



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

May 21, 2017

YOUTH SUNDAY

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 Sydney Jantzen-Trumpet, Grace Fertenbaugh-Sax

Gathering Song: *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Worship Book No. 352

Kyra Hersh, Emily Eshleman, Noah Schnabel, Ike Harnish-Leaders

Words of Welcome Isaac Harnish, Ben Lefever

Call to Worship and Invocation

Praising and Adoring

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

Give us clean hands Grace Notes No. 25

Amazing grace (My chains are gone)

How deep the Father's love for us Grace Notes No. 10

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Cyleigh Hurst, Katie Yoder

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

Offering Prayer Ryan Jantzen

Senior Recognition

Grace Fertenbaugh, Sydney Jantzen, Abby Mosemann

Proclaiming

Song: *In Christ alone* Grace Notes No. 60

Scripture: Psalm 139:14

Ryan Jantzen (English), Jin Chengyu (Chinese)

Mohammad Khilo (Arabic), Emily Clapper (Spanish)

MYF (Mennonite Youth Fellowship) Video

Scripture: Ephesians 1:4-5; Romans 15:4-7

Message: *Jesus loves us, Jesus chose us, Jesus accepts us*

Seniors: Grace Fertenbaugh, Sydney Jantzen, Abby Mosemann

Juniors: Emily Clapper, Mary Harnish, Carter Hurst

Response Song: *Celebrate Jesus* Grace Notes No. 9

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Emily Clapper

Grace McGowan, Janette Lile

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.

THANKS TO ALL THE YOUTH, their advisors, Becky Degan, and Janette Lile for planning and leading today's worship service. A warm welcome also to those who are here for this special service today.

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE and congratulate our graduating high school seniors – Abby Mosemann who will graduate from Lancaster Mennonite on June 3 and Sydney Jantzen and Grace Fertenbaugh who will be graduating from Ephrata on June 6. Check out their profiles in the library showcase display.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for Kids Church (Pre-K-Grade 2) this church year. Kids Church will not meet during the summer months but will resume meeting again in the fall. Resources for preschool and elementary children will be available on the table outside the center sanctuary doors.

THE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE'S recent benefit hot dog sale proceeds amounted to \$3,404.67. These funds provide grants for Forest Hills Mennonite Church students who choose to attend one of our Mennonite colleges or universities. Thanks to everyone who purchased a hot dog snack or volunteered at the hot dog stand. Also, thanks to Sharp Shopper, Leola for giving us the opportunity to benefit from their Customer Appreciation Days.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of June, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, May 24, so that they can be included on the June church calendar.

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:

- Those involved in the Lancaster Mennonite School bus accident this past week, and the many people affected by it.
- Jay and Doris Groff continuing to make adjustments due to health concerns and transitions.
- Students and teachers approaching the end of a school year.
- Dwain Engel dealing with continuing health concerns.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is seeking a full-time principal for the Locust Grove Campus for the 2017-18 school year, starting July 1. Locust Grove serves 253 students in Pre-K through 8th grade and has a Spanish Immersion track for K-6 as well as a traditional elementary and middle school program. The school is seeking a dynamic leader with vision and passion for leading a campus in the LM system. This position also includes a limited amount of teaching at the middle school level. Candidates should have principal certification, enjoy working with students, be collaborative, strive for academic excellence, and understand and practice Anabaptist Christian values. LM is also seeking elementary music and art teachers and, at the Lancaster Campus, a Bible teacher, social studies teacher, food service workers, custodian and residence hall advisors. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/employment for a full listing of job openings and application instructions.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Disaster Service for our recent contribution of \$4,000.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ June 3-10 – Young Adult Service Week in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.
- ☼ Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m. – Annual Church Picnic.
- ☼ June 11-August 27 – Becky Degan will be on sabbatical.
- ☼ 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 – NO evening activity.
- ☼ July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Orlando.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA CONVENTION 2017 will take place on 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. Visit <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> to learn more. Also, the convention planning office has arranged discounts at popular Orlando attractions for convention participants. To see what is available, visit mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com.

