



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 25, 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

Becky Degan, Matt Eshleman, Kelly Lapp-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Ruth Ann Martin

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

No Longer Slaves

O Praise the Name

This is Amazing Grace

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Becky Degan

Kindergarten Blessing

Ady Carlson, Jaxon Lapp

Dimitri Nofziger, Mahlon Rodak

Daniel Whitehill, Pierson Lapp, Graham Snyder

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Just as I Am (I Come Broken)*

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16; Matthew 18:1-6

Sermon: *Growing up to Be a Child*

Nina Harnish

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 Nina Harnish, our Minister of Care and Visitation, for delivering today's message.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY in our church fiscal year. Our year-to-date income totals \$563,681. This means we still need to receive \$78,919 to meet our budget goal. At the present time, year-end expenses are expected to come very close to budget. Please consider being generous to your church, its ministries, and our vibrant congregational life. With everyone contributing as they are able, we will once again honor the financial commitments we agreed to at the beginning of our fiscal year. All contributions that are postmarked or received by **Saturday, August 31**, will be included in this year's contributions.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Responsible caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this vital church ministry that makes it possible for young families to join our fellowship. Sign-up online with the Sign-Up Genius: <https://bit.ly/33NMHsG> or talk to Liz Clapper for more details.

SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, November 9, when we will have a churchwide activity: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* Host family groups will provide a meal to various guests. A questionnaire will go out in September to help the team in their planning efforts.

OUR MOMS PROGRAM (Morning Out for Mothers) will begin its new season with a Welcome Brunch on Tuesday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. All women and children (infants through kindergarten) are encouraged to attend and invite friends and neighbors to get involved as well. The program schedule is available on the church website.

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:

- Mary Harnish traveling to Vienna, Austria on Wednesday to begin a college semester abroad.
- Marlin Miller and his family mourning the loss of his son-in-law.
- Jake Bare and his family mourning the loss of his brother.
- The Search Committee as they look for a new Youth Pastor.

MARY HARNISH will enter an Eastern Mennonite University cross cultural semester in Europe this week. She will travel and live in various countries including Austria, France, Italy, and Morocco. During this semester they will explore the migrant crisis, the secularization of Europe, and the role that artists have played and continue to play in the identity of Europe.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Jake and Ruth Bare as they mourn the loss of Jake's brother, Bob Bare who passed away on August 16. Prior to his death he resided at Landis Homes.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters on Thursday, September 5, from 9-11 a.m. No experience needed; experienced knotters will explain how it is done!

ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED to an Ice Cream Social here at church on Monday, August 26, at 1:30 p.m. Please let Nina Harnish or Kathy Unangst know if you can attend.

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 8, where you will have the opportunity to give input on our proposed 2019-20 budget. Copies of this year's proposed budget are in mailboxes. We hope you will also plan to be at our Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, October 6, following a noon Soup 'n Sandwich luncheon provided by our youth group.

EARL AND MARIAN ROHRER have moved and have a new address: Pleasant View Communities, 544 N Penryn Road, Manheim, PA, 17545. Earl's phone number is no longer in service, but Marian's number is still the same as what is listed in the directory.

THE EBY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION is having its annual directors meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. here at church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Marlin Miller on the passing of his son-in-law Richard Menard, husband of Melissa Miller Menard. Richard passed away on August 13, after a brief illness. During the last 9 years, the Menard Family has divided their time, living in Seoul, South Korea and Evergreen, Colorado. If desired, remembrance cards may be sent to: Melissa Menard Family, P.O. Box 2584, Evergreen, CO, 80437.

THANKS TO ALL who contributed to the Mennonite Women's collections for Mennonite Central Committee the last few months. If you have kits that have not yet been completed and returned to the church, please return them ASAP.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE is holding its annual essay contest for high school students. In addition to essays, they are now accepting short (2-3 minute) videos as well. Prizes of \$750 will be awarded for the top essay and the top video. Students are invited to examine one of these three topics: climate change, gun violence, or immigration. The deadline for entering is January 24, 2020. For more information, visit www.mcc.org/essay-contest.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, September 8, Sunday School Hour – State of the Church Meeting. (Includes budget discussion.)
- ☼ Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday
- ☼ Sunday, October 6 - MYF Soup & Sandwich followed by the Annual Church Business Meeting.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Activities (KfC, Junior Youth, Adult Bible Study) begin.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m. - Adult Choir begins.
- ☼ Saturday, October 26 - ACC Fall Assembly at Forest Hills.

MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Sunday, September 1 - Mini Golf.
- ☼ September 6-8 - ACC Fall Retreat.
- ☼ Sunday, September 22 - Harnishes' Barn.

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education –Working on transitions with Janette leaving, fall scheduling, and extra responsibilities due to Jon’s sabbatical. She is reformatting the structure of the Christian Education commission, council approved.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile

Happy to see that there were more volunteers helping with VBS this year. 20% of VBS attendees were from our church. Her last day was August 18th.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

Working on fall scheduling and programs and continuing with the summer elective. Positive feedback for the summer elective. Continuing with many home visits to those that cannot make it to church or are experiencing health issues.

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

The Commission is looking forward to the new Chair as well as new members for the coming year and they are keeping our ears open to any new needs that may arise in the near future.

Discernment Committee – Jerry Lile

Presented the final draft of the Discernment Committee ballot was affirmed by the congregation on August 18th. Council approved the ballot.

Property Committee – Lauren Krady, on behalf of the Committee

Presented some upgrades and project goals that the committee is working on for the next year including some cosmetic updates and replacing the front sign.

Search committee update - Dan Hess - The search committee continues their work of finding a Youth and Young Adult Pastor. Council reviewed a sequence for the process of recruitment.

Re-visioning process- Dan Hess - The steering committee estimates the process taking approximately 15-months. The goal is to have quarterly activities with the congregation to work on this process based on the following questions – *Who is Jesus? Who are We? Who are They? Who is Right? Who are we becoming?* This will begin in November after Jon returns from sabbatical.

Financial reports- Sam Clement - We had several large expenses recently (new van and roof) for which we have had to dip into our Money Market account. We continue to be below budget in giving. Expenses are on track for this year.

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

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Pat & Randy Ranck

Greeters: Clair & Doris Sauder

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta & Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS)

(W) Rose Miller

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Care and Share Sunday, adults meet in regular classrooms.
- Kindergarten Blessing during the service.
- MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) - Girls/Guys Night at the Hersheys’.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 1:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social for all Seniors.
- Thursday, 7 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Becky Degan will preach.
- Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings have been postponed until the following Sunday, September 8.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) - Mini-Golf.

REPORT: (08/18) General Fund \$30,124; Playground \$4,931;
Sunday School 141; Worship 219

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Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

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