



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 16, 2017 – EASTER

Called to be followers of Jesus Christ,
Forest Hills Mennonite Church desires to be a
welcoming community of grace, love, joy and
peace, so that through the power of the
Holy Spirit, God's reconciling love will flow
through us in healing and hope to all people.

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Hour

Focus Statement: *"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."* – Anne Lamott

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song: *It is well with my soul* Kate Lefever-Piano

Song: *Christ the Lord is risen today* Worship Book No. 280

Cheryl Eshleman, Becky Degan, Willie Hurst, Don Nelson-Leaders

Call to Worship Children's Sunday School Classes

Words of Welcome and Invocation Leanne Beidler

Songs: *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* Worship Book No. 278

Love come down Sarah Krause, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Becky Degan-Piano, Caleb Harnish-Bass

Don Nelson, Michael Degan-Guitars, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Prayer of Blessing for the Children Janette Lile

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *What a beautiful name* Worship Team

Song: *Low in the grave he lay* Worship Book No. 273

Boomwhackers Junior Youth

Songs: *Thine is the glory* Worship Book No. 269

Lift high the name of Jesus

Proclaiming

Choir Song: *Poor wayfaring stranger* Becky Degan-Director

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

Janette Lile, Leanne Beidler, Toby Leaman-Readers

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-61

Choir Songs: *Sunday's comin'*

He's gonna rise

Willie Hurst-Soloist

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Proclaiming - continued

Sermon: *Creation resets*

Jon Carlson

Choir Song: *Come, people of the risen King*

Olive Kendig-Violin, Sheila Snyder-Percussion

The Bread and the Cup

The Bread and the Cup: All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others (including children) are invited to come forward to Jon to receive a prayer of blessing. Servers will be available to serve those unable to walk to the front. The method of communion used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup. (Bread is gluten free.)

Congregational Singing

The old rugged cross

Once again

Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Sending

Benediction

Sung Postlude: *Praise God from whom*

No Coffee Fellowship Today

Welcome Guests! We trust that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us today and will find yourself renewed and challenged in your journey with God. So that we might record your attendance, please take a guest card from the pew rack, complete it, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. And please come back and worship with us again.

THANKS TO EVERYONE – the Kitchen Committee, musicians, directors, speakers, sound techs, Flower Committee, communion preparers, and all others involved – who put the time and effort into making this Easter day a joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection!

TODAY there is no Kids Church; parents will be responsible for their own children. Resources for preschool and elementary children are available on a table outside the center sanctuary doors.

THANK YOU to Nina Harnish for organizing this year's Lenten Prayer Stations. Thanks also to the following people for their artistic contributions: Beth Fenton, Heather Shertzer, Lisa Spangler, Carol Davis, Linda Helmus and Christine Shenk.

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind this week, please lift them to the Lord in prayer. Pray specifically for the activities that are happening at our church this week and for the work of the broader church agencies and ministries. Pray also for the following:

- Mabel Zimmerman receiving hospice care at Mennonite Home and Mel giving her support.
- Clair Umble recovering from pneumonia.
- Brenda Verghese scheduled for surgery this coming Wednesday, April 20.
- Phyllis Gamber scheduled for a bronchoscopy on Wednesday, April 20, at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.
- Dan Enck expecting to have heart valve repair surgery in the near future.
- Those who provide care to their loved ones.

"I APPRECIATE your love and kindness with God's presence through prayers, visits, cards and phone calls during Helmut's passing. Thank you."

– Lila Neufeld

THANKS TO ALL who supported the MYF Ham Loaf/BBQ fundraiser. If you placed an order but weren't able to pick it up last week, you will find your items in the kitchen freezer. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience!

