



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 14, 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 Phyllis Stuckey-Organ, Sandy Smoker-Piano
Gathering Song: *To God Be the Glory*

(Worship Book No. 102)

Sarah Krause, Becky Degan, Tim Smoker, Cal Roggie-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Nina Harnish

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Once Again (Grace Notes No. 5)

Great Are You, Lord

Love Come Down

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jim and Beth Fenton

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *I Love to Tell the Story* Worship Book No. 398

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

Sermon: *So, What?* Jim Fenton

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Mission Spotlight: Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention

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.

DURING PASTOR JON'S SABBATICAL we have the privilege of hearing from many different speakers. Thanks to Jim Fenton, a lay member at Forest Hills, for delivering today's message.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,145 to be divided among its various agencies.

THE CARLSON FAMILY wants to express their appreciation for your generous donations to the work of Quito Mennonite Church and Mennonite Mission Network as they work with refugees and migrants in Quito, Ecuador! The Carlson family is still looking for transportation home from Reagan National Airport on Wednesday, August 7. They are scheduled to arrive around 1:30pm. If you might be available to help transport them, please send Jon an email at joncarlson@gmail.com

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.

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.

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK was awarded Forest Hills a \$350 grant that helped purchase an adaptive swing for the playground. We are happy to be able to make our playground more accessible for all our children.

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:

- All children and leaders involved in Vacation Bible School this week.
- The Carlson family serving for one month in Ecuador.
- Eleanor Glick receiving post-surgery rehabilitation after sustaining an injury after a fall.
- LeRoy Petersheim dealing with various health concerns.

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 July 7, our year-to-date giving totals \$ 486,493, while our year-to-date budget is \$ 556,096, a shortfall of 12%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

ELEANOR GLICK was transferred to Fairmount Homes, room 125, for physical therapy. She remained at patient there at bulletin publication time.

SERVICE ADVENTURE, a program of Mennonite Mission Network, is looking for more applicants for the 2019-2020 service term. This program can provide high school graduates with the next step in their educational path. Youth ages 17-20 serve and live in community with mentors where personal growth and leadership development happens. Scholarships are available for those who plan to attend a Mennonite college following a year with Service Adventure. Contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@mennonitemission.net for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ July 15-18 - Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Sunday, August 11 - Church Service in the Park.
- ☼ Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday & Annual Church Meeting.

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: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Irene & Andy Ebersole

Greeters: Beth Fenton & Maddie Sollenberger

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Denny & Bonnie Sharp

Nursery: (SS) Liz Clapper

(W) Rose Miller

TODAY

- 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.
- After Church - Junior Youth pool party at the Hursts'.

THIS WEEK

- Monday-Thursday, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. - Vacation Bible School.
- Thursday, 8 a.m. - Diakonia Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - Adelphian Breakfast at New Holland Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the Fellowship Hall: *Take My Intellect, and Use: A Cultural Anthropologist Reflects on Her Research*, presented by Christa Mylin.
- Merv Stoltzfus will be preaching on *Love Restores*, based on John 21:1-17.

REPORT: (07/07) General Fund \$7,517; Student Financial Aid \$100;
Playground \$400
Sunday School 112; Worship 217

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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

Search process-

A search committee has been formed for the purpose of recruiting a Youth and Young Adult Pastor. The members are Sandy Smoker (chair), Clair Sauder, Jess Martin, Rod Lefever, Pat Nolt, and Kyra Hersh (youth member).

Background-

With Janette's resignation from the position of Director of Children and Youth Programing, 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

Questions can be directed to members of the Council or the Staff Relations Committee. Please hold our staff and this entire process in your prayers.