



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 14, 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 Adam Harnish-Cello, Becky Degan-Piano

Gathering Song: *I sing the mighty power of God* Worship Book No. 46
Leanne Beidler, Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman, Adam Harnish-Leaders

Words of Welcome David Bontrager

Call to Worship and Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

You are holy (You are mighty) Grace Notes No. 64

For all you've done

The Lord is my light Grace Notes No. 15

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Prayer of Blessing for the Children Janette Lile

Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Sweet hour of prayer* (Worship Book No. 11)/*Lord, I need you*

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-12:14

Sermon: *Sabbath gear* Kevin Nofziger

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Sabbatical Commissioning

Rod Lefever, Evanna Hess, Becky Degan

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.

PASTOR JON is preaching at New Holland Mennonite Church this morning. NHMC recently became a member of Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA along with seven other congregations: East Chestnut Street, Landisville, Laurel Street, North Bronx, Pilgrims, Rossmere, and James Street. Keep these congregations in your prayers and consider how you might personally welcome them to ACC.

"THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and visits during Mabel's illness and after her recent passing. Your kindness means a lot to me!" – Mel Zimmerman

KEN BONTRAGER, Executive Director of Camp Deepark, sent his appreciation to the group from Forest Hills that recently began building the 4th new cabin in the youth village at the Camp. Ken notes that the group accomplished more than anticipated and they worked together with joy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- **Congratulations to Dillon Martin** who will be graduating from Johnson and Wales University on Saturday, May 20, with an Associates Degree in Culinary Arts. After grad Dillon plans to work at Funck's Restaurant in Leola and pursue a degree in business. (Apologies to Dillon for being missed from the earlier college grad list.)

DURING THE SUMMER, when you might be away more than usual, why not consider a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write checks, and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with consistent income on an uninterrupted basis. Interested persons may request an enrollment form and a *Frequently Asked Questions* flyer from the church office.

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 continuing to recover from a recent heart procedure.
- Dwain Engel dealing with continual health concerns.
- Those experiencing challenging and broken relationships.
- John Denlinger, Atlantic Coast Conference Moderator, recovering from a recent heart transplant.
- The many persons in our congregation who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones.

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: Youth Sunday prep.
- ☼ Today, 6 p.m. – Youth Sunday prep.
- ☼ Sunday, May 21 – Youth Sunday and High School Senior Recognition.
- ☼ July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Orlando.



MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES is hosting a first World Night Market this coming Friday, May 19, from 6-10 p.m., in Binn's Park, Lancaster. This free, family friendly event will feature MEDA's solutions to poverty and include international foods, tuktuk rides and live musical entertainment from the countries that MEDA works in. For more information, visit meda.org/wnm or contact Laura Bomberger at laura.bomberger@gmail.com.

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.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Alden Southwick-Assistant

Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare

Greeters: Leanne Beidler, Kevin, Kyra and Declan Hersh

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Violet Horst, Lisa Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz C.; (W) Becky S., Lag W.

Next Week: (SS) Coleen H.; (W) Coleen and Cyleigh H.

TODAY

- ☼ Mother's Day, a day to honor our mothers and other influential women in our lives.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday planning.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- ☼ Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- ☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelphian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ Youth Sunday: Our youth group will lead the worship service.
- ☼ 1 p.m. – Salt and Light Class Day Retreat at Harnishes'.

REPORT: (05/07) General Fund \$6,468
Student Aid \$100; Caring Fund \$100
Sunday School 179; Worship 206

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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