Sunday, August 4 - Mount Gretna.

#### TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver  
Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Dylan Jantzen  
Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Louetta Hurst  
Greeters: Kevin Hersh & Leanne Beidler  
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta & Ken Martin  
Nursery: (SS) Lisa & Dan Nagy  
(W) Joanne Martin

#### TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the Fellowship Hall: *Take Our Homes and Make Them Full, Hosting International Guests*, with sharing by Kim Dyer, International Volunteer Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee, Coleen and Cyleigh Hurst, Stashia Nolt, and Carol Miranda.
- After Worship Service - Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.
- Afternoon/Evening - Diakonia class at Cara Cove.

#### THIS WEEK

- Monday, 7 p.m. - Church Council meeting.
- Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Ladies night at Conestoga House and Gardens.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Property Committee meeting.
- Saturday - Cookout and movie night at Clapper's.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the Fellowship Hall: *Take My Voice and Let Me Sing: Growing Up Visually Impaired*, presented by Yvonne Kauffman, Mike Stauffer, and Bob Stauffer.
- Jim Fenton will be preaching on *So What*, based on Matthew 13:10-17.

REPORT: (06/30) General Fund \$7,047; Playground \$1000; Refugee Education \$200  
Sunday School 128; 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, Dana Shannon - Care Team

## Youth and Young Adult Pastor Search Committee and Process

### **Staffing model and search process-**

As was announced last Sunday, we are forming a search committee for the purpose of recruiting a Youth and Young Adult Pastor.

### **Background-**

With Janette's resignation from the position of Director of Children and Youth Programming, we decided to take this opportunity to review our staffing model.

There are two factors which make this reflection on the model useful at this time. **First**, our congregation has been growing. How might we adjust our staffing model in light of this growth?

**Second**, the thinking is that we do not simply expect our staff members to shift and adapt to fill an opening, but want to use this as an opportunity to reflect on the staffing that best fits our congregation now, and into the foreseeable future.

We are using the term **ministries** to describe the model that is emerging. This contrasts with language that focuses on job descriptions and programs, both of which are and will be important. Using the language of ministry helps us put the focus first on **the key areas of congregational life** for which we employ staff to lead, guide, and empower us as a congregation.

### **Here is the model as defined so far:**

Lead Pastor ministry	1 FTE	Jon leads this ministry
Pastoral Care ministry	.5 FTE	Nina leads this ministry
Worship and Music ministry	.5 FTE	Becky leads this ministry
Children's Programs ministry	.5 FTE	Becky leads this ministry
Youth and Young Adult ministries	.5 FTE	Individual to be recruited

We are in the process of assembling a Search Committee and will announce the members when the full committee has been identified. Watch your bulletin for more information as things move forward and direct any questions to members of the Council or the Staff Relations Committee. Please hold our staff and this entire process in your hopes and prayers.