



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 18, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Notes No. 61

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman, Dean Jantzen

Michael and Becky Degan, Caleb Lefever-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Bathurst

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

To God Be the Glory

Worship Book No. 102

Jesus Messiah

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *When I Survey/Amazing Love*

Worship Book No. 260

13-Year-Old Milestone

Becky Bathurst

Hailey Nolt, John McGowan, Thomas Schlosser

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *May the Peoples Praise You*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:3-20

Sermon: *Children of Light*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Grace Notes No. 54

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:**

- ❖ Bruce and Norma Stauffer serving at Drift Creek Camp for the next month.
- ❖ Vernon Schroeder rejoicing in God's provision that he received following a recent accident.
- ❖ Vernie Ranck mourning the loss of her husband, Merle Herr.
- ❖ Barb Weatherholtz celebrating the completion of treatments and recovery from breast cancer.
- ❖ Ken Martin receiving treatments for melanoma.

Bruce and Norma Stauffer will be serving with Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program from September 22–October 10, at Drift Creek Camp in Oregon. They will be working in the kitchen and helping with maintenance projects.

Vernon Schroeder is inviting others to rejoice in how God provided care for him after he had a near-fatal accident on his golf cart last month. He is happy to share his story with others and the way he experienced God's mercy and care.

We extend our condolences to Vernie Ranck on the recent passing of her husband Merle Herr. Merle was a Forest Hills member for many years and was recently living in Harrisonburg, VA. His memorial service will be on October 16 at 3 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church.

Ken Martin was admitted to University of Virginia Hospital on Wednesday and remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

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:



We are in need of additional Sunday school teachers for our kids and Junior Youth classes. Please contact Becky Degan if you are willing to help: bdegan@foresthillschurch.org. We would also like more than one person per week in the nursery during worship since this class is growing. Volunteers need to have background clearances on file; if you do not have them, please contact Lauren Krady in the church office in order to attain them: fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

We would like to hear about how people in our congregation are serving and will have a *Celebration of Service* during our October 2 worship service. If you have volunteered or been on a mission trip or service project recently, please let Becky Degan know.

The Potter's House of Ruth is hosting an Open House on Sunday, September 18, from 1-4 p.m. Stop by for food and fellowship at 344 Cardinal Lane, Leola. This ministry supports addiction recovery and discipleship ministry for women.

“Earlier this week I met a gentleman from Sudan whose name is Zechariah. Once Zechariah learned that church sponsoring group was from Landisville MENNONITE church, he immediately asked them if they knew anyone from three other churches he was familiar with: Mellinger, Stumptown, or Forest Hills Mennonite churches. He proceeded to tell them that he remembers when he was a teenager, 21 years ago, coming as Lost Boy from Sudan to Lancaster, and he was sponsored by those three churches. 21 years later and he still held the names of those churches in his heart and mind and talked about how people in those churches helped him and his two friends navigate new lives in the United States, since they arrived here alone without any family. Simple things like turning on a gas stove or how to ring a doorbell. Now he is thriving as a husband and father and is working with us to help welcome a family from Ethiopia. On behalf of Church World Service, I just wanted to thank all your churches for your continued support of our refugee neighbors, decades and generations onward, to help make Lancaster such a beautiful place for many to call home.”
- Andrew Mashas, Community & Faith-Based Engagement Specialist, Church World Service

Parents are invited to join Nina Harnish for discussions of parenting topics such as recognizing triggers, practicing compassion, problem resolution, technology, time usage, passing on faith, friendships, and other topics. Join us from 6:45-7:45 p.m. on the Wednesday nights that KFC and Jr Youth are meeting. One resource that we will be using is *Jesus, The Gentle Parent*. If you have a child younger than 4 years old and need childcare, contact Nina Harnish. We will meet beginning this Wednesday, September 21, in the Grounded classroom.

Forest Hills collected a total of 98 school kits and 40 hygiene kits that were donated to Mennonite Central Committee to be delivered to those in need around the world. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services needs winter coats for their clothing bank. New or gently used coats of all sizes can be dropped off Tuesday-Thursday between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at their facility located at 2420 Gehman Lane, Lancaster.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Lee Charles
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Scott Hertzog, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Yvonne & Vernon Kauffman
- ❖ Befrienders: Phyllis & Keith Stuckey
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl & Larry McLunkin

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. State of the Church meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. – Worship.
- ❖ Kids' activity bulletins and crayons are available on the console table in the lobby.
- ❖ After the service – Newcomer/new member inquiry lunch.
- ❖ 5:30 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Scavenger hunt.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 1 p.m. – Care Team meeting.
- ❖ Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl ministry.
- ❖ Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – KfC (Kids for Christ) for kids in PreK-Grade 5.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Jr. Youth for kids in grades 6-8.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach a sermon based on Ephesians 5:21-33.
- ❖ MYF – Girls'/Guys' activities.

WEEKLY REPORT

9/11: General Fund \$17,853

Attendance : 161

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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