



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 31, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Grace Notes No. 2

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst

Michael Degan, Leanne Beidler, Sheila Snyder-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Bathurst

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

How Great Is Our God

How Can We Be Silent

Grace Notes No. 13

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount*

Worship Book No. 521

Children's Time

Janette Lile

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon: *One New Humanity*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Break Dividing Walls*

S E N D I N G

Mission Spotlight: *The Potter's House*

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:**

- ❖ Lee Charles and his family mourning the loss of his wife, Leenie.
- ❖ Barb Weatherholtz and Joyce Peifer receiving radiation treatments.
- ❖ Those who are participating in camps this coming week (Christian, Kieren, Collette, Micah, Ady).

We extend our condolences to Lee Charles and his family on the passing of his wife, Leenie, on July 26. Her memorial service was on Saturday, July 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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

Welcome Guests! We're glad you are with us today. We hope that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us 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:



On Sunday, August 14, we will hold our morning worship service in West Earl Lions Park beginning at 10 a.m. Plan to stay after the service to fellowship and enjoy lunch. Please fill out the RSVP form in the bulletin or contact the church office if you are attending so we know how much food to order.

Lauren Krady will be out of the church office Monday-Wednesday enjoying some time at the beach with her family.

The summer issue of the Atlantic Coast Conference quarterly publication, *Currents*, has arrived. Pick up a copy in front of the church mailboxes to take home. This periodical has stories and articles about local and national items within the denomination.

Forest Hills received a letter of thanks from Atlantic Coast Conference for our recent donation of \$11,000.

Greeters are needed for September and October! Please take out your calendars to see which dates you are available and then contact Kathy Unangst at 717-656-2185 or klunan141@yahoo.com. Please act quickly!

WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 – 10 a.m.
West Earl Twp. Lions Park - Talmage

On Sunday, August 14, we will gather for our morning worship service at 10 a.m. in the **West Earl Township Lions Park** on Route 772 North between Talmage and Brownstown. Invite your friends and neighbors to this outdoor worship celebration! In case of rain, the service will be relocated to the church.

Following the service there will be barbecue chicken, chips, applesauce, ice cream, and bottled water available. If you would like other sides, please feel free to bring additional picnic items for your family.

Feel free to stay and enjoy an afternoon in the park. The park has a great path for walking or biking, a playground, and is located next to a stream where you can go wading or fishing.

Items to bring:

- Lawn chairs or blankets for seating in the shaded lawn area of the park.
- Table games, lawn games, bikes, etc.
- Donations will be accepted toward the cost of the food.

To help our volunteers plan for the food, please complete the bottom of this page, and place it in the offering plate **or** email (fhmc@foresthillschurch.org) **or** call your reservation into the church office (717-656-6227) by August 7.



RSVP BY AUGUST 7

Count me in for lunch at Service in the Park on Sunday, August 14.

Name(s): _____

Number of adults and youth _____

Number of children (ages 10 and under) _____

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH - CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 20, 2022

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon has had extensive conversations regarding the MC USA delegate actions; participated in three funerals; took some vacation time; and is preaching a sermon series on Ephesians. He noted that changing makeup of the congregation offers new opportunities and also some challenges.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky reported that the kids' summer program is over halfway complete with a total of 28 kids attending from 13 different families - eight that attend Forest Hills. Becky preached once in June and is now planning the fall KFC schedule and recruiting teachers for Sunday School classes and preparing for the 2022-23 year.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina is staying connected with individuals having health or personal crises; is leading the summer Sunday School elective that has had positive feedback thus far; is connecting and visiting with new attendees; preached one sermon; and participated in four funerals in June and July. Nina has also been paying increased attention to patterns/reasons folks aren't attending regularly; has communicated with Class Shepherds regarding the upcoming church year; and is re-evaluating the current structure and methods of the church library.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director – Becky reported that Junior Youth had an overnight campout in June; the MYF service week was held in July with a group of 12 students and 5 adults serving with the Brooklyn Peace Center in Brooklyn, NY; and the Young Adults were offered an evening gathering but there were no takers due to scheduling conflicts. Junior Youth has a Welcome/Farewell Pool Party scheduled, and moving up Sunday, when new 6th graders will be invited to join Junior Youth, is scheduled for August 7. The MYF Welcome/Farewell is an overnight trip to Camp Swatara; new freshmen will be welcomed to this event and all future MYF activities. Young Adults will be offered one more event this summer, and a decision will be made about restarting the Adopt-a-Student program in the upcoming weeks. Finding volunteer leaders for the MYF continues to be a challenge. One new advisor has committed for the coming year, and Becky is waiting for the response of two others.

Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission – Andrew said the Commission is processing a Mission and Service Investment Fund request for a Mennonite Disaster experience in California. They are also looking at two recently submitted Flex Fund requests.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – On behalf of the Property Committee, Lauren reported that Atlantic Coast Conference has completed its move to our facility, and sharing the space is working out well; a new commercial-grade dehumidifier was purchased for the basement at a cost of \$2,300; and estimates are being gathered to determine if there are enough funds to replace the solar lounge carpet before the end of this fiscal year.

Kevin Hersch, Discernment Committee – Kevin presented the slate for positions that need to be filled by this Committee for the 2022-23 church year. Most positions have been filled except for the Youth Member on the Worship Commission. Becky Bathurst will give this opening some thought and respond to Kevin. The slate will be presented to the congregation through the bulletin on August 7, and a vote of affirmation will be received on August 21.

– **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Treasurer Sam Clement reported that income slipped slightly below budget for the first time in quite a while. Cash in the Restricted Funds was reduced primarily due to the Future Capital Projects Fund expenditure for roof replacement. The Lancaster Mennonite School Church Partnership Fund has a negative balance, but there are pledges to cover this deficit. It was noted that fewer contributions are being made to the Refugee Education Fund resulting in a deficit in this account as well. Several ideas for how we might add income to this Fund were discussed. Most of the budget line items are on target with expectations. However, Conference Travel is over budget due to a decision to increase the percentage of travel costs for our delegates who attended the May MC USA meeting. Nevertheless, income does exceed overall expenses – a good spot to be in at this time of year.

- **BUDGET AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:** Sam presented a first draft of the proposed 2022-23 budget. Final requests from several commissions are still pending. After these amounts are submitted, Council will vote to approve the proposed budget and then present it to the congregation for review prior to the State of the Church meeting on September 18. After that meeting, Council will discuss any feedback received and present the final budget proposal to the congregation for a vote at the end of the service on October 2.

- **FACILITIES USE POLICY:** Council approved amendments to current sanctuary usage guidelines. These guidelines will include a requirement and fee for a Forest Hills sound tech to be present at all non-congregational uses of the sanctuary. A fee was also added for hosts at these events.

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ❖ Head Usher: Ron Weaver
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jim and Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Louetta Hurst, Chase Hurst, Hunter Hurst
- ❖ Befrienders: Becky Siegrist, Ruth Ann Martin
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Bonnie & Denny Sharp

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the fellowship hall: *Witness to Changes in Communication*: Nina Harnish and Adam Harnish.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 12 p.m. – Jr. Youth Welcome/Farewell pool party at Chad and Coleen Hursts' home.
- ❖ 5 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) pool party at Chad and Coleen Hursts' home.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday-Wednesday – Church office closed.
- ❖ Saturday-Sunday – MYF Welcome/Farewell overnight at Camp Swatara.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Adult Sunday School Elective – *Witness to Compassion: Panel of Those Who Have Siblings with Disabilities*.
- ❖ Pastor Jon Carlson will preach a sermon based on Ephesians 3:1-13.

WEEKLY REPORT

7/24: General Fund \$7,227

YTD Income \$563,079; YTD Budget \$569,197 (-1%)

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