CAMP HEBRON'S 2017 SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDES are here. If you are interested in knowing more about summer youth camps, horse camps, adventure camps, and family camps, please pick up a program guide from the literature table in the fellowship hall.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting a poolside Hawaiian Luau for adults only on Thursday, June 1. This fundraising event will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature entertainment by Piercing Wood and the DK Jugglers. Come in your casual tropical attire. Limited seating; call 717-738-2233 to make a reservation.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is inviting you to take up a hammer and learn how to blacksmith under the tutelage of the Herr House blacksmiths on Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum. Registration is due by June 2. The class cost is \$65. Register at www.hansherr.org or call 717-464-4438. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL at Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Children are invited to experience sights, sounds, tastes and activities from around the world, engaging their imaginations and immersing them in the world of Fair Trade. Along with creating peace flags, "welcome neighbors" window art, river stone paperweights and fair trade fairy gardens, children can participate in The Refugee Experience and pack relief kit buckets, enjoy lunch in the Festival Café and dance or play along with live Andean music. Admission is free; food items and some crafts have a cost. See fellowship hall bulletin board for further details.

Community Happenings – continued

FAIRMOUNT HOMES will hold its 13th annual Heritage Day on Saturday, June 3. Reminisce about bygone days amidst a backdrop of more than 60 antique tractors plus other antique farm machinery and an impressive array of antique cars. A tractor procession will take place at 2:30 p.m. Food will be served throughout the day starting with a hearty breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Other foods include pork barbecue, picnic foods, Auntie Anne's soft pretzels, homemade ice cream, and strawberry pie. There will also be storytelling by local storytellers Henry Benner, Ken Sensenig and Frank Weaver, a petting zoo, quilting, and library tours. Talented artisans will be demonstrating their crafts – chair caning, spinning, weaving, stone masonry, pottery making, etc. Carriage and antique car rides will also be available. All proceeds benefit Fairmount's Sharing Fund.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is presenting an evening to learn what young historians are thinking on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m., at Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Micah Brickner will present on the outcomes of *Evangelical Visitor*, the denominational publication of the Brethren in Christ; Steven Bauman will discuss peace work of the American Friends Service Committee; and Joel Nofziger will talk about Mennonite fictional films and what they reveal about Mennonite identity. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

KAIROS: SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION is offering a workshop on Enneagrams on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., to be held at the Kairos office at 2160 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, with Ellen Kanagy and Rhonda Myers serving as facilitators. The enneagram, an ancient system that describes nine personality styles with many variations, can help us understand human behavior. Although it is first and foremost a journey of self-discovery, learning this model can also increase understanding and harmony in our family relationships and with our work colleagues. It explores what motivates us, what we tend to avoid, how we react to stress, and when we are at our best. Visit <http://www.kairosjourney.org/kairos-events/enneagram-workshop/> for more information or to register.

BETH SHALOM, a residential home that serves mothers coming out of prison and their children, is hosting a fundraising luncheon on Wednesday, June 14, at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland at 11:30 a.m. Warden Cheryl Steberger, the first female warden at Lancaster County Prison, will be the guest speaker. This free event will include a silent auction and an opportunity to contribute to the ministry of Beth Shalom. Reservations are required; call 717-299-0460.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Bruce Stauffer-Assistant

Befrienders: Anita Beidler, Marty Peifer

Greeters: Grace Fertenbaugh, Sydney Jantzen, Abby Mosemann

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Coleen H.; (W) Coleen and Cyleigh H.

Next Week: (SS) Ernestine L.; (W) Kristin L., Jeanette R.

TODAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

☼ 1 p.m. – Salt and Light Class Day Retreat at Harnishes'.

☼ No MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) event this evening.

THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.

☼ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Church Council.

NEXT SUNDAY

☼ Jon Carlson will be preaching on *Remembering rightly* based on Isaiah 43:15-21.

☼ No MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) event.

REPORT: (05/14) General Fund \$9,201
Sunday School 173; Worship 227

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