



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 5, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Grace Notes No. 2

Leanne Beidler, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Becky Degan-Piano, Jonny Bishop-Guitar

Michael Degan-Bass, Collin Gibbel-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Sam Clement

Song: *You Are Holy, You Are Whole*

Grace Notes No. 47

C O N N E C T I N G

Passing the Peace

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *O Worship the Lord*

Worship Book No. 124

Children's Time

Becky Degan

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *Holy Is the Lord*

Grace Notes No. 65

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14; James 2:14-20

Sermon: *Faith and Works: The Chicken and the Egg Debate*

Nina Harnish

Response Song: *In Christ Alone*

Grace Notes No. 60

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:

- ❖ Jake Bare recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Holly and CJ Donovan celebrating the milestone of Holly's father being able to return home after a long recovery from COVID-19.
- ❖ Ken Martin undergoing additional testing for his recent melanoma diagnosis.
- ❖ Our older seniors and others receiving extra care in long-term care facilities- Esther Zook, Mary Schlabach, and Eleanor Glick (Fairmount), John Smoker (Garden Spot Village), Arlene Leatherman, Jay Groff, Geneva Martin, Lila Neufeld, Mary Schroeder, Gene Siegrist (Landis Homes), Marian Rohrer (Pleasant View), Lucy Rudy (Oak Leaf Manor), Andy and Irene Ebersole (Mennonite Home).

Jake Bare had a successful surgery to remove skin cancer at Hershey Medical Center on Monday. He remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

Ken Martin was admitted to University of Virginia Hospital on Wednesday for additional testing. He remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

Holly Donovan's father, Rich Bomberger, was discharged from Fairmount Homes last week where he was receiving rehabilitation after a 9 1/2-month recovery from COVID-19. He will continue with therapy and dialysis. Holly and CJ have been providing care and support throughout the many months of his recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

The Agape Sunday school class welcomes others from the congregation to join them in discussing the book, *Living the Anabaptist Story*, authored by Lisa and Denny Weaver. The book tells stories of the first Anabaptists. Discussion will begin Sunday, September 19. Please contact Ron Weaver or Dan Hess for more information or if you have interest in attending so that materials can be obtained.

After the service on Sunday, September 19, we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and chairs and stay for a time of outdoor fellowship. We will have the pickleball net and volleyball net set up, feel free to bring your own lawn games as well. If it is raining, we will postpone until the next Sunday, September 26.

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Next Sunday, September 12, we will restart our coffee fellowship and the passing of the offering plates. Coffee and tea will be available before Sunday school, and light refreshments will be available after the service.

Plan to attend our state of the church meeting during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, September 12, when you will have the opportunity to give input on our proposed 2021-22 budget. Copies of the proposed budget were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Questions may be directed to any Church Council member.

What questions do you have about Christian nonviolence? Pastor Jon will be reflecting on how we follow the Prince of Peace in the midst of a violent world, and he would appreciate interacting with questions people have. You can email or text your questions to him by Wednesday, September 8.

Greeters are needed for November and December. If you are interested in serving our church community in this way, please contact Kathy Unangst at 717-656-2185 or klunan141@yahoo.com.

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's Annual Bookworm Frolic returns September 16 & 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and September 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Browse popular categories such as history, biography, children, fiction, religious, Christian fiction, and more. Hardback books will be \$3.00, and paperback books will be \$1.50. On Saturday, the books are half-priced, or fill a box for \$12.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the school/hygiene kit project for Mennonite Central Committee. 97 kits were collected for this project. If you have kits that have not yet been completed and returned to the church, please return them at your earliest convenience.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ **September 12:** Sunday School Hour – State of the Church Meeting. (Includes discussion on proposed budget.)
- ❖ **September 19:** After the service - Outdoor games and bring your own picnic.
- ❖ **September 22:** KFC begins (Preschool - Grade 5).
- ❖ **October 3:** Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **October 10:** Annual church business meeting.
- ❖ **October 26:** Atlantic Coast Conference fall assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Ron Weaver
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen
- ❖ Greeters: Joyce & Cliff Martin

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages.
- ❖ 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.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday - Labor Day holiday; church office closed.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Property Committee meeting.
- ❖ Friday - Sunday - MYF to Refreshing Mountain for the Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – State of the Church Meeting: An open forum in the fellowship hall for all adults to review and discuss the proposed 2021-2022 church budget.
- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach on *The Descending Spiral* based on Ephesians 6:10-20.

WEEKLY REPORT:

8/29: General Fund \$23,285

YTD Giving: \$625,103 **YTD Budget:** \$679,500 (- 8%)

Attendance : 133

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Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation ~ Lauren Krady - Administrator

Becky Bathurst ~ Youth and Young Adult Director

Randy Esch, Kay Hurst, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst, - Care Team