



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 13, 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

Jerry Lile

Reflection Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offertory

Passing the Peace

Song

Proclaiming

Scripture: Isaiah 8:11-18

Sermon: *Veritas*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

EACH YEAR, MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE East Coast partners with Anabaptist churches to distribute nearly 3,000 packed grocery boxes through congregations' local ministries. Empty boxes are available for pick up at MCC's Material Resource Center and at the Atlantic Coast Conference. Boxes can also be delivered upon request. Filled boxes may be dropped off at the Material Resource Center or the ACC office. You can also contact the conference office to arrange for pick up. Donate towards a box by credit card through the ACC [website](#) or by sending a check made out to the ACC Peace and Justice Committee to 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA, 17602.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE FALL ASSEMBLY will take place October 23-25, a video will be made available to all delegates along with an electronic form to record votes and other necessary responses. This video will include updates on conference life, an overview of ACC's current financial situation, and a presentation on any action-items needing affirmation from delegates. All action-items will be communicated with delegates by September 21. The morning of October 24 will feature a webinar with various leaders from around ACC on ways that the conference and its congregations are taking meaningful steps to end racism on an individual as well as organizational level. Participants can ask questions or send them ahead by emailing office@atlanticcoastconference.net.

"THE FAMILY OF JOHN RUDY would like to thank the Forest Hills community for their many expressions of condolences in the passing of John on August 26. In addition to our grief, we were saddened that because of COVID-19, we decided to have a very small private burial service and not the kind of funeral we would have otherwise had in the church where John and Lucy have been members for many years. We plan to have a memorial service at a later date when things are safer, to which all will be invited. We thank Pastor Jon for the meaningful burial service. And special thanks to the Agape class for their many years of friendship with John and Lucy." -Susan Rudy

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE to help meet expenses for persons participating in mission and service projects this coming winter or next spring. The Mission and Service Investment Fund will pay up to half of an individual's costs, not to exceed \$2,000. Contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms should be submitted to Erin Hershey, Mission and Service Commission Director.

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

- Pray for those serving in retirement communities and care facilities.
- Pray for those serving in hospitals and doctors' offices.
- Pray for local and national church leaders and staff.
- Pray for students, teachers, educators, and school support staff.
- Pray for those serving in grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants, trucking, and other essential services.

FOREST HILLS received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent donation of \$14,624 to be distributed among its various agencies.

THE NEW HOLLAND AREA CROP WALK is scheduled to be held virtually over the third weekend in October. Participants can walk on their own or organize a group. Donations can be given either online or in person. For online giving visit the Church World Service website with the link: www.crophungerwalk.org/newhollandpa/. Visit www.resources.crophungerwalk.org/virtual-walks for online resources if you'd like to organize your own group to take part in this event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS and their families are invited to worship together in-person in the sanctuary over the next month. If you are not 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.

September 20: Gemeinschaft & Agape

September 27: Diakonia & Adelpian

October 4: Rest for the Weary

Looking Ahead:

- 🍁 Sunday, October 4 - Online State of the Church presentation.
- 🍁 Sunday, October 11 - Baptism Sunday.
- 🍁 Sunday, November 1 - Communion Sunday.

MYF Upcoming Events:

- 🍁 Sunday, September 20 - Care package assembly.
- 🍁 Sunday, September 27 - Corn maze.
- 🍁 Saturday, October 4 - Camping.
- 🍁 Sunday, October 11 - Party at the Harnish barn.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Jim Shannon, Davin Esbenshade, Micah Carlson

Greeters: Matt & Erin Hershey

TODAY

- 9 a.m. - Sunday book study group meets under the carport.
- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) in the donut, Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8) in the solar lounge, and for Salt & Light outside by the gazebo.
- 10:30 a.m. - Online worship streaming on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite. Salt & Light, Grounded, and their families are invited to worship in the sanctuary.
- Offerings can be mailed to the church office.
- 6 p.m. - MYF - Mini-golf.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Tuesday book study group meets under the carport.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - KFC (Kids for Christ, Age 4-Gr. 5) & Jr. Youth.
- Thursday, 8 a.m. - Diakonia Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. - Thursday book study group meets under the carport.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - Adelpian breakfast at New Holland Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach on *The Nature of Your Reality*.
- Gemeinschaft & Agape classes are invited to worship in the sanctuary.
- MYF - Corn Maze.

REPORT: (9/6) General Fund \$5,004

(8/31) General Fund \$38,345

2019-20 Year-End Giving Total \$647,867; Budget \$667,800 (-3%)

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Staff and Leadership Teams

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Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

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Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Toby Leaman, Joyce Martin,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst, Dana Shannon - Care Team