



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

June 12, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Here in This Place*

Worship Book No. 6

Call to Worship and Invocation

Evanna Hess

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Notes No. 61

Children's Time

Becky Degan

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Romans 14:1-19

Sermon: *How Do I Belong?*

Jon Carlson

The Bread and the Cup

Closing Song: *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Worship Book No. 226

S E N D I N G

Benediction

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

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

- ❖ Those who are grieving the loss of family members: Mel Zimmerman family, Carole Siegrist and family, and Kay and Willie Hurst.
- ❖ Jon, Lyn, and their family traveling with the Mennonite Children's Choir in Czech Republic.
- ❖ Those struggling with depression and anxiety.

We extend our condolences to Mel Zimmerman's family on the passing of Mel on June 2, at Woodcrest Villa. His memorial service was at Forest Hills on Wednesday, June 8.

We extend our condolences to Carol Siegrist on the passing of her husband, Gene, on June 4, at Landis Homes. His memorial service was at Forest Hills on Thursday, June 9.

We extend our condolences to Kay and Willie Hurst on the recent passing of Kay's sister, Ann Hawk, of North Carolina.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Welcome Guests! We're 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. Let us know you're here by scanning the QR code and filling out the online Visitor Form:



During communion this week, all baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others are invited to come forward to Nina Harnish to receive a blessing. We will have two options: there will be a self-serve table in the middle with prepackaged elements. If you would like to do intinction there are servers on both sides. Please walk up the middle aisle and then proceed to your preferred table. Ushers will dismiss by rows. Servers will be available to serve those who are unable to walk to the front.

Pastor Jon will be out of the office June 14 – July 8. The Carlson family will be serving with the Mennonite Children's Choir on a tour in the Czech Republic and Germany. Jon will be the pastoral and technical chaperone, Lyn will be serving as an advisor and logistics chaperone, and the kids will help with tech, service, set-up, tear-down, etc. They will also take a few extra days to reconnect with some of Lyn's colleagues from when she served in France with Eastern Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Our annual church picnic will be held this Sunday, June 12, here at church, rain or shine. Arrive any time after 4 p.m. and supper will be at 5:30 p.m. The church will provide hot dogs, drinks, and *Rice's Ice* for dessert. Attendees should bring a large main or side dish to share, place settings, and lawn chairs.

We are planning to have our annual Service in the Park on Sunday, August 14. In order to have our usual luncheon that follows the service, we will need volunteers to coordinate the meal. If you would be willing to volunteer for this role this year, please speak to a staff member as soon as possible.

The church nursery needs volunteers. If you are able to help for either Sunday school or worship hour, sign up in the bulletin board in the lobby. June 26 and July 3 some of our regular volunteers are away so we are looking for help on those dates especially.

Atlantic Coast Conference will be relocating their offices to Forest Hills Mennonite Church this month. ACC is looking for 4-5 volunteers to help load a truck at Locust Grove and unload at FHMC on the morning of Saturday, June 18 starting at 10 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brook Musselman before June 7: brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net.

CVCCS (Conestoga Valley Christian Community Service) is close to their goal of 3,000 meals for their Summer Lunch program. Meals start June 13. \$15 provides three meals, \$40 provides eight meals, \$100 provides 20 meals, and so on. Donate on their website: www.cvccs.org/summer-lunch-donations.

"We want to thank everyone who sent us cards, texts, emails and made phone calls to us in the passing of my brother. We have felt the love of God flowing through each and every one of you. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring community."
- Toby & Lonnie Leaman

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ **June 18** - Atlantic Coast Conference relocates offices to Forest Hills.
- ❖ **August 14** - Service in the Park.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ **June 26** - Jonny & Jess Bishop's house.
- ❖ **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: Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Collette Carlson, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Joyce & Cliff Martin
- ❖ Befrienders: Donna & Cal Roggie
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Norma & Bruce Stauffer

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the fellowship hall - *Witness to Grief: Panel of Widows.*
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 4 p.m. - Church picnic.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Adelphian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Adult Sunday School elective - *Witness to The Life of a Refugee Family: Update on the Khilo family and the work of Church World Services.*
- ❖ Becky Degan will preach on *Trust the Process* based on, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

WEEKLY REPORT

5/29 General Fund \$14,221; Student Aid \$100; Refugee Education \$1,950

6/5 General Fund 4,466; Refugee Education \$50

YTD Income \$495,821; YTD Budget \$484,423 (+2%)

Attendance : 159

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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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 6, 2022

