



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 12, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

Gathering Song: *Praise, I Will Praise You Lord*

Worship Book No. 76

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Ruth Ann Martin

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Nothing Is Lost

Grace Notes No. 24

When Peace Like a River

Worship Book No. 336

Your Peace Will Make Us One

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

Dismissal for Kids Church

(Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Offering Prayer

Offertory

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon: *The Descending Spiral*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Peace Before Us*

Grace Notes No. 39

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:

- ❖ Youth, leaders, and musicians participating in the ACC Youth Retreat this weekend.
- ❖ Abby Mosemann and Carson Lehman celebrating their wedding on Saturday.
- ❖ Warren and Linda Tyson grieving the sudden loss of Warren's brother Isaac.
- ❖ Alden Southwick recovering from back surgery.
- ❖ Sally Hooper anticipating and recovering from heart valve replacement surgery next week.
- ❖ Jake Bare continuing to recover from surgery.

Congratulations to Abby Mosemann and Carson Lehman on their wedding on Saturday, September 11. Abby is the daughter of Rose Mosemann. The couple will be living in Blue Ball.

We extend our condolences to Warren and Linda Tyson on the recent passing of Warren's brother, Isaac, last Friday. Prior to his death, Isaac and his wife Shirley lived in Palmyra, Pa.

Alden Southwick had back surgery on Thursday, September 9, at Wellspan Ephrata Community Hospital. He anticipates a short hospitalization with his recovery to continue at his home.

Sally Hooper is scheduled for open heart valve replacement surgery at Lancaster General Hospital on Tuesday.

Jake Bare was discharged from Hershey Medical Center last Friday and is continuing to recover at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Coffee Fellowship: Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

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.

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.

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After the service next 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.

Forest Hills received a letter of thanks from Bridge of Hope Lancaster for our recent Flex Fund donation of \$2,500, and from Mennonite Church USA for our recent donation of \$7,312.

Come to the Forest Hills Mennonite Church women's clothing swap on Tuesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. Bring all of your unwanted clothing items and swap for items you'd rather have! Women's clothing for any season, shoes, and accessories accepted. At the end of the evening whatever is left will be donated to MCC ReUzIt. Light snacks will be served. Bring a friend! We hope you'll join us! If you have any questions, contact Dana Shannon.

Parish Resource Center will host a bus tour of local historic churches. Lancaster City is blessed with a rich religious history. Many churches are over 200 years old and display exquisite architecture, stained glass windows, and other design elements. Join their knowledgeable tour guides to explore Lancaster City's historic churches on September 22, from 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. More information and tickets are available through their website: www.parishresourcecenter.org.

New copies of *Toolkit*, Everence's quarterly financial newsletter, are available for pick up in front of the church mailboxes.

KFC (Kids for Christ) will begin on Wednesday, September 22, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children in Preschool - Grade 5. Plan to participate and invite friends and neighbors to join you.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Adam Harnish is compiling a historical account of the last 25 years. Please fill out the survey on the bulletin insert and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ **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: Vernon Kauffman
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Scott Hertzog
- ❖ Greeters: Louetta Hurst, Chase Hurst
- ❖ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Lisa Spangler, Steven Spangler

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages. 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.
- ❖ 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 returns from Atlantic Coast Conference retreat.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 7 p.m. - Church council meeting.
- ❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. - Adelphian breakfast at New Holland Family restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jose Vargas, from Puerto Rico, will preach.
- ❖ After church - Bring your own picnic lunch and outdoor games.

WEEKLY REPORT:

9/5: General Fund \$5,436

2020-2021 Final: YTD Giving: \$632,203 **YTD Budget:** \$679,500 (- 7%)

Attendance : 115

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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

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

Forest Hills Mennonite Church 75th Anniversary Survey

Please fill out the following quick survey for the 75th Anniversary Forest Hills Mennonite Church historical account project. This data will be used to help shape the historical account as accurately as possible. Your responses can be anonymous. Your individual responses will only be examined by Adam Harnish, who promises that he does not know your handwriting. When you have completed the survey, please drop it off with a staff member or Adam Harnish.

Digital bulletin readers can choose to use this link to respond online:

 **FHMC 75th Anniversary Survey**

Thank you!

Your age:

Number of years you've been attending Forest Hills Mennonite Church:

How frequently do you attend Sunday morning services?

How frequently do you attend Sunday School?

How frequently do you participate in church-related activities outside of Sunday mornings?

What is the biggest issue that FHMC will face in the coming decade?

How important is FHMC's connection to the wider Mennonite Church (ACC, MCUSA, etc.)? (Very Important, Important, Somewhat Important, A Little Important, Not Important)

What's your favorite thing about Forest Hills Mennonite Church? (a brief, 1-10-word response is appreciated)