



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 9, 2020

SERVICE IN THE PARK

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

Gathering Song

Call to Worship and Invocation
Song

Jon Carlson

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer
Song

Proclaiming

Scripture: Romans 10

Sermon: *How Did It Come to This?*

Response Song

Jon Carlson

Sending

Prayer for the meal/Instructions

Benediction

Postlude

WE HAVE JUST THREE SUNDAYS left in our church fiscal year. Our year-to-date income totals \$562,942. This means we still need to receive \$104,825 to meet our \$667,800 budget goal. While our congregation has not been able to meet in person, we have been able to continue worshipping together! Our continuing ministries have continued to incur expenses, and I am hopeful we can receive sufficient funds to cover the current gap. We desire to cover our current year expenses and start the new year off in a strong financial position. 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. Thank you for your continued generosity! Blessings, Sam Clement, Treasurer

A TEN-WEEK LONG BOOK STUDY will begin at the end of August using *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart. The book calls followers of Christ toward a fresh understanding of racial reconciliation. A donation of \$15/book to cover the cost is suggested. If you are interested, please contact Zac Hummel at zhummel@foresthillschurch.org by August 16th. Exact times, dates, and locations will be decided based upon enrollment. All are welcome to join the conversation.

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 before August 23. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Unangst at 717-656-2185.

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!

KEITH LEHMAN had open heart surgery at Lancaster General Hospital on Friday. He remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

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

- Keith Lehman recovering from heart surgery.
- College students beginning a new year of studies.
- Cheryl Wagner recovering from back surgery.
- Parents, educators, and administrators making schooling decisions for the fall.
- Ron Weaver recovering from hernia surgery.
- Church staff and leaders planning for the new church year.

CHERYL WAGNER had back surgery at Lancaster General Hospital on Monday. She was transferred to Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital for therapy and remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

RON WEAVER had surgery to repair two hernias at Lancaster General Hospital on Friday and was discharged to recover at home.

FOREST HILLS will be hosting a blood drive here at church on Thursday, August 27, from 2-7 p.m. Sign up online and feel free to share this event with friends:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45aba722a1fc1-penn20>

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.

Looking Ahead:

- ☼ Thursday, August 27 - Forest Hills blood drive.
- ☼ Sunday, September 20 - State of the Church meeting.

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

- ☼ Saturday, August 15 - Welcome/Farewell the Nolts' Lakehouse.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Audio Visual Technicians:

Dean Jantzen, Micah Carlson

TODAY

- **10:00 a.m.** - Worship in West Earl Lions Park in Talmage followed by a picnic lunch. The service will be recorded and posted online later in the day on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- There will be two donation boxes at the park, one for our regular weekly offering and one for donations to cover the cost of lunch.
- After the service - Jr. Youth Welcome/Farewell pool party.
- 5 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr 9-12) - Outdoor Games and BBQ with Young Adults at the Clappers'.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Family drop-in time.
- Saturday - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Welcome/Farewell at Geoff and Stashia Nolt's lakehouse.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach.

REPORT: (8/2)

General Fund \$16,764; Student Aid Fund \$100
YTD Giving \$562,942; YTD Budget \$629,273 (-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