



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 16, 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, Janice Southwick-Guitars
Gathering Song: *There is a place of quiet rest* Worship Book No. 5
Words of Welcome Herb Hoover
Call to Worship and Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Don Nelson, Janice Southwick-Leaders
This is my Father's world Worship Book No. 154
How great thou art Grace Notes No. 4
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling Worship Book No. 491

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Herb Hoover
Offertory: *Let the little children come to me* *

Proclaiming

Special Music: *Jacob's well* *
Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-18
Sermon: *Vacations with God: Mountains* Jon Carlson
Response Song: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*
Worship Book No. 493

Sending

Congregational Sharing
Congregational Prayer
Benediction
Postlude

* Words and music by Janice Southwick.

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.

NINA HARNISH is enjoying vacation time at the Outer Banks with extended family and will be out of the office through Sunday, July 23.

LESLEY WENGER, a long-term member of Forest Hills, has been hired as our new church custodian. Thanks to Lesley for assuming the responsibility of maintaining our facility.

THANKS TO PHYLLIS GAMBER for assembling the interesting library showcase display to coincide with Pastor Jon's upcoming sermon series on *Vacationing with God*.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of August, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, July 19, so that they can be included on the August church calendar.

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.

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.

THE FLEX FUND was established several years ago to respond to special projects that arise during the church year. Priority is to be given to projects that fit the vision, character and theology of the church and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. If there are any special requests for the Flex Fund that have not been addressed this year, please notify Tom Verghese as soon as possible.

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:

- Vacation Bible School organizers preparing for the many children who will be served.
- Those who struggle daily with on-going health issues, and those who provide on-going care.
- Recent widows and widowers: Vicki Engel, Esther Kreider, Kris Long, Geneva Martin, Lila Neufeld, Miriam Umble, and Melvin Zimmerman who are grieving and adjusting to the loss of their spouse.
- Wisdom in decision-making for those involved in planning and budgeting for the upcoming church year.

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.foresthillschurch.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 in the next day or two. 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.

WORSHIP AIDS ARE AVAILABLE for persons who have trouble experiencing various aspects of our worship services. Large print hymnals and bulletins are available in the ushers room. More will be provided if needed; please don't hesitate to ask. Hearing amplifiers are available in the sound room for anyone who has trouble hearing our worship services. If you wish to use one of these hearing devices, you may pick it up on the ledge outside the sound room at the rear of the sanctuary prior to the start of the service. And finally, wheelchairs are available for those needing a bit of assistance to enter or move through the building. Please ask an usher or sound technician for assistance in obtaining these resources.

EASTERN MENNONITE MISSIONS has planned *Launch into life on mission* internships. These 3-18 month experiences are for adults age 18 and older. Mission internships are a chance to learn by doing, to walk alongside experienced missionaries, and to learn skills for cross-cultural disciple-making. Further information about this mission opportunity is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

A FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY is looking for a full-time babysitter for a 3-month old baby girl starting August 30, on Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. If you are interested in this employment opportunity or know of someone else who might be interested, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School: Sharing and debriefing about Convention.
- ☼ This Evening – Guys and Girls Night with Hersheys.
- ☼ Next Sunday, July 23, Evening – Tacos and Movie Night at the Clappers'.



ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE YOUTH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a summer fundraiser at the Lancaster Barnstormers' game on Friday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. A portion of the \$12 ticket price will benefit ACC youth programming. The evening will include giveaways, fun activities, and fireworks. Visit atlanticcoastconference.net/baseball by **tomorrow, July 17**, to purchase your tickets to support ACC youth.

LANDIS HOMES will hold a Kick-off for its fall Pathways Institute, a program for adults age 55 and older, on Thursday, July 27, at Calvary Church, at 1:30 p.m. Instructors will be introduced, and new fall classes will be announced. Afterwards, catalogs will be distributed, and guests may enjoy delicious desserts while making reservations for upcoming classes and events. Reservations are required; RSVP to Alice Whitman by Friday, July 21, at 717-569-3271, ext. 3060, or e-mail awhitman@landishomes.org.

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Community Happenings – continued

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S summer Music in the Orchard series at the 1719 Hans Herr House continues on Saturday, July 22, at 6 p.m., with Sopa Sol, a world folk music group with Frances Crowhill Miller and Daryl Snider. Tickets cost \$8 on concert day at the site; kids are free. Visit www.hansherr.org for more information. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL will hold a series of open houses at all campuses this summer. Kraybill School (PreK-8) will be open on Wednesday, July 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This evening will include a cook-out and a movie. The Kraybill Campus features small class sizes from pre-kindergarten through middle school under one roof at 598 Kraybill Church Road, Mount Joy. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/kraybill for more information.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL will hold an open house on, Thursday, July 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The middle school offers innovative Project Based learning (the *LMMS Connect!* program), while the high school offers a comprehensive, well-rounded curriculum and numerous co-curricular opportunities in athletics and fine arts. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/lancaster for more information. The New Danville Campus (PreK-5) will be open on Wednesday, August 2, from 6-7:30 p.m. New Danville offers the option of five-day, full-day Pre-K in a small, diverse and caring Christian school environment. Visit www.lancastermennonite.org/new-danville for more information.

CAMP HEBRON is hosting a benefit dinner on Tuesday, August 22, at 6 p.m., at Brethren Village on the Lititz Pike, to say farewell to former Executive Director, Dustin Musser, and welcome new Executive Director, Deke Rider. Come learn about the good things that God is doing at Camp. For reservations, call 717-896-3441 or email info@camphebron.org by Tuesday, August 8.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a field trip to highlight the Swiss-German 1717 Immigrant Journey to Lancaster. Sail on the Christiana River aboard the Kalmar Nyckel, a replica of the Swedish boat that brought the first European settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638. Visit old Philadelphia and experience some of the sites from the original settlements. Cost is \$130 for members and \$145 for non-members. Registration is due by August 16; first-come, first-served basis. Register at lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Bruce Stauffer-Assistant

Befrienders: Irene and Andrew Ebersole

Greeters: Ray Fisher, Kathy Unangst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Dennis and Bonnie Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Louetta H., _____; (W) Louetta H., Joanne M.

TODAY

- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Afternoon/Evening – Diakonia Class at the Bay.
- ☼ Evening – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Guys and Girls Night with the Hersheys.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – *Ministers of reconciliation* Adult Summer Sunday School Series continues in the fellowship hall with *Reconciliation in resettlement*. Two of the Khilo teens will be sharing part of their journey from Syria to Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- ☼ Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series on *Vacations with God ~ Cruise*. The sermon will be based on Genesis 3:1-13.

REPORT: (07/09) General Fund \$8,235; Caring Fund \$50
Sunday School 121; Worship 184

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Norma Stauffer - Administrator

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