



# Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 21, 2022

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude

Gathering Song: *Blessing and Honor (Ancient of Days)*

Grace Notes No. 34

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Singers, Becky Degan-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar  
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jon Carlson

Passing the Peace

## C O N N E C T I N G

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Congregational Singing

*Good Good Father/In His Time*

*Living Hope*

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Immortal, Invisible*

Worship book No. 70

Kindergarten Blessing

Alice Rieger, Noah Snyder

## R E F L E C T I N G

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Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon: *Equip the Saints*

Keith Blank

Response Song: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Worship Book No. 421

## S E N D I N G

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Mission Spotlight:

Cody Hurst

MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service): Paradise, CA

Discernment Committee Slate Affirmation

Kevin Hersh

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



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## CARES & CONCERNS >>>

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

- ❖ Posie Kreider and her family mourning the loss of her husband Ken.
- ❖ Milt and Lois Stoltzfus mourning the loss of Milt's sister Marian.
- ❖ Doris Kreider experiencing medical concerns.
- ❖ LeRoy Monper recovering from a knee replacement surgery.
- ❖ Andrew and Rachel Bodden and their family while Andrew is spending time with his mother as she receives hospice care in Honduras.

**We extend our condolences** to Posie Kreider and her family on the sudden loss of her husband Ken on August 12. Ken was a longtime church member and volunteered many hours on the church property committee and other volunteer projects.

**We extend our condolences** to Milt and Lois Stoltzfus on the recent loss of Milt's sister Marian. She was a resident of Friendship Community group home. A memorial service was held at church on Tuesday evening.

**Doris Kreider** was hospitalized on Sunday and remained a patient at Lancaster General Hospital at bulletin publication time.

**LeRoy Monper** was scheduled for a knee replacement surgery on Thursday, August 18, and is recovering at home.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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**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:



**Today we welcome Keith Blank** to the pulpit. Keith was born in southwest Mexico, in the state of Oaxaca, where his parents served with Franconia Mennonite Missions among an indigenous people group high in the Sierra Madre mountains. He and his wife, Brenda Burkhart Blank, have been married for 38 years and have three married children and five grandchildren. He worked for Eastern Mennonite Missions for 19 years, directing the YES and STAT programs as well as serving as the area representative for Europe. He pastored at Mountville Mennonite Church for nine years and for the last seven years has worked in co-vocational ministry as an overseer/bishop of the Landisville Manor District in Lancaster Mennonite Conference and works for Coldwell Banker Realty as a real estate agent.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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**There are only two Sundays** left in our church year. If you would like financial contributions credited to the current church year budget, please have them in or postmarked by August 31.

**All Retirees** – those living in retirement communities and those living in their own homes – are invited to a luncheon here at church on Monday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. To attend, please RSVP to the church office no later than September 4, by filling out a slip in front of the church mailboxes, calling, or emailing [fhmc@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:fhmc@foresthillschurch.org). When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

**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 this Sunday, August 21.

**The Adopt-a-Student Program** for our college students is in need of households to adopt individual students. This includes contacting your student at least four times throughout the year and praying for them on a regular basis. More guidelines will be provided upon signing up. Contact Becky Bathurst with questions: [bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org)

**If you picked 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 22.

**If your class, commission, or committee** has meetings or activities planned for the month of September, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, August 24, so that they can be included on the next church calendar.

**"Thank you to everyone** who called, sent cards, and supported me with prayer since Leenie passed away. It's so important and helpful in a time like this to have the support of a church family." – Lee Charles

**The fall issue of the *Rejoice!*** devotional has arrived. Copies of this publication are available in front of the church mailboxes, feel free to take one home.

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## LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ **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 28:** Mini Golf.
- ❖ **September 9-11:** Atlantic Coast Conference youth retreat.

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

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- ❖ Head Usher: Lee Charles
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Jim & Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Ruth Ann Martin, Rose Mosemann
- ❖ Befrienders: Linda & Warren Tyson
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

## T O D A Y

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- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. Adult Sunday School elective in the fellowship hall: *Witness to Mourning: Rethinking End of Life Rituals*, with Charles Snyder Associates.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. – Worship in-person or online. The service can be streamed on YouTube: [fhmc.church/youtube](http://fhmc.church/youtube) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite](http://www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite).
- ❖ Kids' activity bulletins and crayons are available in the console table in the lobby.
- ❖ 5 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) - Becky Bathurst's house.

## T H I S   W E E K

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- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Christian Education Commission meeting.

## N E X T   S U N D A Y

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- ❖ Adult Sunday School – Care and Share in classrooms.
- ❖ Vojta Prkna will preach.
- ❖ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) – Mini-golf.

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### WEEKLY REPORT

**8/14:** General Fund \$14,203

YTD Income \$597,120; YTD Budget \$605,529 (-1%)

**Attendance : 138**

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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

## 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.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Nominees</b>
<b><u>Church Council</u></b>		
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*
<b><u>Mission and Service Commission</u></b>		
Service Project Coordinators	22-24	Cody Hurst
Youth Member	22-23	Jesse Hurst
<b><u>Christian Education Commission</u></b>		
Member-at-Large	22-24	Janette Lile
Youth Member	22-23	Ellie Lefever
<b><u>Worship Commission</u></b>		
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