



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 1, 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: *This Is My Father's World*

(Worship Book No. 154)

Norma Stauffer, Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

Janice Southwick-Guitar, Don Nelson-Bass

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

(Grace Notes No. 2)

Speak, O Lord

Give Us Clean Hands

(Grace Notes No. 25)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Becky Degan

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

(Worship Book No. 117)

Scripture: 2 Kings 14: 23-25; Jonah 1:1-2; Matthew 12:38-41

Sermon: *Judging Jonah*

Becky Degan

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 Becky Degan, our Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education, for delivering today's message.

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.

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 to get involved as well. The program schedule is available on the church website and extra brochures are in front of the mailboxes.

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, September 8, where you will have the opportunity to give input on our proposed 2019-20 budget. 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.

WE ARE THANKFUL for the donors and the bequests that have enabled us to fully pay off the church playground! We look forward to the children being able to enjoy it for many years to come.

CAL AND DONNA ROGGIE have moved, their new address is 153 East King Street, Apt 410, Lancaster PA, 17602. They no longer have a landline, but their cell numbers remain the same.

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:

- LeRoy Petersheim receiving hospice care.
- Those who are grieving the loss of a spouse or a family member.
- Jon Carlson on sabbatical.
- Gratitude for this past church year of serving Christ as a church family.
- Those who are experiencing broken relationships.

LEROY PETERSHEIM has moved to Oregon House, Room 150, 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!

CALLING ALL GREETERS. It's time to sign up to greet in October, November, and December. Greeting is a great way to welcome everyone to our time of worship, and it's a great way for you to serve our church family! There is a sign-up sheet near the mailboxes.

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 LIGHTBULBS in the church parking lot have now been replaced with more energy efficient LED bulbs. We look forward to them lasting longer and being more efficient than the previous ones.

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

REUZIT ON STATE (formerly Ephrata ReUzit) invites you to their *Come and See* volunteer recruitment event on Monday, September 9, with tours at 10am, 2pm, and 7pm. Choose a time to tour the new store, discover a volunteer role that's right for you, and learn about group opportunities. For questions or additional information, please contact Sue Shirk, Volunteer Coordinator, voldev@reuzit.org, or 717-733-4934.

DAN AND EVANNA HESS will be walking the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage path across Northern Spain, leaving September 6, returning October 22. Please note that in Dan's absence Jerry Lile, vice-chair of Council, will be covering Dan's role as chair. In Evanna's absence, Sandy Smoker, a member of the Staff Relations Committee, will be taking leadership and responding to any issues that may arise related to the Staff Relations Committee.

START THE NEW (CHURCH) YEAR with a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Request an enrollment form and a Frequently Asked Questions flyer from the church office.

PRAISE GOD for the ongoing generosity of our congregation! Due to the last day of our fiscal year falling after bulletin publication time, there is no final report of our year-end income and expenses. A final account will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE Fall Assembly will be held here at Forest Hills on October 26. Join us for a day of learning, singing, and being together as the Church. The morning program will include worship, delegate business, and congregational storytelling. The afternoon will feature workshops on a variety of topics intended to equip individuals for discipleship and ministry. Please register through the website atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly by October 23.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ 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

- ❖ September 6-8 - ACC Fall Retreat.
- ❖ September 15- Sunday School Hour -Parent/Youth Meeting.
- ❖ Sunday, September 22 - Harnishes' Barn.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Ann & Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Joyce & Cliff Martin

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

Nursery: (SS)

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TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings have been postponed until next Sunday, September 8.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) - Mini-Golf.

THIS WEEK

- Monday - Labor Day holiday; church office closed.
- Thursday, 9 a.m. - Mennonite Women.
- Friday- Sunday - MYF: Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday School hour: State of the Church Meeting - an open forum in the fellowship hall for all adults to review and discuss the proposed 2019-20 church budget.
- Beryl Jantzi will preach on Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21, 24-25.
- After Worship Service - Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- MYF returns home from ACC Youth Retreat.

REPORT: (08/25) The offering report was not complete at bulletin publication time. Figures will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Sunday School 139: Worship 202

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