



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 4, 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:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Worship Book No. 46

Leanne Beidler, Daryl Eshelman, Warren and Linda Tyson-Leaders

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Sam Clement

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Cheryl Eshelman-Piano

Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Craig Miller-Bass

*Cornerstone*

*Breathe*

*10,000 Reasons*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee*

Worship Book No. 107

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon:** *What Is Stealing Your Joy*

Leonard Dow

Guest Preacher

#### Response Song

### 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.

DURING PASTOR JON'S SABBATICAL we have the privilege of hearing from many different speakers. Thanks to Leonard Dow, Stewardship and Development Specialist at Everence, for delivering today's message.

CHURCH COUNCIL HAS APPROVED the Discernment Committee's recommendations for the appointments listed on your bulletin insert. The ballot will be presented to the congregation for affirmation on Sunday, August 18. Contact Jerry Lile if you have questions or concerns.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK is scheduled for next Sunday, August 11, at **10 a.m.** in the West Earl Park on Rte. 772 in Talmage. Details were distributed the last two Sundays via the bulletin (there are a few extra flyers by the mailboxes). If you have not done so, please RSVP to Lauren in the church office if you're planning to stay for lunch.

BRENDA VERGHESE was discharged from Lancaster General Hospital on Monday and is recovering at home. She expresses her appreciation for the phone calls, visits, and prayers.

LOIS LANDIS' brother-in-law, Will Sauder, died tragically in a bike accident on July 25. He lived near Harrisburg with his wife Velma.

VERNON SCHROEDER was hospitalized in Lancaster General Hospital on Wednesday for AFib. He was undergoing tests at bulletin publication time.

ELEANOR GLICK was discharged from Fairmount last Friday and is continuing to recover at home.

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:

- Lois and Dan Landis mourning the sudden loss of Lois' brother-in-law.
- Brenda Verghese recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- LeRoy Petersheim receiving hospice care.
- Vernon Schroeder experiencing heart issues.
- Jon and Lyn Carlson and family traveling to Lancaster from Ecuador on Wednesday.
- Eleanor Glick continuing to recover from a broken leg.

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 31, our year-to-date giving totals \$514,149, while our year-to-date budget is \$593,169, a shortfall of 13%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Youth Committee will hold a fundraiser on Tuesday, August 6, at Isaacs in Ephrata (10 a.m.-9 p.m.) and at Oregon Dairy (3 p.m.-8 p.m.). Enjoy a meal at either location and mention ACC Youth to have a portion of your bill donated to the committee.

FOREST HILLS MEN (post high school and older) are invited to a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 p.m. at the church. Chicken and hot dogs will be provided; all attendees should bring a side or dessert to share. There are flyers in your mailbox with additional details. Please RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup> by returning the bottom portion of the flyer to Jim Shannon's church mailbox, email [jps Shannon@gmail.com](mailto:jps Shannon@gmail.com), or call/text Jim at 717-471-1804.

KATHY UNANGST has a new home phone number: 717-371-1818.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to listen to the Vacation Bible School songs with your children or grandchildren, please see Janette Lile or Nina Harnish for a VBS CD.

JANETTE LILE is on vacation through August 10, enjoying time at the beach with her family.

MENNONITE WOMEN ARE COLLECTING 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 by the end of August.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold its annual Bookworm Frolic, an outdoor sale of over 40,000 used books, August 14-16, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and August 17, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Purchase some interesting used books and support the ministry of LMHS. For more information visit [www.lmhs.org](http://www.lmhs.org).

IT'S GREAT TO SEE MANY NEW PEOPLE attending our worship services here at Forest Hills. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet these newcomers, learn a bit about them by checking out our newcomers' bulletin board outside the ushers' room.

THE TOTAL RAISED through the Vacation Bible School offering was \$480. This money was sent to Mennonite Central Committee to support their work in the Kasai Region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, August 11 - Church Service in the Park.
- ☼ Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday
- ☼ Sunday, October 6 - MYF Soup & Sandwich followed by the Annual Church Business Meeting.

MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Sunday, August 18 - Salt & Light pool party at the Hursts'.
- ☼ Sunday, August 18 - Registration due for the fall ACC Youth Retreat.
- ☼ Sunday, August 25 - Girls/Guys Night at the Hersheys'.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Anita Beidler, Keith Lehman

Greeters: Deb Frey, Louetta Hurst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

Nursery: (SS)

(W) Norma Stauffer

## TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School  
Elective: *At the Impulse of God's Love: Parenting Children with Special Needs*, presented by Shauna Miller, Kevin Nofziger, Ryan and Pat Nolt, and Jim Shannon.
- Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelpian Room #17.
- Grounded lunch at the Stuckeys'.
- 6-8 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Grades 9-12) - Pizza and Games at the Lefevers'.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- 10 a.m. - Service in the West Earl Community Park in Talmage.
- Lunch - Following the worship service, everyone is invited to stay for a chicken barbecue picnic lunch.
- MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) - No evening activity.

REPORT: (07/21) General Fund \$9,082  
(07/28) General Fund \$6,883; Playground Fund \$2,000  
Sunday School 123; Worship 169

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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

**FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Discernment Committee Slate for the 2019-20 Church Year**

The following persons are being recommended by our Discernment Committee to serve for the upcoming 2019-20 church year. Terms will begin on September 1, 2019.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
<b><u>Church Council</u></b>		
Treasurer	2 years (19-21)	Sam Clement (Renewal) *
Church Secretary	3 years (19-22)	
Member-at-Large	3 years (19-22)	Jimmy Kreider
<b><u>Pastoral Leadership Team</u></b>		
Elder	3 years (19-22)	Randy Esch (Renewal)
Elder	3 years (19-22)	Ruth Ann Martin (Renewal)
Care Team Member	2 years (19-21)	Louetta Hurst (Renewal) *
Care Team Member	2 years (19-21)	Kathy Unangst (Renewal) *
Care Team Member	2 years (19-21)	Joyce Martin (Renewal)
Care Team Member	2 years (19-21)	Dana Shannon
<b><u>Worship Commission</u></b>		
Member-at-Large	2 years (19-21)	Jim Fenton (Renewal)
Member-at-Large	2 years (19-21)	Cal Roggie (Renewal)
Youth Member	1 year (19-20)	Kyra Hersh (Renewal)
Worship Visual Coordinator	2 years (19-21)	Lisa Spangler (Renewal)
<b><u>Mission and Service Commission</u></b>		
Director	2 years (19-21)	Erin Hershey
Wider Church Advocate	2 years (19-21)	Marcia Stoesz
Hospitality Advocate	2 years (19-21)	Kathy Unangst (Renewal)
Youth Member	1 year (19-20)	Katie Yoder (Renewal)
Member-at-Large	2 years (19-21)	
<b><u>Christian Education Commission</u></b>		
Preschool Education Coordinator	2 years (19-21)	Joanne Martin (Renewal)
Elementary Education Coordinator	2 years (19-21)	Emiley Rodak
Member-at-Large	2 years (19-21)	Kori Jantzen
Sunday School Secretaries	2 years (19-21)	Dale Gamber (Renewal) Lester Siegrist (Renewal)

\*Council approved extension of term limits

**A vote for confirmation of the above ballot will be taken during the worship service on Sunday, August 18, 2019.**

**Discernment Committee Members:** Jerry Lile (Chair), Herb Hoover, Kori Jantzen, Becky Siegrist and Kevin Nofziger