



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 23, 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.

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### 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

#### Gathering

Prelude

Sandy Smoker-Piano

Gathering Song: *To God be the glory*

Worship Book No. 102

Tim Smoker, Norma Stauffer-Leaders

Words of Welcome

Becky Siegrist

Call to Worship

Invocation

#### Praising and Adoring

##### Congregational Singing

Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*(Blessed be) The name of the Lord*

Grace Notes No. 45

*Ten thousand reasons (Bless the Lord, oh my soul)*

*There is a Redeemer*

Grace Notes No. 53

#### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offering

#### Proclaiming

Song: *Come thou fount*

Worship Book No. 521

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13

Sermon: *Vacations with God ~ Cruise*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord* Worship Book No. 151

#### 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.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL program begins this evening at 6:15 p.m. Thanks to the skillful leadership of Janette Lile and the many volunteers who are making this learning experience possible. Please remember to pray for all the children and all the leaders and helpers who will be participating in *Maker fun factory ~ Created by God, built for a purpose* throughout the week.

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.

COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED continued contributions to a Refugee Education Fund to help cover costs of refugee students attending one of our primary or secondary Mennonite schools if and when it is deemed that this type of education would be in the best interest of the student(s). Tax deductible gifts to this Fund are invited. Approximately \$8,000 is needed for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. It is hoped that contributions to cover this amount will be received prior to the start of the school year. Contributions earmarked *Refugee Education Fund* may be placed in the regular offering.

LANDIS HOMES IS SEEKING volunteers from age 14 to 90 or older to serve throughout the campus. Volunteers receive personal joy and fulfillment while the Landis Homes community is enhanced and blessed by their service. The Volunteer Services Office is ready to match a variety of talents and skills with new and existing opportunities. A list of current special needs is posted at [www.landishomes.org/volunteer/opportunities/](http://www.landishomes.org/volunteer/opportunities/). Persons interested in volunteer opportunities at Landis Homes may contact the Volunteer Services office at 717-509-5409.

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:

- All leaders and helpers and the children who will be participating in VBS this week.
- Becky Degan joining her father on a mission trip in South Africa – for safety and meaningful interactions with the people they meet.
- Our Mennonite denomination and the many congregations seeking to follow Jesus despite differences in convictions and beliefs.
- Leaders of our children's programs – nursery, KfC, Jr Youth, Kids Church, and MYF – as they make preparations for the upcoming church year.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE YOUTH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a summer fundraiser at the Outback Steakhouse on Tuesday, August 15, from 5-8 p.m. Fifteen percent of your meal price will benefit ACC youth programming. Let the server know you want to support ACC youth, or contact the church office for a coupon to take with you. Please contact ACC at [www.groupraise.com/events/29786](http://www.groupraise.com/events/29786) to notify them that you plan to participate in this fundraiser.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER continues to accept registrations for Prelude Music (Gr. 1-2) and Choristers (Gr. 3-7). These non-auditioned programs meet on Tuesday evenings from September through April. Contact [mccl@lancaftermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancaftermennonite.org) for registration forms. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

#### 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.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities begin.

#### MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Elective with Khilo teens.
- ☼ Today, 6:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School; no other evening activity.
- ☼ Next Sunday, July 30, Sunday School – Prep for Mission Spotlight.
- ☼ Next Sunday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. – Tacos and Outdoor Movie Night at Clappers'.
- ☼ Sunday, August 6 – Welcome/Farewell Day.



HORSHAM DRONE BASE DEMONSTRATION: You are invited to show that *God loves the whole world* by joining others in a public demonstration against the militarized drone base at the Horsham Air Guard Station. This *witness in a time of endless war* on the grassy knoll at the corner of County Line and Easton Roads (Route 611) begins at noon and goes until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Free parking is available at the strip mall in the southwest corner of that intersection. Lancaster County participants in this witness will leave the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at [penner@dejazzd.com](mailto:penner@dejazzd.com) or 717-859-3529 so that sufficient transportation can be arranged.

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LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a field trip, *Christian Burkholder, nonresistance, and war*, to learn about Mennonites during the Revolutionary War on Saturday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Romaine Stauffer will lead the tour based on her new book, *Loyalty test*, about prominent bishop Christian Burkholder. Visit sites from Groffdale to Bowmansville and enjoy special foods like ground-cherry pie and pawpaw ice-cream along the way. Registration cost for members is \$75; for non-members it is \$90. Register by August 30 at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling 717-393-9745. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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, on Saturday, September 16, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 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](http://lmhs.org) or by calling 717-393-9745. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: David Bontrager

Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Alden Southwick-Assistant

Befrienders: Keith Lehman, Kathy Unangst

Greeters: Joyce and Marty Peifer

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa and Dan Nagy

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Alice B., Ernestine L.; (W) Liz and Camden C.

## TODAY

- ☼ 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.
- ☼ 6:15 p.m. – *Maker fun factory ~ Created by God, built for a purpose* Vacation Bible School begins. (See bulletin announcement for details.)
- ☼ 6:15 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Vacation Bible School; no other evening activity

## THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.
- ☼ Monday-Thursday, 6:15-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School continues.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 8:30 a.m. – Agape Class Breakfast at Gracie's on Main.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Care and Share Sunday: Adult classes will meet in their individual classrooms.
- ☼ Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series on *Vacations with God ~ City* based on John 1.
- ☼ 6:30 p.m. – MYF: Tacos and Outdoor Movie Night at Clappers'.

REPORT: (07/16) General Fund \$11,106; Caring Fund \$500;  
Refugee Education \$1,000  
Sunday School 116; Worship 170

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### Staff and Leadership Teams

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education (on Sabbatical)

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