



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 9, 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 Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums

Gathering Song: *We gather together* Worship Book No. 17

Cal Roggie, Norma Stauffer-Leaders

Words of Welcome

Zac Hummel

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Not be shaken

Grace Notes No. 30

Holy is the Lord

Grace Notes No. 65

My Jesus, I love thee

Worship Book No. 522

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Kris Long

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Holy Spirit, come with power* Worship Book No. 26

Scriptures: Matthew 9:17; Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10; Isaiah 43: 18, 19; and

Romans 12:2

Sermon: *Preserving the new* Dan Hess

Response Song: *Will you let me be your servant* Worship Book No. 307

Sending

Congregational Sharing

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 CARLSON will be out of the office through this coming Tuesday, July 11. He and his family are vacationing in Florida for a few days following the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during his absence, please contact Nina Harnish or a Care Team member listed in the bulletin or directory.

JANETTE LILE is enjoying vacation time with family and friends at the Outer Banks and will be out of the office through Saturday, July 15.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Geneva Martin and her family in the death of her husband, Melvin Martin, who passed away last Friday, June 30. Mel was also the brother of Kathleen Ranck. Services were held here this past Monday.

OUR CONDOLENCES also to Vicki Engel and her family in the death of her husband, Dwain Engel. Dwaine passed away this past Thursday, July 6.

CONGRATULATIONS to Donna and Lloyd Mast on the birth of granddaughter, Quinn Hensley Rutt, born on June 30. Quinn's parents are Alexis (Sauder) and Jason Rutt, and the family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, Mennonite Women are asking for donations of school kits and health kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider taking several of the kit bags that are on the church bench in the foyer. Fill the bags with the items on the attached contents lists – currently many of the school items are on sale – and then return the completed kits to the church.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE is looking for church teams to continue the ongoing work of repairing houses that were damaged by floods in North Carolina. There are still about a dozen families who need work done on their houses so that they can move back into them. Scheduling is flexible, but work would most likely be done the end of July or the beginning of August. If you have interest in participating in a service experience like this, please contact Lee Charles ASAP.

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind, 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:

- Geneva Martin and her family mourning the loss of Melvin.
- Vicki Engel and her family mourning the loss of Dwain.
- Kevin Nofziger serving as the resource speaker at Camp Hebron's Family Camp this coming week – that God would guide him as he shares about *Family on mission*.
- Becky Degan – for a time of renewal while on sabbatical.

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 July 2, our year-to-date giving totals \$461,705, while our year-to-date budget is \$515,196, a shortfall of 10.4%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH: If you have flowers from your garden that you are willing to share to enhance our worship space on Sunday mornings, please be in touch with Linda Helmus at helmus540@comcast.net or 717-314-2216.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for Sunday, July 23, through Thursday, July 27, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., each evening. Registration can be done online at www.foresthillchurch.org. Extra VBS invitations are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. Feel free to take as many as you would like, and pass them along to family, friends and neighbors.

FOOD DONATIONS are needed for VBS. Select an item or two from the display board in the foyer, then mark your donations for VBS and bring them to the church kitchen by Sunday, July 16. More empty paper towel rolls are also needed. These may be placed in the designated box in the foyer.

AND FINALLY, VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED for VBS. Available positions include Crew Leaders, Rotation Helpers, and more. These tasks do not require pre-planning. Stop by the VBS display in the foyer after the worship service today to sign up for one of these positions.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday-Thursday, July 23-27, 6:15-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park at West Earl Lions Park with chicken barbecue lunch to follow.
- ☼ Sunday, October 1 – Worldwide Communion Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today – No Sunday School due to late arrival home from Convention last night.
- ☼ Today – No evening activity.
- ☼ Next Sunday Evening, July 16 – Guys and Girls Night with Hersheys.



THE MOUNT GRETNA OUTDOOR TABERNACLE will host the Webb Family Singers in concert on Sunday, July 9, (**today**) at 7 p.m. Seen on national TV and featured with Billy Graham, Charles Stanley and others, the Webbs have been singing Southern Gospel for 30 years. Next Sunday, July 16, the Brandywine Harps will be sharing Celtic harp music at the Tabernacle at 7 p.m. Enjoy good music in this historic outdoor setting. A freewill offering will be received.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL will be holding a series of open houses at all campuses this summer. The first one will be at Locust Grove (PreK-8), on Wednesday, July 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Locust Grove offers Spanish Immersion in addition to traditional classes. The Spanish Immersion program, for English-speaking students beginning in kindergarten, equips them to read, write, and speak in the Spanish language while they are in the formative years of language development. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/locust-grove for more information.

FAIRMOUNT HOMES is hosting an event with artist Elsie Beiler, best known for her Nickel Mines painting series. She will be sharing her story and talking about her artwork, some of which will be on display, on Thursday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m., in the Crest View Gathering Room. Elsie did not start painting seriously until later in life, and she continues to paint today. The July 20 presentation will center on her paintings prior to the Nickel Mines tragedy; a second presentation is scheduled for August 24, when she will share the story behind her Nickel Mines painting series. There is no charge, but space is limited, so please call 717-354-1893 to reserve a seat.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Dean Jantzen, David Bontrager-Assistant

Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin

Greeters: Joyce and Cliff Martin

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Violet Horst, Lisa Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Chris S.; (W) Nina H., Rose Miller

TODAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – *Ministers of reconciliation* Adult Summer Sunday School Series continues in the fellowship hall with *Reconciliation in Puerto Rico*. Young adults will share stories from serving and building relationships during their recent service trip, and Warren Tyson will share background on relationship with this church.

☼ MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) – No evening activity.

THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelphian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – *Ministers of reconciliation* Adult Summer Sunday School Series continues in the fellowship hall with *Reconciliation in our denomination: Reports from Mennonite Church USA Convention* by Pastor Jon, Adam Harnish, Ruth Ann Martin and Keith Stuckey.

☼ Pastor Jon will begin a new sermon series on *Vacations with God*. The first sermon will be based on 1 Kings 19:11-18 with a look at *Mountains*.

☼ Afternoon/Evening – Diakonia Class at the Bay.

☼ Evening – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Guys and Girls Night with Hersheys.

REPORT: (06/25) General Fund \$8,828; Student Aid \$100
(07/02) General Fund \$12,526; Refugee Education \$200
Sunday School - No attendance counted; Worship 166

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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