



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 23, 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

Gathering Song

Call to Worship and Invocation

Reflection Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Passing the Peace
Song

Proclaiming

Scripture: Philippians 3

Sermon: *Joy Subverts*

Response Song

Jon Carlson

Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

AUGUST 31 IS THE END of our church fiscal year. Our year-to-date income totals \$587,022. This means we still need to receive \$80,778 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

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY that we are collecting gift cards 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 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 Tuesdays, 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.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING of outdoor music and fellowship with Don Nelson here at church on Saturday, September 12, starting at 6 p.m. (rain date is Sunday, September 13). Remember to bring your lawn chairs and a mask.

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

- Tim and Sandy Smoker and Duane and Kelly Lapp and their families grieving the loss of Tim's father.
- Dale Gamber undergoing treatment for a recent cancer diagnosis.
- Michael Degan recovering from surgery.
- Jim and Beth Fenton celebrating the recent engagement of their son.
- Lloyd Mast preparing for heart surgery next Friday.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Tim and Sandy Smoker and Duane and Kelly Lapp on the recent passing of Tim's father, Sylvan Smoker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Beth Fenton on the recent engagement of their son Matthew to Julie Kline.

LLOYD MAST will be having heart surgery on August 28, in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

PASTOR JON AND NINA HARNISH are taking turns hosting informal opportunities to connect with congregants in small gatherings under the church carport. Groups are limited to 10 people, so sign up here: <https://fhmc.church/connect>.

FROM NOW THROUGH LABOR DAY, Forest Hills worship services will be online only. Beginning Sunday, September 13, Sunday School groups will have opportunity to worship together in-person in the sanctuary. Sunday School Shepherds will have more details in the coming weeks. If you aren't currently connected with a Sunday School class, feel free to pick a Sunday morning and drop in for a worship service. All worship services will continue to be available via livestream for everyone. Given the fluidity of our world right now, some of these plans may change as circumstances change. Thanks for your continued prayers as we navigate this together!

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of September, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, August 26, so that they can be included on the next church calendar.

LANCASTER COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be holding a community service day on Wednesday, September 9, and the Upper School would love to bless local Leola community members. If you have a residence or business within a couple of miles of the school and are in need of some basic outside work (planting flowers, raking leaves, trimming bushes, arranging outside decor, spreading mulch, etc.), please email TJ Rieger at trieger@lccs.cc or call him at 717-556-0711 ext. 318 with the project details, how many people the project might take, the tools that you are able to supply, and the best way to contact you.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to serve as church sextons. These volunteers will open and close the building (door locks, lights, and thermostats) for our gatherings on a rotating monthly basis. Please let the church office know if you are willing to serve in this way.

THE AUGUST EDITION of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers with Early Response Teams are working in Iowa, engineers roll up their sleeves in West Virginia and help build bridges they designed, and you'll learn how MDS is cautiously planning for a few projects this fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3gfccYK>.

Looking Ahead:

- 🌀 Thursday, August 27 - Forest Hills blood drive.
- 🌀 Wednesday, September 9 - KFC and Jr. Youth begin.
- 🌀 Saturday, September 12 - Outdoor music evening.
- 🌀 Sunday, September 20 - State of the Church meeting.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Audio Visual Technicians:

Dean Jantzen, Micah Carlson, Davin Esbenshade

TODAY

- 10:30 a.m. - Online worship streaming on YouTube:
<https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook:
www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- Offerings can be mailed to the church office.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) games at the Lefevers' house.

THIS WEEK

- Pastor Jon and Nina Harnish are hosting carport gatherings, sign up here: <https://fhmc.church/connect>:
 - Wednesday - 10 - 11 a.m.
- Thursday, 2-7 p.m. - Blood drive at church.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach on *Joy Unites* based on Philippians 4:1-9.

REPORT: (8/16)

General Fund \$12,389; Refugee Education \$200

YTD Giving \$587,022; YTD Budget \$654,957 (-10%)

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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