



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 30, 2017

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.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Hour

Gathering

Prelude Becky Degan-Piano, Janice Southwick-Guitar

Gathering Song: *Come, now is the time to worship* Grace Notes No. 2

Becky Degan-Leader

Words of Welcome Becky Siegrist

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

10,000 Reasons

Wonderful merciful Savior

Knowing you

Grace Notes No. 14

Grace Notes No. 63

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Prayer of Blessing for the Children Jon Carlson

Mission Spotlight: SOOP Louetta Hurst

Offering

Song: *In the garden*

Proclaiming

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:6-13

Sermon: *Let's talk about sports* Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Breathe on me, breath of God* Worship Book No. 356

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Atlantic Coast Conference Update Ruth Ann Martin

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

NO Coffee Fellowship Today: Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our MYF (Youth Group).

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 complete a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Feel free to be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

THANKS TO the Chad and Coleen Hurst family for providing sports equipment (and trophies!) for the worship visual this morning.

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE is currently conducting an employment review process for our Lead Pastor, Jon Carlson, who is completing three years of service with the congregation. A survey form seeking observations and comments about Jon's ministry was placed in church mailboxes several weeks ago. Completed surveys are due **today**. Please place them in the designated box on the ledge beneath the mailboxes.

"TOM AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of you for your prayers, cards and concern over the last weeks as I went through surgery. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family." – Brenda Verghese

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann and Tom Overly on the adoption of their grandson, Jackson Nathanael, on April 26. Jackson's parents are Nathanael and Julie Overly who live in Havertown, Pennsylvania. Jackson is Nathanael and Julie's first child and Ann and Tom's first grandchild.

MENNONITE WOMEN will meet at the church to sew for relief this coming Thursday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to participate.

A GROUP OF FOREST HILLERS is exploring the possibility of forming a second Refugee Support Team. An opportunity has come our way to work with a family – two parents and four young children – from Somalia. The father has been here for over a year, and the family was recently reunited and settled into a home in Lancaster city. This Support Team will primarily be involved with socialization and continuing cultural orientation. A meeting with Christine Baer, Church World Services representative, has been scheduled for Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m., here at the church. If you have any interest in exploring this opportunity – no commitment required at this point – please let Norma Stauffer know of your interest; all are welcome to join the discussion.

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:

- Ann and Tom Overly celebrating the adoption of their grandson, Jackson Nathanael, to their son Nathanael and Julie.
- Valentina Yermolov recovering from surgery this past week.
- Dan Enck recovering from a medical procedure this past week.
- Those experience on-going health issues and for their caregivers and families.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- **Devin Esch** will graduate from Messiah College on Saturday, May 13, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. After grad Devin will be looking for a mechanical engineering job in the western PA/Pittsburgh area for a few years and eventually hopes to use his engineering knowledge to do mission work.
- **Peter Fenton** will graduate from Wheaton College on Sunday, May 7, with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Interpersonal Studies. Peter says his future plans include building experience in casting for theater and film and writing comedy. He says, "Lord willing, a career will materialize out of one or both of those avenues."
- **Zac Hummel** will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Geneva College on Saturday, May 6. He plans to work with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Millersville this summer.
- **Sarah Krause** will receive a Bachelor of Science and Education in Mathematics from West Chester University on Sunday, May 14. After grad Sarah hopes to find a job as a middle or high school math teacher and also coach field hockey and/or softball at the school she ends up working at.
- **Helaine Mazaheri's** graduation will take place in December 2017.

