



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

June 13, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *How Can We Be Silent*

Grace Notes No. 13

(Chosen by Emma McGowan)

Leanne Beidler, Willie Hurst-Singers, Becky Degan-Piano, Jonny Bishop-Guitar

Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jon Carlson

Song: *There's A Wild Hope in the Wind*

C O N N E C T I N G

Passing the Peace

Mission Spotlight: The Sensenig Family – EMM/MMN Missionaries

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *The Love of God*

Grace Notes No. 55

Children's Time

Janette Lile

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Testimonies

Lauren Eshleman, Camden Hurst

Song: *So Will I (100 Billion X)*

(Chosen by Ellie Lefever)

Testimonies

Dylan Jantzen, Ellie Lefever, Emma McGowan

Song: *Just as I Am*

(Chosen by Emma McGowan)

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ❖ Marian Rohrer recovering from a broken leg.
- ❖ Camden Hurst, Ellie Lefever, Lauren Eshleman, Dylan Jantzen, and Emma McGowan being baptized on Sunday.
- ❖ Those grieving the loss of loved ones.
- ❖ Our church community as we discern ways to serve in the coming church year.

Marian Rohrer fell, broke her leg, and was hospitalized on June 2. She had surgery the following day and was discharged for physical therapy at Pleasant View on Friday, June 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Today is Baptism Sunday. There will be no sermon; instead, several teens will share their testimonies prior to being baptized. Following the service, you are invited to the baptism site at Chad and Coleen Hursts' home. Their address is 11 Waterfront Estates Drive, Lancaster, 17602.

A special welcome to family and friends who are here for our baptism service today. Several of today's song selections were chosen by those who are being baptized; their names appear with the song they selected in the order of worship. Thanks to Violet Horst for embroidering the baptism towels with today's date, the church name, and the Mennonite Church USA symbol.

Next Sunday, during the Sunday school hour, Peter and Christy Sensenig will be sharing and answering questions about their mission in Tanzania and their next step of moving to Paris to study French in preparation for moving back to Africa to a French speaking country. They are jointly appointed through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Christy has been studying to be a midwife and Peter has been working with EMM's Christian-Muslim Relations Team (CMRT).

Information about community events is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Check out the flyers posted there to see what other ministries in our area are offering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

We have many time slots available during our blood drive on June 15. Every day, someone needs 20-40 units of blood at the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer institute, Lancaster General Hospital, and Women and Babies Hospital. Each unit of blood donated can save up to three lives. Timeslots are available from 2-7 p.m. All donors will receive a free beach towel. Please wear a mask, eat a substantial meal within four hours of donating, drink plenty of water the day before and day of donation, and bring ID. Please share this event with friends and sign up on the Signup Genius that can be found here: <https://fhmc.church/blooddrive>.

Our auditors, Daryl Eshleman and Cal Roggie, have completed a selective review of the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for our fiscal year ending August 31, 2020. They are pleased to report that these numbers accurately reflect the cash receipts, disbursements, and financial condition of the church as of this date.

Conestoga Valley Homes of Hope is looking for volunteers. Mentors and Budget Coaches get a chance to walk beside families as they come out of homelessness to self-sufficiency. It is a tangible way to show God's love and acceptance to families that may be desperate to know they are loved and accepted. These priceless volunteers meet weekly with families, walking beside them, encouraging them, and seeing the transformation that can happen when the families work hard to make changes. Training is provided and you won't serve in this ministry alone, you always work with someone else as a team. Contact Sue Orth for more information or questions. sueo@zionleola.org or 717.380.4403.

MYF ACTIVITIES (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12)

- ❖ **June 26:** MYF/Young Adult Cookout at the Clappers'.
- ❖ **July 11:** Christmas in July.
- ❖ **July 18:** Tubing at Sickman's Mill.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ **July 6-10:** Mennonite Convention in Cincinnati.
- ❖ **August 8:** Service in West Earl Community Park in Talmage, PA.

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ❖ Head Usher: Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen, Joseph Bodden, Micah Carlson, Collette Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Raquel & Andrew Bodden

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school for Preschool through High School. Adults should contact their Class Shepherds for schedules.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. - Worship in-person or online. The service can be streamed on YouTube: www.fhmc.church/youtube or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ After the service - Baptisms at Chad and Coleen Hurst's home.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Tuesday, 2-7 p.m. - Blood drive.
- ❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. - Adelpian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Communion Sunday.
- ❖ Jon Carlson will preach on *Like a Coin*.

WEEKLY REPORT:

June 6: General Fund \$11,835

YTD Giving \$457,817; **YTD Budget** \$509,625 (-10%)

ATTENDANCE: 121

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FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH - CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 7, 2021

-Leadership Reports:

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor –Work continues with the newly formed search committee for Pastor / Director of Youth & Young Adults and completing preparatory paperwork for our IVEP partnership. He also helped produce a series of videos in partnership with MennoMedia for the adult Bible study curriculum and participated in a United Way forum on vaccine access and hesitancy. Jon is working on a new sermon series focused on the Kingdom of God through the lens of Jesus' parables, preparing for MCUSA Convention and to begin his term as moderator-elect of MCUSA, and connecting with two missionary families to facilitate introductions to Forest Hills this summer.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky has been working on the Summer Kids Program, which will meet on Wednesday mornings from June 23-July 21 and will be using the Group VBS materials. Volunteers are scheduled and plans are well under way. For summer Sunday school teachers are scheduled for 2x/month; parents are planning for the other two Sundays.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina has been staying connected with individuals having health or personal crises, visiting people in their homes or rooms, formally closing the MOMs group program and bank account. She has also been navigating with shepherds about regathering plans with classes during this summer. Nina has been helping Lancaster General to coordinate another blood drive at church on June 15. Council decided to leave the leftover money from the MOMs group fund in the General Fund to be used as needed.

Zac Hummel, Youth and Young Adult Pastor – Helped to lead the MYF in executing a Youth Sunday with a focus on unity. Went to Deerpark with 10 others to design and lay out their disc golf course and work on a new cabin. Met with MYF council to plan upcoming summer events. 21 youth and advisors are planning to go to the Mennonite Convention in July. Zac and Ellen will be moving to Colorado and his last Sunday of work will be July 18.

Kevin Hersh, Discernment Committee – The team is still working on filling positions for the upcoming year. There are four positions that council needs to fill along with Discernment Committee.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – In the past month, the flowerbeds were mulched, the parking lot lines were repainted, including a half-court basketball and pickleball court. The church purchased a portable pickleball net for congregants to use; it will be stored in the garage. The Gaga pit was moved to the grassy area opposite the carport. We are currently looking for a replacement rubber mat. A car crashed into a parking lot light and took the whole pole down; we are working with the driver's insurance to pay for the pole replacement.

Sam Clement, Treasurer - Sam reported that the audit for 2019-20 was completed and everything was in order. Giving is 10% behind budget, which is a little behind last year. We are still in a strong financial position with 8.4 weeks of unrestricted cash on hand. Expenses are exceeding income by \$9,000 which is about the same place we were last year. Council discussed direction for the church budget next year and the consensus was to try to keep the budget flat. This may mean trimming some areas in order to give the staff cost of living wage increases.