



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 7, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *You Are Holy (You Are Whole)*

Grace Notes No. 47

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst, Daryl Eshleman, Don Nelson

Michael Degan, Carlos Rodriguez-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Ruth Ann Martin

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

This Is Amazing Grace/Holy, Holy, Holy

O Praise the Name

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *There Was Jesus*

Worship Team

Children's Time

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *All Who Are Thirsty*

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

Sermon: *Reality Check*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Your Labor is Not in Vain*

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:

- ❖ Cal and Donna Roggie serving at Beaver Camp for the next month.
- ❖ Our older seniors and others receiving extra care in long-term care facilities or at home—Esther Zook, Ruth Hooper, and Eleanor Glick (Fairmount), Geneva Martin, Lila Neufeld, Mary Schroeder (Landis Homes), Marian Rohrer (Pleasant View), Lucy Rudy (Oak Leaf Manor), Andy and Irene Ebersole (Mennonite Home), Doris Kreider (home).
- ❖ Those who deal with memory loss and their family and care providers.
- ❖ The youth and the leaders participating in the Welcome/Farewell Retreat.

Cal and Donna Roggie will be serving with Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program from August 8-September 5, at Beaver Camp in Lowville, NY. They will be working in the kitchen and helping with maintenance projects.

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:



Next Sunday, August 14, we will hold our morning worship service in West Earl Community Park (189 S State St, Leola, PA 17540) beginning at **10 a.m.** Please bring lawn chairs and plan to stay after the service to fellowship and enjoy lunch. Fill out the RSVP form in front of the mailboxes if you plan to partake in the chicken barbecue lunch. Leave the paper in Lauren Krady's mailbox or contact the church office so we know how much food to order.

Save the date! All Forest Hills retirees are invited to gather for a luncheon together at church on Monday, September 12, 11:30 a.m. More details coming soon.

This is the last Sunday to pick up a bag to donate school kits or health kits for Mennonite Central Committee, please fill the bags with the items on the contents lists and return the completed kits to the church by August 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is holding their annual Backpack and School Supply Drive. Each year they distribute, on average, 100 backpacks full of school supplies to local Conestoga Valley families. Donations can be dropped off at their facility, 2420 Gehman Lane, Lancaster, PA, 17602, Tuesday-Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. They are looking for: heavy duty backpacks, pens, calculators, AAA batteries, pencils, erasers, markers, crayons, lunch boxes, index cards, sticky notes, folders, pencil cases, spiral notebooks (no three-ring binders), glue sticks, colored pencils, highlighters, notebook paper, scissors, and ear buds.

All ladies (post-high and older) are invited to a garden dinner this Thursday evening August 11, at 6:00 p.m. (not 7 p.m. as was listed on the church calendar). The dinner will be held at Lauri Lefever's house, 65 Meadow Lane, Lancaster 17601. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. No RSVP needed. This is a rain or shine event. See you then!

This Sunday, August 7, our children and youth will move into their assigned Sunday School classes for the 2022-23 church year. If you have questions, please contact Becky Degan or Becky Bathurst.

Church Council has approved the Discernment Committee's recommendations for the volunteer appointments listed on your bulletin insert. The ballot will be presented to the congregation for affirmation on Sunday, August 21. Contact Jerry Lile if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, and contributed to our Summer Kids' Program this year! We had a total of 35 kids from 17 families participate, with 10 volunteers helping out over the summer. We learned that God's love for us is Monumental as we played games, sang songs, learned Bible stories, did experiments, and had lots of fun together!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ **August 14:** 10 a.m. - Worship Service in West Earl Community Park.
- ❖ **September 12:** Retiree luncheon at Forest Hills.
- ❖ **September 18:** State of the Church/Annual Business meeting during the Sunday School hour.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ **August 21:** Gathering at Becky Bathurst's home.
- ❖ **August 28:** Mini Golf.
- ❖ **September 9-11:** Atlantic Coast Conference youth retreat.

Church Council Update on Mennonite Church USA, Marriage, and Sexuality

Church Council has continued to be in dialogue following the Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly in May. We remain committed to responding to questions from within the congregation and wanted to share updates on some questions several people have raised.

First, people have asked: will MC USA be changing the 1995 *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*? No. A recent webinar with MC USA leaders reiterated that there are no plans to modify the current *Confession of Faith*, so we are communicating that to the congregation. You can listen to the entire webinar at <https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow>. Comments about the status of the *Confession of Faith* begin around 24:50.

Second, people have asked additional questions about Forest Hills and same-sex weddings. Our congregational structure recognizes the responsibility of the entire congregation to discern together significant matters of faith and practice. Our pastors are accountable to the congregation. The Forest Hills congregation has not authorized our pastors to officiate same-sex weddings, and Church Council is not recommending that we revise our current discernment.

Finally, Council is aware of the broad array of perspectives represented within our congregation. We understand that questions of marriage, sexuality, and justice are important, so we remain committed to listening to every part of the Forest Hills body. We also encourage everyone in the congregation to remain in healthy, respectful dialogue with one another—even across disagreements—as together we work to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

If you have further questions or want to share additional perspectives, you can be in conversation with Jerry Lile, Congregational Moderator, or Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor.

Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities for further congregational dialogue.

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH

Discernment Committee Slate for the 2022-2023 Church Year

The following persons are being recommended by our Discernment Committee to serve for the upcoming church year.

Terms will begin on September 1, 2022.

Office	Term	Nominees
<u>Church Council</u>		
Congregational Moderator / Council Chair	22-24	Jerry Lile
Council Member-at-Large	22-25	Jimmy Kreider
Elder	22-25	Allon Lefever
Treasurer	22-24	Sam Clement*
<u>Mission and Service Commission</u>		
Service Project Coordinators	22-24	Cody Hurst
Youth Member	22-23	Jesse Hurst
<u>Christian Education Commission</u>		
Member-at-Large	22-24	Janette Lile
Youth Member	22-23	Ellie Lefever
<u>Worship Commission</u>		
Member-at-Large	22-24	Willie Hurst*
Member-at-Large	22-24	Kit Baker
Worship Aids Coord.	22-24	Troy Hurst
Youth Member	22-23	_____

***Council approved extension of term limits.**

A vote for confirmation of the above ballot will be taken during the worship service on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

Discernment Committee Members: Kevin Hersh (Chair), Kori Jantzen, Linda Tyson, and Rose Mosemann

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: Dean Jantzen, Dan Baker, Dylan Jantzen
- ❖ Greeters: Joyce & Cliff Martin
- ❖ Befrienders: Ann & Byron Zimmerman
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the fellowship hall: *Witness to Compassion: Panel of Those Who Have Siblings with Disabilities.*
- ❖ 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.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Thursday, 6 p.m. – Ladies' potluck supper at Lauri Lefever's home.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Worship Service in the Park – 10 a.m. at West Earl Community Park, 189 S State St, Leola, PA 17540.
- ❖ Pastor Jon Carlson will preach a sermon based on Ephesians 3:14-21.

WEEKLY REPORT

7/31: General Fund \$7023

YTD Income \$570,102; YTD Budget \$581,307 (-2%)

Attendance : 151

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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