



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 30, 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

Nina Harnish

Reflection Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Becky Degan

Passing the Peace

Song

Mission Spotlight: Conestoga Valley School District Gift Cards

Proclaiming

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: *Joy Unites*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

AUGUST 31 IS THE END of our church fiscal year. Our year-to-date income totals \$609,522. This means we still need to receive \$58,035 to meet our \$667,800 budget goal. 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. **All contributions that are postmarked or received by Monday, August 31**, will be included in this year's contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Blessings, Sam Clement, Treasurer

"TO MY CHURCH FAMILY, thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, flowers, and love while I was recuperating from back surgery. Each day shows improvement, so I am very thankful. Thank you so much for a church family who cares."

- Cheryl Wagner

OUR MENNONITE WOMEN have been asking for donations of school kits and health kits for Mennonite Central Committee these last few months. If you have kits that have not yet been completed and returned to the church, please return them by Tuesday, September 1.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters this coming Thursday, September 3, from 9-11 a.m. Please contact Eileen Wenger if you are planning to attend.

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.

"A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed gift cards for Katie Reiff, the social worker, to distribute to families in need in CV School District. We received 46 cards with a total value of \$1,925! You have blessed many families." - Kathy Unangst

THERE ARE EXTRA copies of the *Rejoice!* quarterly devotional available in the church library, feel free to stop by and pick one up.

DON AND ANITA BEIDLER moved to Landis Homes on Friday, August 28. Their address is 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA, 17543. Their new landline is 717-381-2779.

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

- Don and Anita Beidler adjusting to their new home.
- Esther Zook and her family adjusting to her new living arrangement.
- Friends and family of Dottie Vandegrift (Lantz) grieving the loss of their friend or mother.
- Students, parents, educators, and administrators beginning a new school year.

ESTHER ZOOK moved into skilled care at Fairmount Homes on Tuesday. Her address is 333 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata, PA, 17522.

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 provide details in the coming weeks, and the schedule is on the church calendar. 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.

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, 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.

OUR KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) program (Preschool - grade 5), as well as our Jr. Youth program (grades 6-8), will begin on Wednesday, September 9, from 7 - 8:15 p.m. Details will be emailed to parents weekly. Parents, if you have not yet done so, please remember to fill out our yearly [online Emergency Form](#) before then.

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>.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATES:

- **Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society** Re-opening & Hours - Opens September 1. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Must wear a mask & observe social distancing.
- **Mennonite Information Center** - Opens September 3. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- **1719 Herr House & Museum** - Opens September 4. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.
- **Anabaptist History Today** - Will you help form the historical record of life in these times? LMHS is seeking stories, images, art, videos, audio interviews, any media you might have to convey your everyday experiences. Go to www.bit.ly/AnabaptistHT to share your story or "digital item." Anabaptist History Today is a storytelling and history-gathering project co-created by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society partnering with 16 other Anabaptist history organizations across the U.S. and Canada.
- **Annual Storytelling Night (Live Stream)** - September 7, 2020, at 7 p.m., featuring Dr. Pamela Tieszen, Superintendent of Lancaster Mennonite Schools, & Nelson Okanya, Global Missions President at the Center for Serving Leadership. Told in a series of short-format stories, each storyteller relates personal anecdotes from richly varied life experiences. Broadcast exclusively on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/lmhs.org.
- **Mini Bookworm Frolic** - Held September 17 & 18, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., and September 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Books will be on sale both inside the building and outside under a tent. Hardbacks will be \$3.00, and paperbacks will be \$1.50. On Saturday, the books are half-priced, or fill a box for \$12.

Looking Ahead:

- 🌸 Wednesday, September 9 - KFC and Jr. Youth begin.
- 🌸 Saturday, September 12 - Outdoor music evening.
- 🌸 Sunday, September 13 - MYF Mini Golf.
- 🌸 Sunday, October 11 - Baptism Sunday.
- 🌸 Sunday, November 1 - Communion Sunday.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Audio Visual Technicians:

Dean Jantzen, Micah Carlson, Davin Esbenshade

TODAY

- 9 a.m. - Sunday book study group meets under the carport.
- 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) Pool party at the Hursts'.

THIS WEEK

- Pastor Jon and Nina Harnish are hosting carport gatherings, sign up here: <https://fhmc.church/connect>:
 - Monday - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Tuesday book study group meets under the carport.
- Thursday, 9 a.m. - Mennonite Women comforter knotting.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. - Thursday book study group meets under the carport.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach on *Joy Rides On*, based on Philippians 4:9-23.

REPORT: (8/23)

General Fund \$22,500

YTD Giving \$609,522; YTD Budget \$667,557 (-9%)

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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