



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 17, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Notes No. 61

Becky Degan-Leader, Piano

Jonny Bishop-Guitar, Collin Gibbel-Drums

Milt Stoltzfus

Call to Worship and Invocation

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Blessing and Honor (Ancient of Days)

Grace Notes No. 34

Lord, I Need You

Children's Time

Milt Stoltzfus

Dismissal for Kids Church

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

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount*

Worship Book No. 521

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

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:

- 🔥 Bonnie Zimmerman mourning the loss of her sister.
- 🔥 Esther and Joe O'Hara adjusting to their new home in Luther Acres.
- 🔥 Vernon Schroeder recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- 🔥 Reconciliation in our homes, church community, nation, and throughout the world.

We extend our condolences to Bonnie Zimmerman on the recent passing of her sister, Joy Martin. Prior to her death, she resided in Ephrata.

Vernon Schroeder was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital on Friday, October 8, and was discharged on Monday to the Ephrata House at Landis Homes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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

The voting period for our 2021-22 church budget has ended and the proposed budget has been approved. Thank you to all of those who gave feedback and voted.

Church directory information update forms for all Forest Hills attendees have been placed in church mailboxes. Please complete these forms and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the tray in the church office by October 31.

This is the last week for the Nickels for Neighbors collection in the lobby. 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 on Saturday, October 23. 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.

Filled grocery boxes should be returned to the church today, October 17. Please return all outstanding boxes so that they can be taken to the Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly on October 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Prayer shawl ministry will meet this Monday, October 18, at 7 p.m. If you want to learn to knit or would simply like to participate in this ministry, this opportunity is for you! If you have questions, contact Becky Siegrist.

Nursery volunteers needed! Caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this small but important class. 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.

The MYF is hosting a Fall Party for our church families, their children, and grandchildren on October 31, from 6-8 p.m. There will be fun, games, and activities for our toddlers up through those in 5th grade. Please RSVP to Becky Bathurst if you plan to attend: bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org. We hope to see you here at church that night!

Need help raking leaves, cleaning out those flowerbeds, or other outdoor yard work? The MYF is offering their services on November 6 & 7 and will be accepting donations for their work. There will be a table in the foyer for you to sign-up, or you can email Becky at bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org with details of the job and preference for day and time. We will have limited time slots available, so sign up early!



Blossom Hill Mennonite Church is seeking a personable, reliable, and organized person to manage the congregation's office. The time commitment is 20+ hours a week. Hours are flexible. Good computer skills and experience with QuickBooks is preferred. A more detailed job description is available upon request. Interested candidates should email resume to Jeff Martin at roth5martin@gmail.com.

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 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: Lee Charles
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen
- ❖ Greeters: The Lefever Family
- ❖ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Jeanette & Vernon Rice



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.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Barn party at the Hertzogs' home.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 7 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- ❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. - Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach on *The Good Ol' Days*, based on Isaiah 43:14-21.
- ❖ MYF Fall party preparation.

WEEKLY REPORT:

10/10: General Fund \$6,483; Refugee Education Fund \$550

YTD Income: \$48,037; YTD Budget \$72,663 (-34%)

Attendance : 148

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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, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst, - Care Team