



April 24, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude Ben Schnabel-Piano
Gathering Song: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Worship Book No. 340
Call to Worship and Invocation Gemma Rodak
Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing
What A Fellowship Grace Notes No. 70
When I Survey/The Wonderful Cross
Offering Prayer
Offertory: *This Is My Father's World* Worship Book No. 154
Children's Time Janette Lile

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Sermon Alex Kachkovskyi
Response Song: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Worship Book No. 574

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer Jon Carlson
Benediction
Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ❖ Jay Groff and Pat and Randy Ranck and their family mourning the loss of Doris Groff.
- ❖ Mabel Stoltzfus recuperating from a fall which caused a broken arm.
- ❖ Gene and Doris Kreider as Gene is receiving hospice care.
- ❖ College graduates completing their education and seeking employment.

We extend our condolences to Jay Groff and Pat and Randy Ranck and their family on the passing of Doris Groff, who passed away on Tuesday, April 19. A memorial service will be held at Forest Hills on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. followed by light refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Welcome Guests! We are glad you are with us today. We hope that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us today and will find yourself renewed and challenged in your journey with God. Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth for those that need them. Let us know you're here by scanning the QR code and filling out the online Visitor Form:



Thank you to Alex Kachkovskiy for bringing us our Sunday morning message. Alex is volunteering here at church as well as Fairmount Homes this year through Mennonite Central Committee and their IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program).

Forest Hills collected 2,436 coins for the Mennonite Central Committee *My Coins Count* program with a total donation of \$174.19 at the PA Relief Sale. Thank you to all who donated.

This coming Wednesday, April 27, marks the end of our Wednesday evening activities for this season. KfC and Junior Youth will resume meeting in the fall. Thanks to all the leaders and participants who made these programs a meaningful and worthwhile experience this past year.

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces are striking major cities and casualties continue to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. Donate today by visiting mcc.org/Ukraine or send donation checks to: MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata needs volunteers ages 18 and over from now through December to assist with the MRC's recycling efforts, which generate over \$400,000 annually in income for MCC. Volunteers will bale textiles, cardboard, and paper and prepare books for recycling. For more information and to get involved, contact the MRC at 717-733-2847 and ask to speak with Marilyn Peters, MRC Volunteer Coordinator.

If your class, commission, or committee has meetings or activities planned for the month of May, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, April 27, so that they can be included on the next church calendar.

Save the dates for *Monumental*, our Summer Kids' Program this year. Children ages PreK-5th grade are invited to join us as we have fun learning about God's love. We will be meeting from 9-11 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27.

The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue: Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors. Visit their [website](#) to read more.

Lancaster Mennonite School has several needs for host homes for LM students and IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) persons coming up this summer and for next school year:

- Two persons that will be volunteering at the school through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) next school year.
- Three LM Chinese students have requested help finding homestays for June 5 to August 15. Contact Christy Horst for more details: horstcl@lancastermennonite.org.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ **May 15** - Youth Sunday & Baptisms.
- ❖ **August 14** - Service in the Park.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ **May 13** - Lock-in.
- ❖ **May 22** - Game night.
- ❖ **July 10-16** - Service week in Brooklyn, NY.

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, Rod Lefever, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Mike Rheinheimer
- ❖ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst & Marty Peifer

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) Road rally.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Wednesday Evening Activities:
 - 6:30 - KfC (Kids for Christ) for PreK - Grade 5 children.
 - 7:00 - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8).

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Jon Carlson will preach on *What Just Happened?*
- ❖ MYF - Service day at Lancaster Conservancy.

WEEKLY REPORT

4/17 General Fund \$10,969

YTD Income \$412,493; YTD Budget \$399,649 (+3%)

Attendance : 294

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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

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 4, 2022

- **MC USA RESOLUTIONS:** Council engaged in a discussion with delegates Erin Hershey, Allon Lefever, and Keith Stuckey about how they might best represent the congregation when it comes time to vote at the Assembly. After reviewing the survey results and other verbal feedback, each delegate affirmed that they have heard these responses and are prepared to represent the congregation at the Assembly. While each stated that they have an inclination on how they will vote, they are also open to the Spirit's leading as they hear further discussion at the Assembly.

- **LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon has had ongoing conversation regarding the MC USA resolutions; worked with Becky Degan on the Lenten sermon series focused on the Psalms and human emotion. Jon is working with Becky Bathurst on the baptism classes and is planning sermons for post-Easter, including two weeks on shifts in Christian faith within the culture. Jon noted that the demands on his time as moderator-elect of MC USA are becoming a bit more intense as May's Assembly nears.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky helped the KFC kids with two service projects – making items for senior bags and centerpieces for the Easter Breakfast. For the Easter service, she is leading two choir rehearsals and working on options for others' involvement. She and Janette Lile will once again lead a kids' program on Wednesday mornings this summer using Group's *Momentum* VBS curriculum. Christian Education Commission plans to meet in mid-April.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina is staying connected with individuals having health or personal crises; co-leading the new Sunday School class; supporting two individuals in Hospice care and three in treatment for cancer; led the MYF Spiritual Retreat with her husband Craig; prepared Easter care bags for our seniors; and helped a committee plan a women's social activity.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director – Becky assisted Junior Youth and the MYF in a combined Pinewood Derby and meal fundraiser attended by approximately 170 people. Eight students attended the MYF's Spiritual Retreat held at Camp Eder with input from Nina and Craig Harnish. Young adults joined the MYF for a game night hosted by the Clappers. Junior Youth is planning summer activities including an August retreat at Paradise Lake. The MYF will soon begin planning for Youth Sunday on May 15, and baptism classes will start in early April with baptism also scheduled for May 15.

Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission – Andrew submitted a written report stating that a Mission and Service Investment Fund grant of \$ 2,073.95 was approved for the team that served at a Mennonite Disaster Service project in Paradise, California. The Commission will be meeting this month to review two pending Flex Fund requests and one Mission and Service Investment Fund request.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – Lauren noted that progress is being made on the renovations for the area of the building to be used for Atlantic Coast Conference offices. Sam and Jerry met with the Property Committee to discuss future sanctuary repairs and updates.

- **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE:** Treasurer Sam Clement reported that year-to-date giving is ahead of budget and ahead of last year's giving at this same time in the year. Worship Resources is slightly over budget due to the purchase of a listening device system to be used by those with difficulty hearing. This device is available for use by anyone upon request from a tech in the sound booth.