- **MC USA RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION:** Mennonite Church USA has passed the three resolutions and a proposal for study at a special Assembly meeting in May. Jesse Hurst, Erin Hershey, Allon Lefever and Keith Stuckey were delegates there and joined us for sharing about how it went. Jesse said it was a fun experience and people seemed to be active listeners instead of just forcing their view. Keith shared that although there were extreme voices on both sides, most people were trying to find common ground. Erin shared that the people she spoke with also had diverse views.
 - Jerry Lile and Jon Carlson received some follow-up emails and conversations from congregants on both sides of the issues that were voted on, once again showing that our congregation has varying viewpoints. While some people think we should leave MC USA others are happy with the outcomes.
 - One council member was very concerned about the resolution process and feels that every resolution still leaves a lot up to the church and/or conference and seems unnecessarily divisive.
 - Council has different voices and opinions about MC USA, LGBTQ, and the resolutions that were passed but all agree that conversations should continue in a way that makes people feel heard.
 - Jon and Jerry will work on a communication to the congregation about the results of the votes and how it potentially affects our congregation.

- **LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon is thinking through congregational and broader church discernment regarding MC USA current resolutions and the future of the resolutions process. He is eager to hear informal feedback about MC USA and welcomes council members keeping open lines of communication as conversations unfold. He has been working with MCC, Sam Clement, and Alex to explore Alex's post-IVPE options. He baptized two youths on May 15. He will be preaching a two-week sermon series on *Belonging*, as well as a summer sermon series on Ephesians beginning in July.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – She is working to fill the summer Sunday School schedule with teachers for the two kids' classes. We are VERY short on teachers at the moment. Janette will be helping to lead the summer kids' program again this year. Dates will be Wednesdays, June 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27. They will be using the Group VBS curriculum *Monumental*. Several new families expressed interest and will be encouraging FH families to invite friends.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – She has been staying connected with individuals having health or personal crises, co-leading the 25-30ish Sunday school class, planning the summer adult elective schedule, and connecting with new attendees. 14 individuals have been in the new Sunday school class at some point the past months. In addition, Craig, Nina, Lyn, and Jon have given some leadership throughout the quarter. We hope to have a couple of social events over the summer and plan to continue to meet in the fall. Nina will be preaching on June 26 while Jon is away.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director – Wednesday night activities ended at the end of April, but they will be holding one Jr. Youth event per month during the months that they don't meet on Wednesdays. This is a change from previous years. In May the Jr Youth joined the MYF for a service day with the Lancaster Conservancy, and this month they had a campout. In May she ran the MYF Lock-in, Youth Sunday with 20 students, and the baptism of two students. This summer they will have the Jr. Youth welcome/farewell pool party, MYF service week at the Brooklyn Peace Center in NYC, and an MYF welcome/farewell day overnight to Camp Swatara. A young adult event is scheduled as well. She needs to find new youth advisors for the coming church year, especially since she will be on maternity leave in the fall.

Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission – Norma Stauffer is heading a 12-member team of volunteers who plan to work with a family through Bridge of Hope. The entire team participated in a five-hour training session in March, either in a group setting or online at their individual homes. \$2,000 Flex Funds requests for Camp Hebron and Fairmount Homes were approved. A \$5,000 Mission and Service grant was approved for the Carlson's trip to Europe where they will be serving the Chamber Choir of Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster on a tour. Jon will be the pastoral and technical chaperone, Lyn will be serving as a teacher, and logistics chaperone, and the kids will help with tech and set-up tear-down etc.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – Work continues on the back wing of the building in preparation for Atlantic Coast Conference office staff to move in mid-June. A new exterior door was installed for them to use as an entrance (next to garage). Windows were added to three interior doors for the offices. The new magnetic lock and intercom system was installed. New electrical outlets, wifi booster, and data jacks were installed. The rooves on the sanctuary and the two-story classroom building were replaced. The back ladies' restroom was painted and got a new mirror and light. Work will continue on the update of the restrooms as the painter and volunteers have time.

- **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE:** Treasurer Sam Clement reported that year-to-date giving is ahead of budget which is good for summer. Most areas are running under budget except for Worship Resources and salaries and wages, this is mostly due to our international volunteer. We remain in a strong financial position.
- **IVEP VOLUNTEER:** Council had a conversation about Alex, our international volunteer, and where he will go at the end of his term in July since Ukraine is at war. Mennonite Central Committee has been working with him to explore options.
- **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:** This policy was updated with language to reflect our current procedures. The revised policy was voted on and accepted.

Complete minutes are available in the church library.