THE MOMS PROGRAM is currently planning for its 41st year of outreach ministry. This past year approximately 30 non-Forest Hills women participated in this program. The planning committee would love to have some Forest Hills women join their team to help plan for the year ahead and offer support to the moms who attend. Please let Nina Harnish know if you would be willing to consider being part of this outreach ministry. MOMS meets on Tuesday mornings from September through April.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE is looking for volunteer drivers to pick up and/or deliver MCC guests to Harrisburg or Philadelphia airports. An MCC vehicle will be provided for these trips that are scheduled to fit the volunteer's schedule. If you or someone you know would be interested in this volunteer position, please contact Tina Mast Burnett at TinaBurnett@mcc.org.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE for the 24th annual Horse Progress Days to be held in Lancaster County, near the Leola Produce Auction, on June 30 through July 1. A sizeable group of international visitors is expected for this event. If you would consider serving as an overnight host for out-of-town guests, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office. Most international guests will likely be here from June 29 through July 2, although schedules may vary. Hosts may also be asked to provide transportation for their guests to get to this event each day.

COPIES OF *THE MIRROR*, newsletter of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, are available in the fellowship hall literature rack. This newsletter includes articles about the Society's Family History Conference, its *Music in Worship* event, plus field trips to explore Native American sites, barns in the Willow Street area, and the path of immigrants to Lancaster. Information on craft classes, the Music in the Orchard series, and the annual Bookworm Frolic is also included. Help yourself to *The Mirror*.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is seeking a half-time Used Book Sales Manager. Primary responsibilities include planning and coordinating used book sales activities such as the four-day Bookworm Frolic, the three-day Winter Bookfest, book auctions (six per year), and online sales. Applicants should have experience and training in retail sales and must embrace Anabaptist Mennonite faith and be active in an Anabaptist congregation. Application form and job description are available online at www.lmhs.org/about/employment/. Application and résumé may be submitted via e-mail to Dorothy Siegrist at jobs@lmhs.org or by mail to LMHS, Attn: Office Manager, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. Deadline for applications is May 19.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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

- ☼ Today, 8:45 a.m. – Lunch prep.
- ☼ Sunday, May 21 – Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition.
- ☼ July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Orlando.



LANDIS HOMES will be hosting a public art reception featuring the recent works of Larry Hostetter on Tuesday, May 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. Hostetter paints scenes and people from photographs and has also experimented with clay sculptures of people and animals. Some of his woodcarvings representing the natural world will also be part of the exhibit. Live music will be provided by Janet Eberly. This display will continue through July.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a bicycle tour of Native American Sites in Manor Township on Saturday, May 13. The tour will leave from Ann Letort Elementary School at 8 a.m.. Participants will explore Manor Township, home to numerous settlements of Native Americans, on a 14-mile bike hike. Bikers will experience this saga through storytellers at stops along the way. Riders' support will be available if needed. Cost is \$30 per person; \$20 for students. Register by May 6 at <http://www.lmhs.org/events/field-trips/> or by calling 717-393-9745. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

VISITING ANGELS is sponsoring a seminar geared for caregivers of persons with dementia. This event will be held on Friday, May 12, at the Farm and Home Center from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Brubaker, former Chief Medical Director for the PA Department of Aging, will be the guest speaker and panelist. Call 717-393-3450 to reserve a space at this free seminar. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER (MCCL), open to children from all denominations, is sponsored by Lancaster Mennonite School as a service to the community. MCCL is holding auditions for its Carol Choir (grades 2-5), Concert Choir (grades 6-8), and Chamber Choir (grades 9-12) on May 16 and 17. Contact Sarah Wingard at 540-383-9986 or carolandconcertchoir@lancastermennonite.org to schedule an audition. To register for Prelude Music (K-2) or Choristers (grades 2-8), contact Audrey Livengood at 717-455-7025 or mccl@lancastermennonite.org.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: David Bontrager
Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Yvonne Kauffman-Assistant
Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman
Greeters: Beth and Jim Fenton
Coffee Hosts: Cheryl and Larry McJunkin
Lunch Hosts: MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12)
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Kori J.; (W) Kori and Dylan J.
Next Week: (SS) Ernestine L.; (W) Louetta H., Joanne M.

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Fundraiser Luncheon and Service and Experiences Auction.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Christian Education Commission.
- ☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Jon Carlson will preach on *A lost cause?* based on Luke 15:11-32.
- ☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17 after the service.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF Youth Sunday planning.

REPORT: (04/23) General Fund \$10,525
Sunday School 196; Worship 220

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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