



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

July 30, 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 Alex and Thomas Schlosser-Piano
Gathering Song: *Morning Has Broken* Worship Book No. 648
Holly Schlosser-Leader, Erik Schlosser-Guitar
Words of Welcome Warren Tyson
Call to Worship
Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing
My Soul is filled with joy Grace Notes. No. 31
Longing for light Grace Notes. No. 23
Give us clean hands Grace Notes. No. 25

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Janette Lile
Offertory Mennonite Youth Convention Slideshow

Proclaiming

Song: *Come and See* Worship Book No. 20
Scripture: John 1:1-18
Sermon: *Vacations with God ~ City* Jon Carlson
Response Song: *My Soul Cries Out* Grace Notes. No. 22

Sending

Congregational Sharing
Mission Spotlight Mennonite Youth Convention 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU for the many, many hours of work that Janette Lile put into organizing and implementing this past weeks' Vacation Bible School program. VBS was a huge success thanks in large part to the skillful leadership of Janette and the 75 volunteers who made it possible. The many people who donated snacks and craft supplies were also an important ingredient. A total of 154 children from nine Forest Hills families and 71 community families enjoyed the week together. Average children's attendance each night was 130.

"SINCE MY ACCIDENT, I have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of care from the Agape Class and others from the congregation. Until being confined to a recliner all day and night for the past ten weeks and counting, I never imagined the gratitude for every card, gift, phone call, text, prayers, visits, and multiple meals gifted to me! I am healing as I slowly move ahead on this journey to full mobility. From the depth of my being, thank you!" – Lag Weaver

CONGRATULATIONS TO DOUG STUCKEY, son of Phyllis and Keith Stuckey, who was married to Lindsay Terchin yesterday, July 29, at One Hawk Farm in Longmont, Colorado. After their wedding, the newlyweds plan to make their home in Seattle, Washington where Doug will be working for Amazon.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Kelsea Burkholder, granddaughter of Karen and Paul Eckert and great grand-daughter of Paul Burkholder, who was married to Anthony Illiano yesterday, July 29. Kelsea's parents are Tamara (Eckert) and Jim Burkholder. Great Grandpa Paul officiated at the ceremony which was held at Googleworks in Reading. The newlyweds plan to live in Ephrata.

MENNONITE WOMEN will meet at the church to sew for relief this coming Thursday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to participate.

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:

- Our youth group teens welcoming new members and saying goodbyes to those who are leaving at their welcome/farewell day next Sunday.
- Brenda Verghese completing her radiation treatment protocol.
- Sam Frey dealing with implications of a serious illness.
- Thanks for the wonderful week of VBS and the many volunteers and children who made it such a meaningful experience.
- Jere Steinbaecher facing continued treatments for cancer.
- Lag Weaver continuing to recover from the serious injuries sustained in a recent accident.
- Blessings for the newlyweds who are part of Forest Hills families.

THE ADOPT-A-STUDENT PROGRAM for our college students still needs four (4) households to adopt individual students this coming school year! This involves contacting your student at least four times throughout the school year and praying for them on a regular basis. More guidelines will be provided upon signing up. Contact Nina Harnish if you would like to sign up or get more information.

THIS PAST WEEK several plumbing fixtures were replaced in several of our aging restrooms. With both effectiveness and safety concerns in mind, additional upgrades have been scheduled for the coming weeks.

NORMA STAUFFER, Church Administrator, is looking for someone to serve as a substitute when she is gone on vacation. Along with several miscellaneous office tasks, primary duties would be to send out bulletins on Mondays and produce the bulletin on Thursdays. If you are willing to consider this opportunity, please contact Norma as soon as possible.

COME ONE, COME ALL! Join other baseball fans for Forest Hills night at the Lancaster Barnstormers game on Saturday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. All ages of Forest Hills attendees, family members, and friends are welcome. Discounted tickets cost \$8 per person. Sign-up in the church foyer or at *Forest Hills Night at the Barnstormers* on our facebook page. Checks and payments may be made payable to Warren Tyson, event coordinator.

FOREST HILLS has received letters of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$6,855 to be divided among its various agencies and also from Mennonite Disaster Service for a \$400 gift to cover supplies used by a Forest Hills service team that assisted in one of their projects.

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: Prep for Mission Spotlight.
- ☼ Today 6:30 p.m. – Tacos and Outdoor Movie Night at Clappers'. Bring a blanket or chair and a drink or dessert to share.
- ☼ Sunday, August 6, 9:15 a.m.-8 p.m. – Welcome/Farewell Day at the lake.



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.grouppraise.com/events/29786 to notify them that you plan to participate in this fundraiser.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S summer Music in the Orchard series at the 1719 Hans Herr House concludes on Saturday, August 5, at 6 p.m., with Smokehouse 4, a local group drawing on New Orleans blues and soul. Tickets cost \$8 on concert day at the site; kids under 12 are free. Visit www.hansherr.org for more information. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting an Outdoor Gospel Concert on Saturday, August 5, at 7 p.m. featuring Sunny Side, a bluegrass gospel music. Bring lawn chairs for outdoor seating. An offering will be received to benefit the ministry of the camp. Chicken barbecue dinners will also be served from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$8 adults and \$5 children 2-12. Meal reservations are required; call 717-738-2233.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Beth and Jim Fenton

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa and Olivia Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Janette and Jenna L.; (W) Rose Miller, Jeanette R.

TODAY

- ☼ 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.
- ☼ 6:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Tacos and Outdoor Movie Night at Clappers'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 9:15 a.m.-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Welcome/Farewell Day at the lake.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – *Ministers of reconciliation* Adult Summer Sunday School Series continues in the fellowship hall with *Reconciliation in marriage* – panel with Ruth and Jake Bare, Eleanor and Dan Glick, Becky and Les Siegrist and Ann and Byron Zimmerman led by Nina Harnish.
- ☼ Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17 after the service.
- ☼ Jim Fenton will continue the sermon series on *Vacations with God ~ Oceans* based on John 21:1-14.

REPORT: (07/23) General Fund \$6,351; Student Aid \$100
Sunday School 132; Worship 172

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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