



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 26, 2020

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.

Gathering

Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation Zac Hummel

Reflection Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Becky Degan

Offertory

Erik Schlosser

Passing the Peace
Song

Proclaiming

Scripture: Philippians 1:27-30

Sermon: *Joy Rebels*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

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. While we are not meeting in person bags can be picked up from the church on Tuesday between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or you can contact the church office to set up another time. 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.

WE ARE COLLECTING GIFT CARDS this summer for families in the Conestoga Valley School District. These cards will be distributed by school social workers to those in need. Please purchase gift cards for Sharp Shopper, Giant, Target, Walmart, Sheetz, or Rutter's in amounts of \$25 or \$50. You can mail the cards to the church or put them in the basket with a snowman on the lid which is by the ushers' room. We are trying to collect 40 cards. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Unangst at 717-656-2185.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,312 to be divided among its various agencies.

MATT AND EMILEY RODAK and family have moved, their new address is: 3129 Anchor Road, Washington Boro, PA 17582.

DAVE KRAUSE had surgery at Hershey Medical Center on Monday and was discharged on Tuesday to recover at home.

KEITH LEHMAN is scheduled for heart surgery on Friday, August 31, at Lancaster General Hospital to replace a heart valve.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY committee is looking for some puzzles to add to our inventory! Whether for adults or children, all puzzles must be in good shape and missing no more than two pieces. Once they are processed, you may check them out as you would any of the books in the library for two weeks. All sizes and shapes are welcome. You may place them on the table in the library. Thank you!! And while you're in the library, why not take a look around and see if you can find something to read? Lots of new books and more to be added. Be sure to look closely as some sections have been moved to a new place!

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind, please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- Dave Krause recovering from surgery.
- Those living in retirement facilities having limited visitation with friends and family due to COVID-19.
- Keith and Ernestine Lehman anticipating Keith's heart surgery.
- Those dealing with anxiety and depression.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE is in need of volunteers to serve as church sextons. These people will open and close the building for our gatherings on a rotating monthly basis. Please let the church office know if you are willing to serve in this way.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated or pledged donations to the Lancaster Mennonite School (LMS) Church Partnership Fund. This year Forest Hills is sponsoring 21 of our students to attend one of the LMS schools (Lancaster Mennonite High School and Middle School, Locust Grove, or New Danville). Through the Church Partnership program, LMS provides a matching scholarship of up to \$2,000 per student that the church sponsors. At Forest Hills, we sponsor these students through a designated giving fund that is separate from the general church budget. Please contact Rod Lefever if you have any questions about the LMS Partnership Fund. As we approach the start of a new school year that is sure to be full of unique challenges and circumstances, please pray for all students, teachers, staff, administrators, elected officials, coaches, volunteers, bus drivers, parents & guardians, etc; for everyone involved in education.

CONVENTION PLANNERS are seeking proposals for equipping seminars at *MennoCon21*, the Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) biennial convention slated to take place July 2021, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The deadline for submissions is October 10. The convention planning team is calling for seminars, workshops, and trainings to provide interactive learning experiences and introduce practical tools, skills, habits or frameworks that youth and adult participants can take home and put into practice. Convention planners are also seeking seminars to be presented in Spanish or other languages. For more information visit the MennoCon website: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/the-experience/worship-equipping-seminars/>.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, at 10 a.m. Join us at the West Earl Township Lions Park for a morning of outdoor worship and chicken barbecue boxed picnic lunches served by our kitchen committee. **If we need to cancel due to rain or excessive heat**, we will not gather but will livestream the service from church (beginning at 10 instead of our normal 10:30) and the kitchen committee will have lunches available for pick-up under the church carport instead of at the park. They ask that one person per family would come to pick up meals starting at 11:30 a.m.

MENNONITE RESOURCE CENTER (MRC) needs volunteers (preferably 18-65 years old, but not exclusively) who might be interested in joining them in activities at the MRC such as:

- Individuals who would like to volunteer some time at the MRC.
- Smaller groups that might want to come together for part of a day or evening (perhaps a small group, men's group, prayer group, etc.).
- Families that want to plan a way to "give back" after coming out of stay-at-home orders.
- Youth or young adults who are ready to do something for someone else as summer mission trips might have been cancelled and summer jobs hard to find.
- Activities, like preparation of kits, that could be done by members of the congregation at our church building.

While normal volunteer hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, they are more than willing to schedule time in the evenings and Saturdays as well. They are following the CDC guidelines for businesses and are currently keeping the number of volunteers present at the center at any given time to between 10-25 people. Their top priority is the safety and welfare of those who come through the doors. Anyone who is interested to know more or who might be ready to volunteer can contact MarilynPeters@mcc.org or by calling the MRC at 717-733-2847.

Looking Ahead:

- ☼ Sunday, August 9 - Service in the Park.
- ☼ Sunday, September 20 - State of the Church Meeting.

MYF (Youth Group Gr. 9-12) Upcoming Events:

- ☼ Saturday, August 15 - Welcome/Farewell at the Nolts' lake house.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Audio Visual Technicians:

Dean Jantzen, Scott Hertzog, Micah Carlson

TODAY

- 10:30 a.m. - Worship **online only**. The service will be streamed online on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite .
- Offerings can be mailed to the church office.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Kids' Summer Program.
- Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Kids' Summer Zoom.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Jon Carlson will preach.
- 6-8:30 p.m. - Gemeinschaft class will meet at church

REPORT: (7/19)

General Fund \$3,060; LMS Church Partnership \$6,000

YTD Giving \$536,913; YTD Budget \$603,588 (-11%)

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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

Zac Hummel - Youth and Young Adult Pastor ~ 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