



May 1, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude Woodlands Trio
Gathering Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth* Worship Book No. 89
Opening and Call to Worship Dan Hess
Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing
There's A Wild Hope in the Wind
Just As I Am (I Come Broken)
Offering Prayer
Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision/Handel's Largo: Irish Melody*
Children's Time Becky Degan
Special Music: *All Through the Night/Steal Away*

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Ephesian 4:1-16
Sermon: *What Just Happened?* Jon Carlson
Response Song: *Goodness of God*

S E N D I N G

Mission Spotlight: Chestnut Housing Cop Chad Martin
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:

- ❖ Doris Kreider and her family mourning the loss of Gene.
- ❖ Paul Eckert receiving rehabilitation following a recent hospitalization.
- ❖ Jay Groff receiving hospice care.
- ❖ Keary Larson anticipating and then adjusting to living in a new area.

We extend our condolences to Doris Kreider on the passing of her husband, Gene, on Saturday, April 23. On Sunday, May 1, there will be family visitation at 3 p.m., a memorial service at 4 p.m., and a meal following the service.

Paul Eckert was hospitalized last week at Ephrata Community Hospital for an infection and was transferred to the rehab unit at Landis Homes on Monday.

Keary Larson is moving to Ft. Myers, Florida on May 12, to begin a new job with Lee County Electric Co-op to continue his career in mapping.

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:



Visitor Form

Today Chad Martin will be joining us to introduce Chestnut Housing Corp, an affordable housing ministry founded by East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. Chestnut Housing is seeking opportunities to partner with local congregations and individuals to expand its mission to support families and individuals at risk of homelessness. Learn more at: <https://www.ecsmc.org/chestnut-housing-corporation/>; or by emailing Chad at chadralphmartin@gmail.com.

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.

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Thank you to the *Woodlands Trio* for providing special music for our worship service this morning. The *Woodlands Trio* is an ensemble for horn (Josh Stroup), cello (Jack Rutt) and piano (Phyllis Stuckey). The idea for the group originated in March 2020 after all three musicians moved to Warwick Woodlands, a neighborhood within Moravian Manor Communities. Josh first suggested the trio idea and after gathering a few pieces the group found it workable and enjoyable. One of the first pieces that “clicked” was *All Through the Night/Steal Away* which has become one of the group’s favorites.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services current needs:

- Food Bank: Pop-Top Cans of soups, ravioli, pasta.
- Volunteers on Thursdays (1-2 times per month) in the Clothing Bank.
- Birthday Bags: Include a box of cake mix, tub of icing, party favor (balloons, streamers, noisemaker, etc.), disposable aluminum cake pan, and decorative paper plates/napkins.
- Gardeners: as you plan/prepare your gardens this Spring, consider adding a 10% increase to share with the CVCCS Food Bank.

The Annual Bridge of Hope Gala is on May 6, at 12 p.m. You will hear updates and stories from Bridge of Hope, and enjoy a presentation by Christie Purifoy, author, gardener and placemaker. Her message of cultivating community and a sense of place is the essence of the Bridge of Hope mission. Virtual tickets are still available through the Bridge of Hope website <https://bridgeofhopeinc.org/gala/>.

Lancaster MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is planning to host Mike Mason, Chief Program Officer of ASSETS, to speak about ASSETS involvement in the development of the Southern Market project. Hear about plans for MEDA Convention 2022 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square and how you can get involved. The event will be on Wednesday, May 25, at 5 p.m. at Southern Market –100 S Queen St., Lancaster. The cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by May 23 at <https://www.meda.org/event/southern-market-networking-event-lancaster-hub/>.

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.

The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Annual Spring Assembly

ACC held its annual spring assembly on Saturday, April 23, at James Street Mennonite Church. Most churches in the conference were represented with over 70 people attending in person and a number more online. Seven people attended from Forest Hills including delegates, agency representatives, and interested persons.

The agenda included:

- Worship time
- Nickels for Neighbors which will be buying supplies for the New Holland daycare program, celebrating its 40th year of outreach with over 120 participants. We saw a video of last year's gift of an impressive Gaga court at City School in Philadelphia.
- Story telling from Ridgeview Mennonite informing us of a new initiative for connecting with the community and how it came together with two groups independently seeking God's directive.
- Accepting the minutes of the final Fall meeting (Note: From now on the spring assembly will be the only assembly for the year.)
- Finance update and new budget
- Vote on new Leadership positions
- Updates on the Congregational Leadership Fund which is holding steady in spite of some market shifts
- Reviewing the ACC leadership structures. In this session there was talk of the increased stresses due to the pandemic, politics, and a culture of intolerance. There was reference made of John Rudy's book, *Unity in Diversity*. John was a member of Forest Hills.

An afternoon session on Questions and Conversation about the MC USA Delegate Business Session had strong interest both by delegates planning to attend the special session in Kansas City and others wanting more information. It was led by Gina Burkhart and Lynn Brubaker, and the key resource person was Jon Carlson. Participants introduced themselves and their congregation and could ask a question. There were many questions about the process such as are we working on simple majority, why is the proposal on forgiveness and repentance a two-phase vote, and how are amendments going to be handled. Hard questions were asked, and the discussion stayed focused in a spirit of respect.

-Herb Hoover
Forest Hills ACC Delegate

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: Jim Shannon, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Brenda Verghese
- ❖ Befrienders: Becky & Les Siegrist
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Norma & Bruce Stauffer

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.
- ❖ 1 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Service day at Lancaster Conservancy.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ No events.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Jon Carlson will preach on *Now What?* based on Ephesians 4:17-32.
- ❖ Mothers' Day.

WEEKLY REPORT

4/24 General Fund \$15,726

YTD Income \$428,219; YTD Budget \$411,759 (+4%)

Attendance : 156

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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

