



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 3, 2017

SINGING OUR FAITH SUNDAY

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** Becky Degan-Piano/Leader, Don Nelson-Guitar  
Michael Degan-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums, Janette Lile-Vocals

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song:** *My life flows on*

Worship Book No. 580

**Words of Welcome**

Jerry Lile

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Song:** *Jesus loves me (Hallelujah)*

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Children's Time**

Janette Lile

**Offering**

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *Lord, I lift your name on high*

Grace Notes No. 3

**Scripture:** Psalm 96

**Singing our Faith**

*Love come down*

Craig and Erin Miller

*Teach me thy truth*

Cal Roggie

*Here I am, Lord*

Worship Book No. 54

Kathy Unangst

Worship Book No. 395

**Sending**

**Congregational Sharing**

**Affirmation Vote on Hospitality Advocate Position** Ryan Nolt

**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.

ALL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES have moved into their designated groupings and classrooms for the 2017-18 church year. If you are not sure where your children should go, check out the signs outside each classroom for designated groupings.

**UPDATE TO DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:** Following approval of the Discernment Committee ballot that took place on August 20, Kathy Unangst has agreed to fill the open position as our Hospitality Advocate. An informal vote of affirmation will be held during the service today to approve Kathy in this role.

JON CARLSON is out of town enjoying the Labor Day weekend with family and friends. He will be returning to the office on Tuesday, September 5. 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 CONDOLENCES** to Ruth Hooper and her family in the death of her husband, Mervin, this past Wednesday, August 30. Plans for services were pending at bulletin publication time.

BARRY WEATHERHOLTZ was released from the hospital this past week and is now continuing his recovery at home.

**EVER WONDER** where all of our college students are attending school? The answer to this question can be found in the library showcase. Thanks to Phyllis Gamber for assembling this informative *back to school* display.

**OUR MOMS PROGRAM** will begin its new season with a Welcome Brunch on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m. All women and children – infants through preschool and kindergarten – are encouraged to attend and invite friends and neighbors to get involved as well. Program schedules are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

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:

- Those affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey.
- Ruth Hooper and her family as they mourn Mervin's passing.
- Those looking for employment.
- Barry Weatherholtz recovering from a bleeding ulcer.
- Those experiencing on-going health issues and their caregivers.

MENNONITE WOMEN will meet at the church to sew for relief this coming Thursday, September 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to participate.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE is preparing for a response to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the severe flooding on the Texas Gulf Coast. Please continue to keep these victims in your prayers. MDS sent an assessment team to Texas this week to determine short and long term responses. MDS is accepting financial donations for recovery efforts and is collecting names of those interested in volunteering. Checks made payable to Mennonite Disaster Service, with "Hurricane Harvey" on the memo line, may be sent to 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. See bulletin insert for further details.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE CONTINUED GENEROSITY of our congregation! We are beginning our new church year in a strong financial position. The final offering for the General Fund, including what was received by mail dated before our fiscal year-end on August 31, was \$35,116.

As of August 31, 2017	
<b>Income</b>	595,035
<b>Expenses</b>	580,005
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	15,030

Because of your generosity, we were able to fulfill all of our commitments to church agencies while continuing the ministries of our own church.

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully supported the mission of our congregation with your financial support.

Sam Clement  
Treasurer

## LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ Saturday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. – Forest Hills Night at the Lancaster Barnstormers game.
- ☼ Sunday, October 1 – Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- ☼ Sunday, October 1, Noon – Histories and Reasons lunch – for those interested in learning more about the nuances of our congregation.
- ☼ Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities begin.

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

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ☼ September 15-17 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain.



LANDIS HOMES FELLOWSHIP DAY and Chicken Barbecue will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Events of the day will include a benefit auction of quilts, art, antiques, and handcrafts. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/LH2017Auction>. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a book signing on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m., at the Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center, 352 Martindale Road, Ephrata. Author Beth Oberholtzer and photographer John Herr will talk about their recently released book *Plain Meetinghouses: Lancaster County Old Order Mennonites Gather to Worship*, sharing about the utilitarian beauty of old order meetinghouses. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

CV HOMES OF HOPE is hosting a one-day training workshop for mentors on Friday, September 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lifespring Fellowship in Lititz. Homes of Hope transitions homeless families to self-sufficiency with the help of mentors and budget coaches. If you have a desire to make a difference in someone's life, being a mentor may be for you. If you have questions, contact Sue Orth at 717-656-9200 or [sueo@zionleola.org](mailto:sueo@zionleola.org), or you can register by calling Beth Crosby at 717-735-7540, ext 3. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technician: Dean Jantzen, David Bontrager (Assistant)

Greeters: Pat, Ryan, Tyler, Jordan and Hailey Nolt

Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Ernestine L., Rose Miller; (W) Rose Miller

## TODAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

☼ Parish Nurses monthly blood pressure screenings have been postponed until next week due to the holiday weekend.

## THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Monday – Labor Day holiday; church office will be closed.

☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

☼ Saturday, 6:30 p.m. – Forest Hills Night at Lancaster Barnstormers Game.

## NEXT SUNDAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

☼ Pastor Jon Carlson will be preaching on *The praises of the people* based on Psalm 96.

☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17 after the service.

☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Parent/Youth Meeting.

REPORT: (08/27) General Fund \$35,116  
Student Aid \$100, Refugee Education \$550  
Sunday School 152; Worship 206

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### **Staff and Leadership Teams**

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

Janette Lile - Director of Community Life

Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin, Rose Mosemann,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team