ALL SENIORS who do not participate in the shared meals at one of the local retirement homes are invited to the bi-monthly luncheon here at the church on Monday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office **today** of your plans to attend or not to attend this lunch. New participants are always welcome to join the fun. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE is currently conducting an employment review process for our Senior Pastor, Jon Carlson, who is completing three years of service with the congregation. A survey form seeking observations and comments about Jon's ministry has been placed in church mailboxes today. All regular attendees at Forest Hills Mennonite Church are encouraged to complete the questionnaire. If your household needs additional copies, extras are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. If you prefer to complete the form electronically, you may request a form from the church office. Survey forms are due back to the church by Sunday, April 30. Place completed surveys in the designated box on the ledge beneath the mailboxes.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR of Lancaster will be presenting a concert here next Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m. Collette and Micah Carlson are among the choirs' 150 singers in grades one through 12. MCCL's mission is to train children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. A freewill offering will be received. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE will be staffing a hot dog sale at the Leola Sharp Shopper Customer Appreciation Days on Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13. All proceeds will benefit the SFA Fund that currently provides a \$1,300/semester grant, partially matched by the educational institutions, to FHMC student who choose to attend one of the Mennonite colleges or universities. You can add your support to help staff the hot dog stand. All volunteers are welcome! Please contact Nina Harnish to volunteer for this Student Financial Aid fundraiser.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is sponsoring a *Walk for Hunger* on Sunday, April 30, at the CV High School track. Route options are the CV track or cross country course. Registration begins at 1 p.m., and the Walk will start at 2 p.m. Individual registration fee is \$25, and fee for team of five is \$100; fee includes tee-shirt. Register online at cvccs.org or call 717-208-3711. Further details, including sponsor forms and pledge forms, are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, April 30, Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Fundraiser Luncheon followed by Services and Experiences Auction.
- ☼ Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m. – Annual Church Picnic.
- ☼ Sunday-Thursday, July 23-27, 6:15-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Sunday, April 30, Noon – Fundraiser Luncheon followed by Services and Experiences Auction.
- ☼ Sunday, May 21 – Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition.
- ☼ July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Orlando, Florida.



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WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting an Open House on Saturday, April 22, with drop-in times from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn what Woodcrest has to offer families and church groups including summer camp programs, church and youth retreats, and family gatherings. Tour the grounds and meet the staff.

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH of Lancaster is hosting a concert to benefit its Refugee Support Fund on April 22, at 7 p.m. CMCL is currently sponsoring its 4th refugee family that joined the Lancaster community in December 2015. The evening of celebration will feature music of various styles from local musicians and possibly the refugee family. Parking is available in the Covenant UMC lot across the church at 328 West Orange Street, Lancaster.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL will hold a School-wide Open House on Sunday, April 23, from 1-3 p.m., at all of its six campus locations. This is an opportunity to tour the campuses, meet teachers and talk to administrators. Campuses include Lancaster (grades 6-12), Hershey (K-12), Locust Grove (PreK-8), Kraybill in Mount Joy (PreK-8), New Danville (PreK-5) and the new Saint James School prekindergarten in downtown Lancaster. For more information, check the fellowship hall bulletin board or visit www.lancastermennonite.org/openhouse.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting a Spring Senior Day on Wednesday, April 26, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. John Leaman will present a Travelogue. A freewill offering will be received. Call the camp at 717-738-2233 to register.

THE WENGER FOUNDATION of Myerstown is sponsoring its annual Praise Dinner fundraising event to benefit FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY, COBYS Family Services, Evangelical Seminary, and On Fire Youth Ministry. This event will be held at the Lebanon Expo Center at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 4. The evening will feature entertainment by The Ball Brothers and Dr. David Uth. Cost is \$125 per person or \$1,250 for a table of ten. For more information, contact the Wenger Foundation at 717-866-2130 or check out the details posted on the foyer bulletin board.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Alden Southwick-Assistant

Greeters: Marty Peifer, Christine and Ed Shenk, Kathy Unangst

Breakfast Hosts: Kitchen Committee

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (No SS); (W) Liz and Emily Clapper

TODAY

☼ 9 a.m. – Easter Breakfast.

☼ No Sunday School.

☼ 10 a.m. – Easter Worship Service.

THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Monday – Staff holiday; church office will be closed.

☼ Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.

☼ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS: Perennial Swap and *Gardening tips* led by Carolyn Beyer.

☼ Wednesday, 8 a.m. – Diakonia Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.

☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Property Committee.

☼ Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Atlantic Coast Conference Spring Assembly at Bethel Mennonite Church.

NEXT SUNDAY

☼ Jon Carlson will preach on *Will our children have faith* based on Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

☼ 4 p.m. – Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Concert.

☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday planning.

REPORT: (04/09) General Fund \$5,782

Sunday School 157; Worship 206

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Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

Janette Lile - Director of Community Life

Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Anita Beidler, Louetta Hurst,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team