



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 25, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/What A Beautiful Name It Is*

Worship Book No. 37

Call to Worship and Invocation

Craig Harnish

Special Music: *Drawn to You*

Sandy and Tim Smoker, Kelly Lapp

C O N N E C T I N G

Passing the Peace

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *This Is My Father's World*

Worship Book No. 154

Mission Spotlight: Central Asia Missionaries

Children's Time

Janette Lile

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *Speak, O Lord*

Scripture: Matthew 16:25, John 11: 1-6, 17 - 22, 32-37, John 12: 24,25

Sermon: *Healing from Loss; the Paradox of Control and Letting Go* Dan Hess

Response Song: *Yet Not I But Christ Through Me*

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:

- ❖ Dale Gamber continuing with immunotherapy treatment.
- ❖ Les Siegrist recovering from treatments for irregular heart rhythms.
- ❖ Church leaders planning for the upcoming church year.
- ❖ Those serving and sharing the love of Christ in various parts of the world.
- ❖ Forest Hills members who are no longer able to attend worship services due to health reasons.

Les Siegrist was hospitalized on Wednesday for A-fib and received treatments to resolve his irregular heart rhythm. He remained a patient at Lancaster General Hospital at bulletin publication time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Thanks to Dan Hess, a lay member at Forest Hills, for delivering the sermon to us today.

This Sunday, July 25, during the Sunday school hour, missionaries serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) in Kyrgyzstan [names withheld for security reasons] will be sharing in the fellowship hall. Come and hear about the post-Soviet, traditionally nomadic society of the Kyrgyz people and the work being done to minister holistically in this unique context. Discover what it's like to try and start a business in Central Asia when the primary purpose is transformation rather than profitability. Learn how political instability, economic hardship, and Covid-19 are impacting this small country and the Christian business leaders these missionaries seek to mentor and empower.

Several Atlantic Coast Conference committees are seeking members to continue the work and ministry of the conference in several areas including Mennonite Women, Youth Committee, and Peace & Justice Committee. Please contact the conference office with questions, interest or suggested names and contact details:
office@atlanticcoastconference.net.

The July edition of *On the Level* is now available on the Mennonite Disaster Service website <https://conta.cc/3emcJFF>. In this issue: MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open, and what hope looks like in small-town Texas.

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The latest edition of *Toolkit*, Everence's quarterly publication, has arrived. Newsletters are available for pick-up in front of the church mailboxes.

Our annual Service in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, August 8. Details can be found in today's bulletin insert. Please complete and return the RSVP form if you plan to stay for the barbecue lunch.

Mennonite Central Committee will hold their annual benefit sale on Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, on the Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville. This event will have food and a quilt and variety auction to support the relief, development, and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee. Visit www.mcc.org for a detailed schedule.

Forest Hills received letters of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our donation of \$7,312 to be distributed among their various agencies and from Atlantic Coast Conference for our recent donation of \$12,500.

Jon Carlson will be enjoying time at the beach with family and friends from July 24-31. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during these absences, please contact Nina Harnish or a Care Team member as listed in the bulletin and church directory.

Forest Hills has Flex Fund money available to donate to special projects or organizations. Priority is given to requests that fit the vision, character, and theology of the church and to those organizations in which Forest Hills people are involved. Congregants can contact Mission and Service Commission Director Erin Hershey for guidelines or an application.

The Parish Resource Center in Lancaster partners with Tenfold to deliver meals to local folks in temporary shelter. PRC served over 7000 Community Meals in the last 12 months. They are currently responsible for three Community Meal sites each week - Saturday supper, Sunday supper, and Tuesday supper. They are looking for volunteers to shop, wash, cut, and bag carrots, tomatoes, celery, broccoli, and more each week. Contact Rhoda Shirk for more information or to volunteer: rhoda@parishresourcecenter.org.

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

- ❖ **August 7:** Welcome/Farewell at the Nolts' lake house.
- ❖ **August 8:** Tubing at Sickman's Mill.
- ❖ **September 10-12:** ACC Fall Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ **October 3:** Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **October 23:** Atlantic Coast Conference annual assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Lee Charles
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen, Joseph Bodden
- ❖ Greeters: Dana & Jim Shannon

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.
- ❖ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) - Mini Golf.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach.
- ❖ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) - Superfun at the Bathursts' house.

WEEKLY REPORT:

7/11: General Fund \$11,002; Student Aid Fund \$100

7/18: General Fund \$26,601; LMS Partnership Fund \$6,000

YTD Giving: \$555,770 **YTD Budget:** \$601,096 (-8%)

Attendance: 162

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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 ~ Lauren Krady - Administrator

Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Toby Leaman, Joyce Martin,

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



WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021 – 10 a.m.
West Earl Twp. Lions Park - Talmage

On Sunday, August 8, we will gather for our morning worship service at 10 a.m. in the West Earl Township Lions Park on Route 772 North between Talmage and Brownstown. Invite your friends and neighbors to this outdoor worship celebration! In case of rain, the service will be relocated to the church.

Feel free to stay and enjoy an afternoon in the park. The park has a great path for walking or biking, a playground, and is located next to a stream where you can go wading or fishing.

Items to bring:

- Lawn chairs or blankets for seating in the shaded lawn area of the park.
- Your own non-disposable place settings.
- Table games, lawn games, bikes, etc.
- Donations will be accepted toward the cost of the meal.

Everyone is invited to stay for the chicken barbecue picnic lunch. To help our volunteers plan for the meal, please complete the bottom of this page, and place it in the offering plate or email (fhmc@foresthillschurch.org) or call your reservation into the church office (717-656-6227) by August 1.



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We (I) will attend the Picnic in the Park on Sunday, August 8.

Name(s): _____

Number of adults and youth _____

Number of children (ages 10 and under) _____