



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 10, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *In the Sweet By and By* Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman, Cal Roggie-Leaders
Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Sandy Smoker

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Rain Down

Grace Notes No. 46

All Who Are Thirsty

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Offering Prayer

Sung Offertory: *I am Weak and I Need Thy Strength*

Worship Book No. 553

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-17

Sermon: *Why Church?*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

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:

- 🍁 Phil and Janeth Duncan and Les and Cheryl Wagner returning to their 'winter' homes.
- 🍁 Those grieving the loss of friends and family.
- 🍁 Those experiencing chronic pain.
- 🍁 Gratitude for the Forest Hills community for the past 75 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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

October marks the 75th anniversary of Forest Hills Mennonite church. Cake will be on display in the lobby and then available in the kitchen area after the service in celebration of this milestone. Thank you to Jackie Nelson for making the cake.

Church directory information update forms for all Forest Hills attendees have been placed in church mailboxes. A new church directory will be published in November. Please complete these forms and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the tray in the church office by October 31. Family members or previous Forest Hills attendees who wish to be included in this directory are asked to contact the church office or complete one of the pink forms on the ledge beneath the mailboxes.

The Nickels for Neighbors collection jug has been placed by the Ushers' Room. Drop your spare coins or dollars into the jug to benefit the 2021 Atlantic Coast Conference Nickels for Neighbors grant. These donations will be given to the The New York Mennonite Immigration Program (NYMIP) to expand assistance for immigrant families within the New York City family shelters system with free legal assessments, referrals and service needs assessment for children and families.

The Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly will be held in-person at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in on Saturday, October 23. The worship and delegate session will begin at 9:00 a.m. The afternoon session will feature Professor Drew Strait who will speak and lead conversation on *The Bible and Christian Nationalism: Faithful Leadership in a World of Political Idolatry*. Registration, reports, and details can be found on their website: www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Nursery volunteers needed! Caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this small but important class. This ministry makes it possible for young families to join our fellowship. Volunteers should be aware that children of this age cannot wear masks, so volunteers should be properly masked while in the nursery. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or contact Liz Clapper as soon as possible.

Interested in joining others in a small group? Small groups are gatherings of 6-10 people who meet regularly for informal conversation, connection, and encouragement. We are beginning to explore to see who has interest in being a part of a small group. Contact Nina Harnish at nina@foresthillschurch.org to learn more.

This Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m., Lois Stoltzfus will be hosting *Create*, an evening of crafting and fellowship at the church. Bring any project you're working on - knitting, scrapbooking, painting, etc. - and work on it in the fellowship hall alongside of other women. Or just come visit and chat. For questions or more information contact Lois Stoltzfus at fourcats@ptd.net.

Atlantic Coast Conference's Peace and Justice Committee is once again collecting grocery boxes to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee throughout the region. Please pick up a box in the church foyer, along with a suggested list of contents, and return it to the church by next Sunday, October 17. For more information on this project visit <https://atlanticcoastconference.net/groceries/>.

Forest Hills will host a Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health blood drive here on Thursday, November 4, from 2-7 p.m. This event is open to the community and walk-ins are welcome, but they do appreciate if you can sign up ahead of time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8ac2ca6fec61-blood7>.

LOOKING AHEAD

-  **October 23:** Atlantic Coast Conference fall assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church.
-  **November 4:** Blood drive at Forest Hills.

MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12)

-  **October 17:** Barn party with Community Mennonite youth at the Hertzogs' barn.
-  **October 24:** Fall Fun Night preparation.
-  **October 31:** Fall Fun Night with Forest Hills kids.
-  **November 6-7:** Fall yard work fundraiser weekend.

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, Jim Shannon, Dana Shannon
- ❖ Greeters: Andrew & Raquel Bodden
- ❖ Befrienders: Allon & Doris Lefever
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Annual business meeting and budget vote during the Sunday School hour and 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.
- ❖ After the service - 75th Anniversary cake in the kitchen and Jr. Youth to the Rodaks' house.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) MYF parent meeting.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 1 p.m. - Care Team meeting.
- ❖ Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies' craft and fellowship evening.
- ❖ Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ) for Preschool - Grade 5 children.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8).
- ❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. - Adelphian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach on *Why Church!*
- ❖ MYF Barn party at the Hertzogs' farm.

WEEKLY REPORT:

10/3: General Fund \$9001; Student Aid Fund \$100; YTD Income: \$41,583

Attendance : 116

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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 ~ Lesley Wenger - Custodian

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

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 4, 2021

- Leadership Reports:

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon dealt with a case of COVID for himself and then his family; started a new sermon series exploring why the church exists and why we participate in it; started onboarding for both Becky Bathurst and for Alex Kachkovskiy, our volunteer from MCC. He is also continuing to monitor the trajectory of the COVID pandemic.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Began KfC – they had one in-person meeting with 6 kids (6 did not come because they were quarantining). She moved the next meeting to Zoom to include quarantining families and had 12 kids attend. She has started planning for Sunday School and Kids' Church for November and December as well as for Advent.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – She has stayed connected with individuals having health or personal crises; helped coordinate an intergenerational picnic activity in September; has been supporting an initiative for beginning a women's craft/social evening run by Lois Stoltzfus; had some home visits with newer attendees; and is exploring a small group initiative.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director – Alex plans to join the group for many of their youth events this year. The MYF went to Gifford Pinchot state park for an overnight camping trip. Junior Youth began meeting on September 22, and they have a fall schedule that includes both lessons and fun activities planned. She has also begun reaching out to the Young Adults to ask for their input on what they are looking for from this program.

Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission – The committee approved a Flex Fund request for missionaries in Eastern Mennonite Missions. They are having a committee meeting in November.

- FLEX FUND:** Sam presented an updated Flex Fund policy for council review. This policy will give higher donations to organizations in which multiple congregants are involved. The policy was adjusted due to our proposed budget allocating more money to the Flex Fund in which congregants can nominate the organizations that will be recipients of these funds. Requests will be reviewed quarterly.

- FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE:** Treasurer Sam Clement reported that income is typical for this time of year. We continue to be in a stable financial position.

- ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE OFFICES:** Sam has been in contact with Merv Stoltzfus from Atlantic Coast Conference about where they will be renting office space after the sale of Locust Grove. Forest Hills has a large amount of unused building space, and it might be prudent to rent some of it out. Sam will continue conversations with Merv to see if this could be a good fit.

- CONTINUED COVID DISCUSSION:** Council will not currently make any other mandates regarding COVID prevention measures. We will continue to revisit this issue monthly as needed.

Complete meeting minutes are available in a binder in the church library.