



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 7, 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

Gathering Song: *I love to tell the story*

Worship Book No. 398

Becky Degan-Leader

Herb Hoover

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano

Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass

There is a hope

Cornerstone

Jesus loves me

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Prayer of Blessing for the Children

Herb Hoover

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Gentle shepherd, come and lead us*

Worship Book No. 352

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: *A lost cause?*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* Grace Notes No. 24

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Christian Education Appreciation Becky Degan, Cheryl Eshleman
Janette Lile, Nina Harnish, Pat Nolt

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Coffee Fellowship: Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

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 join us for Coffee Fellowship after the service, and please do come back and worship with us again.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Mel Zimmerman and his family in the death of his wife Mabel this past Monday, May 1. Services were held here this past Thursday. Mabel resided at Mennonite Home prior to her death.

"THANK YOU for all your kind expressions of sympathy and love this past week following the passing of my dear husband, Clair. Your prayers, visits, cards, and calls and the serving of the meal after the memorial service are very much appreciated. May God bless everyone!" – Miriam Umble and Family

"MANY THANKS to you for the use of the nursery on Friday mornings for the Fritz Elementary Moms in Prayer group this past school year. The use of your facility has been greatly appreciated by the moms and preschoolers in attendance. Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity." – Joy Heisey

DAN ENCK was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital this past week due to complications following a heart procedure. He has since been released and is now continuing his recovery at home.

THANKS to Kori Jantzen for putting together the informative library showcase display on our three graduating high school seniors. Check it out.

ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan, and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee is working in some of these areas to provide emergency food assistance and to increase its response to the crisis. However, because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund that responds to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676, or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

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:

- Dan Enck recovering from complications related to a recent heart procedure.
- Jenna Lile recovering from a tonsillectomy this past Thursday.
- Mel Zimmerman and his family grieving Mabel's passing.
- University and high school students finishing up their school year and in some cases graduating and moving on to the next phase of life.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council provides monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. As of April 30, our year-to-date giving totals \$370,462, while our year-to-date budget is \$409,815, a shortfall of 9.6%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL at Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata needs kid-friendly volunteers on Saturday, June 3, to help children craft sheep puppets, oversee the Kaboomba trek, dip kulfi (ice cream), create Global Game Changer capes and masks, park cars, serve food, greet families at the door, and do photo opps around the festival dressed as a fair trade banana. Festival hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers may work half or full day. If you would like to be part of the fun, please contact louise.ranck@tenthousandvillages.com for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ June 3-10 – Young Adult Service Week in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.
- ☼ Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m. – Annual Church Picnic.
- ☼ Sunday-Thursday, July 23-27, 6:15-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ Sunday, May 21 – Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition.
- ☼ July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Orlando.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin

Greeters: Lag and Ron Weaver

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa and Steve Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Ernestine and Keith L.; (W) Louetta H., Joanne M.

Next Week: (SS) Liz C.; (W) Becky S., Lag W.

TODAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17 after the service.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday planning.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 6 p.m. – Refugee Support Team 2.
- ☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- ☼ Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6.m. – Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser at Leola Sharp Shopper.
- ☼ Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – Student Financial Aid hot dog fundraiser at Leola Sharp Shopper.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Kevin Nofziger will preach on *Sabbath gear* based on Matthew 11:28 to 12:14.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday planning.

NORMA STAUFFER will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week.

REPORT: (04/30) General Fund \$11,758

Sunday School 184; Worship 224

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Staff and Leadership Teams

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

THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER is currently looking for a Christian Education Consultant for two half-time positions or one full-time position. This person will work directly with PRC member churches and the PRC Executive Director, staff, and consultants doing one-on-one consultations with member churches, leading and planning PRC Christian education workshops and events, maintaining and building relationships with member and nonmember churches, and responding to phone calls, emails, and visits from PRC members and the public. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

EPHRATA REUZIT SHOP is seeking a full-time Summer Assistant at Re-uzit Furniture and Books and Booksavers, a part-time Summer Assistant at the Re-uzit Shop, and a permanent part-time sorter at the Re-uzit Shop. Applications are due by Friday, May 19. Call 717-733-4934 or email voldev@reuzit.org for a complete job description and an application. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY will hold its 24th annual Fest and Auction on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, at its East Oregon Road location in Lititz. On Friday, enjoy an eat-in or drive-through chicken barbecue meal beginning at 4 p.m., and a free magic show by Insanity Factor at 7 p.m. Begin Saturday with a pancake and sausage breakfast at 7 a.m., and a 5K Run/Walk/Wheel starting at 8 a.m. The general auction will begin at 9 a.m., and kids' activities and the food court will open at 10 a.m. Specialty auctions will be held throughout the day. For more information, visit friendshipCommunity.net or contact the Events Coordinator at 717-656-2466, ext. 1101. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

AN ETHIOPIAN DINNER BANQUET will be held on Saturday, May 13, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Eastern Mennonite Missions fellowship hall, Brandt Boulevard in Salunga. This event, sponsored by the Ethiopian Outreach Ministry, supports EOM's various evangelism and Christian education programs that minister to thousands of Ethiopian believers in Islamic countries. There is no charge for the meal, but EOM asks that you consider giving generously to its ministry. For meal reservations, call 717-846-2041 or email eom@eomusa.org. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

Community Happenings – continued

HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL is hosting Solid Rock Camp, a sports camp for aspiring athletes, during the months of June and July. Leadership Camp for grades 9-12 will be held June 14-16; Kids Camp for grades 1-2 will be held June 21-23; and Sports Camp for grades 4-8 will be held June 12-14 and July 19-21. Registration is due by May 15. Visit solidrocksportscamp@gamil.com or call 717-201-4696 for details. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

NO LONGER ALONE MINISTRIES is sponsoring a free showing of the movie *Hachi: A Dog's Tale* at Penn Cinema on Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m., with light refreshments at 5 p.m. prior to the show. This event is an attempt to heighten awareness about mental illness in our community and to provide resources and educational information. *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*, a miraculous story of loyalty and friendship between a dog and a man, is a family-friendly film that will encourage everyone on their life journey. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. Call 717-390-4891; visit <http://www.nlm.org/events/movie-hachi/>; or email office@nlam.org. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA CONVENTION 2017 will be held July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida, with the theme *Love is a verb*. Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. To learn more, visit <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>. Also, the convention planning office has arranged discounts at popular Orlando attractions for convention participants. Visit menlove.orlandomeetinginfo.com to see what is available.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a field trip to explore early style Pennsylvania barns in the Willow Street area on Saturday, June 24, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Greg Huber will lead the tour of these magnificent and medieval-like structures that were first built around 1750. Registration cost for members is \$80; for non-members it is \$95. Register by May 24 at <http://www.lmhs.org/events/field-trips/> or by calling 717-393-9745. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

MENNONITE HEALTHCARE FELLOWSHIP is hosting its annual gathering for individuals involved in health-related professions on June 23-25 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The theme of this year's gathering is *Creating healing environments*. This event will feature several speakers as well as a children's program. More details and registration can be accessed at mennohealth.org/events/gathering.