



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 11, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *The Lord is My Light*

Grace Notes No. 15
Jeff Raught - Leader

Call to Worship and Invocation

Dan Hess

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Be Thou My Vision

Worship Book No. 545

Spirit of the Living God

Worship Book No. 349

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

Dismissal for Kids' Church (PK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Sermon: *Schrödinger's Epistle*

Response Song: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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:

- ❖ Those experiencing memory loss and their caregivers.
- ❖ The youth and leaders attending the ACC youth retreat this weekend.
- ❖ Those sharing their time and love with the children and youth of our congregation.
- ❖ Doris Kreider continuing her recuperation at home.
- ❖ Alden Southwick anticipating and then recovering from surgery on Tuesday.
- ❖ Those receiving or recovering from cancer treatments.
- ❖ Muriel Smoker seeking treatment options for a cancerous growth on her eyelid.

Doris Kreider was discharged from rehabilitation at Fairmount on Wednesday to continue her recovery at home.

Alden Southwick is scheduled for bilateral hernia surgery on Tuesday, September 13, at Ephrata Community Hospital.

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 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 Jeff Raught to our worship service and thank him for sharing his gifts of music to help lead our worship. Jeff is a pianist, composer, and theatrical storyteller from Talmage, Pa.

If you are a regular attendee who might want to become a member of Forest Hills Mennonite Church or would just like to know who we are as a church, you are invited to a lunch in the fellowship hall after church on Sunday, September 18. Join Pastor Jon and Nina Harnish for pizza and questions/discussion time. Children are invited to join Becky Degan for a movie in the Elementary 1 classroom after lunch. Please RSVP by September 12 to let Lauren Krady in the church office know if you will be attending:

fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

Parents, it is that time of year again! Please fill out an updated emergency information form for any children infants - grade 12. Links were sent out in weekly updates or digital bulletin readers can use this link: <https://forms.gle/CKggJuk83df7G1WUA>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Copies of the 2022-23 proposed church budget were emailed out last week; paper copies are in church mailboxes and extras are available in front of the mailboxes. **Plan to attend our State of The Church/Annual Business Meeting during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 18** (this is a change from the date on the church paper calendar). During this meeting you will have the opportunity to give input on the proposed budget. Members can vote on the budget at the end of the worship service on October 2.

Becky Degan will be out of the office until September 14. She will be attending a worship conference in Nashville with Cheryl Eshleman, followed by some vacation time.

We extend a warm welcome to Else from Spain and Kristina from Vietnam, who will be living with Kevin and Anna Nofziger as exchange students this school year. They will both be attending Lancaster Catholic High School.

“Praise God for the continued generosity of our congregation! We are beginning our new church year in a strong financial position. At the end of August our final income was: \$636,159 and our final expenses were \$622,658, resulting in \$13,501 in income over expenses. Because of your generosity, we were able to fulfill all our commitments to church agencies while continuing the ministries of our own church. Church council will make a recommendation of how to use the surplus at the State of the Church meeting on September 18. Thanks to all of you who have faithfully supported the mission of our congregation with your financial support.” -Sam Clement, Treasurer

Wednesday evening activities will begin on September 21. Activities include KfC (Kids for Christ for preschool – grade 5) from 6:45–7:45 p.m. and Junior Youth (for grades 6-8) from 7–8 p.m. Plan to participate in these activities and invite friends and neighbors to join you.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) will hold a toy sale on Saturday, October 1, at Witmer Fire Station from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Enjoy iced coffee, doughnuts, apple cider, free kids’ activities, and a silent auction. All proceeds go to help local families experiencing homelessness.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ **September 18:** Lancaster city scavenger hunt.
- ❖ **September 25:** Girls’ / Guys’ night.
- ❖ **October 2:** Parent meeting during Sunday school. Evening event at the Lefevers’ home.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dana Shannon
- ❖ Greeters: Doris & Allon Lefever
- ❖ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Leanne Beidler, Kevin Hersh

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: fhmc.church/youtube or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ Kids' activity bulletins and crayons are available on the console table in the lobby.
- ❖ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) returns from their weekend retreat.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Retiree luncheon.
- ❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. – Adelpian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach a sermon based on Ephesian 5:3-20.
- ❖ After the service – Newcomer/new member inquiry lunch.
- ❖ MYF – Scavenger hunt in Lancaster city.

WEEKLY REPORT

8/31: General Fund \$3,940

2021-22 Year End Giving Summary: General Fund \$631,672, Budgeted \$629,750

9/4: General Fund \$6,653

Attendance : 113

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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

Kay Hurst, Allon Lefever, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Matthew Degan, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team