



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

August 6, 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** Cheryl Eshleman-Piano  
**Gathering Song:** *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* Worship Book No. 71  
Daryl and Matt Eshleman, Sarah Krause, Adam Harnish-Leaders  
**Words of Welcome** Peter Fenton  
**Call to Worship**  
**Invocation**

### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing** Cheryl Eshleman-Piano  
Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums  
*Come, now is the time to worship* Grace Notes No. 2  
*You are holy (you are whole)* Grace Notes No. 47  
*In Christ alone* Grace Notes No. 60

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Children's Time** Sarah Krause  
**Offertory:** *Raging sea* Michael W. Smith, Recorded

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *Holy Spirit, come with power* Worship Book No. 26  
**Scripture:** John 21:1-14  
**Sermon:** *Vacations with God ~ Beach* Jim Fenton  
**Response Song:** *There is a place of quiet rest* Worship Book No. 5

### 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.

THANKS TO LISA SPANGLER for providing the worship visuals and pulpit flowers today.

THE MYF (YOUTH GROUP) is at Lake Wynonah today for their annual Welcome/Farewell Day. This is when they say goodbye to the outgoing members, including our high school seniors and advisor Mike McGowan, and welcome incoming members, including high school freshmen and new advisors Rose Mosemann and Dwight Yoder.

JON CARLSON is on vacation at the beach with family and friends through this coming Saturday, August 12. Should you find yourself in need of pastoral care during his absence, please contact Nina Harnish or another staff member, Elder, or Care Team member as listed in the bulletin or church directory.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK is scheduled for next Sunday, August 13, at the West Earl Lions Park in Talmage. Please note that the start time will be **10 a.m.** Jon Carlson will lead a reflection about *Vacations with God ~ Staycation*, and special music will include favorite Christian songs and bluegrass style music led by our own Dan Nagy, Don Nelson, and Sheila Snyder along with Don's daughter, Amanda Nelson Stoltzfus.

IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR THE PICNIC LUNCH next Sunday and have not yet made your reservation, please notify Norma Stauffer **today**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for Preschool, Primary 1-2 and Junior Youth are needed for the upcoming school year. Teachers typically teach one Sunday per month. In Becky's absence, please contact Janette Lile if you are interested in serving the children of our congregation in this way. Janette will pass volunteers' names along to the respective Sunday School Coordinators who are in charge of scheduling teachers.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Atlantic Coast Conference for our recent donation of \$11,725 to their ministry.

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 transitioning to her new residence at Landis Homes.
- Matthew Fenton moving to Los Angeles for a new job opportunity.
- Those involved with preparations for next Sunday's Service in the Park.
- Jon and Lyn and their family enjoying a time of relaxation and refreshment at the beach.
- MOMS Committee finalizing their schedule for the upcoming year.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council is providing monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. Our year-to-date giving totals \$493,104 as of July 31, while our year-to-date budget is \$562,032, a shortfall of 12.3%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

THE DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE is looking for a volunteer to serve the congregation as our Hospitality Advocate – the person who schedules our weekly Greeters and Befrienders. If you would like to know more about this position or are interested in serving in this way, please contact Ryan Nolt, Discernment Committee Chair as soon as possible.

ALL SENIORS who do not participate in the shared meals at one of the local retirement homes are invited to the bi-monthly luncheon here at the church on Monday, August 21, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office by next Sunday, August 13, of your plans to attend or not to attend this lunch. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs.

THE ADOPT-A-STUDENT PROGRAM for our college students still needs a few 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.

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 to absentees on Sundays or Mondays and produce the bulletin on Thursdays. If you are willing to consider this opportunity, please contact Norma as soon as possible.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a male Residence Hall Advisor for the 2017-18 school year. Applicants should be interested in contributing to a safe, nurturing and inclusive community for international high school boarding students. Advisors enjoy a vibrant and supportive workplace working individually and as a team, as well as a spacious apartment and a salary/benefits package. Interested applicants should send résumés to Elvin Kennel at [kennelen@lancaستمennonite.org](mailto:kennelen@lancaستمennonite.org).

LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL also has an immediate opening for a high school physics teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Applicants need a certification in physics and a passion for working with students. They should be collaborative, strive for academic excellence, and understand and live out Anabaptist Christian values. Interested applicants should send résumés to Elvin Kennel at [kennelen@lancaستمennonite.org](mailto:kennelen@lancaستمennonite.org).

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Sunday, October 1 – Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities begin.

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

- ☼ Today, 9:15 a.m.-8 p.m. – Welcome/Farewell Day at Wynonah Lake; no Sunday School.
- ☼ Next Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m. – Service in the Park; no evening activity.
- ☼ Sunday, August 20, time TBD – Pool Party with Salt and Light Class at Hursts' pool.
- ☼ September 15-17 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

Check out the *Community Happenings* on the next page.



THE MOUNT GRETN A OUTDOOR TABERNACLE will host the National Christian Choir in concert on Sunday, August 6 (**today**) at 7 p.m. This 175-voice choir from over 100 churches in five states in the D.C. area hosts a program called *Psalm 95* on our local Christian radio station. Additionally, Brothers of Grace, a southern gospel quartet, will be in concert this coming Wednesday, August 9, at 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of good music in this historic outdoor setting. Freewill offerings will be received at both events.

STUMPTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH is hosting a one-day Vacation Bible School for all ages, next Sunday, August 13, starting with registration and tractor train rides at 3:30 p.m. The day will include kids' games, plane rides, Bible stories, an evening meal and ice cream for everyone and treats for the kids. No pre-registration is required. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY on Millstream Road will hold its annual Bookworm Frolic, a sale of used books, on Wednesday through Friday, August 16-18, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Purchase some interesting used books and support the ministry of LMHS. For more information, see flyer posted on the foyer bulletin board or visit [www.lmhs.org](http://www.lmhs.org).

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting several outdoor events in August. Join them for a Summer Splash on Thursday, August 17, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Pool, waterslide, nature shack and barnyard will be open, and the cost is \$5/person. On Saturday, August 26, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m., there will be a 3D Benefit Archery Shoot. Cost for adults is \$25/person; cost for children under age 16 is \$15. This fee includes a 10 a.m. brunch.

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 24, 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 \$70; for non-members \$85. 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.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Bruce Stauffer-Assistant

Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Kathy Unangst

Greeters: Brenda and Tom Verghese

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Ernestine L., Jeanette R.; (W) Becky S., Norma S.

## TODAY

- ☼ 9:15 a.m.-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Welcome/Farewell Day at Lake Wynonah.
- ☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. *Ministers of reconciliation* Adult Summer 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.
- ☼ Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

## THIS COMING WEEK

- ☼ No planned activities at the church this coming week.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ☼ 10 a.m. – Service in the Park. Jon Carlson will lead us in thinking about *Vacations with God ~ Staycation*.
- ☼ Lunch – Following the worship service, everyone is invited to stay for a chicken barbecue picnic lunch.
- ☼ MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) – No evening activity.

REPORT: (07/30) General Fund \$5,506; Refugee Education \$500  
Sunday School 138; Worship 1208

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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