



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 10, 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

Gathering Song: *Praise to the Lord*

Worship Book No. 37

Becky Degan, Norma Stauffer, Willie Hurst, Cal Roggie-Leaders

Words of Welcome

Donna Mast

Call to Worship and Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Craig Miller-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums

10,000 reasons

How great is our God

Lift high the name of Jesus

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

Worship Book No. 50

Scripture: Psalm 96

Sermon: *The praises of the people*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Praise God from whom*

Worship Book No. 118

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.

KID'S CHURCH for Pre-K through 2nd graders will begin meeting today. It will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. The children will join the congregation for corporate worship on the 1st and 5th Sundays of the month.

JOIN CORINNE AND WINSTON SWARTZENDRUBER in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Please come to the fellowship hall after the service to offer your congratulations and enjoy the cake they've provided to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

OUR MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) PROGRAM will begin its new season with a Welcome Brunch this coming 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.

A NEW PEN-PAL PROGRAM is being organized this fall to connect our 4th and 5th grade children with some of our more seasoned Forest Hillers. Expectation is that children and adults will use provided writing prompts to exchange monthly notes. If you are an adult who would be interested in participating in this program, please contact Nina Harnish at your earliest convenience.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANES HARVEY AND IRMA, Mennonites are working to mobilize responses to help the most vulnerable victims. There are at least three ways you can get involved: Houston Mennonite Church is coordinating direct assistance to undocumented immigrants who can't access federal or state aid (www.houstonmennonite.org); Mennonite Disaster Service is preparing for long-term rebuilding work in the U.S. and its territories (www.mds.mennonite.net); and Mennonite Central Committee (www.mcc.org) is working with their international partners in Haiti and Cuba. Please consider how your generosity can make a difference.

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:

- Jake Bare beginning radiation treatments for skin cancer.
- Those affected by recent hurricanes including Pastor José and his congregation in Puerto Rico.
- Those desiring physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.
- Jere Steinbaeher receiving on-going chemotherapy treatments.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is seeking an accountant-bookkeeper for 24 hours per week. For job description and application, visit www.lmhs.org. Submit résumé and application to Dorothy Siegrist at manager@lmhs.org by Friday, September 22.
- LANDIS HOMES is seeking a fulltime Director of Residential Life and a fulltime Groundskeeper. Learn more or apply online at www.landishomes.org. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

COPIES OF *THE MIRROR*, newsletter of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, are available in the fellowship hall literature rack. This newsletter features articles about the Society's Annual Storytelling Night, its new Director, field trips and other upcoming events, etc. Help yourself to a copy of *The Mirror*.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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: KfC (Gr.K-5), Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8), and Adult Choir.
- ☼ Sunday, October 29, Noon – MYF (Youth Group) Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser lunch followed by our Annual Business Meeting.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☼ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School: Dwight Yoder will begin a series of lessons on peace.
- ☼ Today, 5:30 p.m. – Council Meeting.
- ☼ Today, 7 p.m. – Parent/Teen Meeting.
- ☼ Friday-Sunday, September 15-17 – Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain; leave church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.



MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES Lancaster Chapter will hold a breakfast meeting on *Corporate social responsibility* on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:30 a.m., at The High Companies, 1861 William Penn Way, Lancaster. Robin Stauffer, executive director of the S. Dale High Family Foundation, will be the speaker. The presentation will be followed by an optional tour of the Leadership Center and Cal High's antique car collection. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. Please reserve your space by calling the MEDA office at 717-560-6546 or email chapters@meda.org by September 12.

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH is hosting an *End of life planning* seminar on three Saturdays in September – the 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Guest presenters will help participants explore topics such as necessary conversations with family and friends, the legal and financial importance of planning ahead, and making your wishes known. Cost is \$30 per person. To register, visit office@ridgeviewmennonite.net or call 717-768-3143. Seminar brochures are available in the fellowship hall literature rack.

MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES is hosting a Women Empowering Women event on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Mulberry on King, 253 West King Street, Lancaster. Come learn about issues facing women entrepreneurs in Ethiopia and the ways that MEDA is empowering them to build strong families and communities. Women Empowering Women meets quarterly to promote the importance of women's economic empowerment as a catalyst for positive change in the world. For more information, visit www.meda.org/wew. RSVP to Vanessa Hofer at vhofer@meda.org or call 717-560-6546.

NO LONGER ALONE MINISTRIES is hosting its annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 21, at Calvary Church, Lancaster. Silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and presentation to follow at 6:30 p.m. Meet new director, Clara Ames, and hear inspiring remarks from Dr. Harold Kraybill. Enjoy uplifting humor and storytelling for addressing issues of faith, justice and mental wellness by playwright and author Ted Swartz. Tickets are \$40 per person, and reservations can be made at www.nlam.org/banquet or by calling 717-390-4891. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS – Continued

STAFF AND BOARD of *The Mennonite*, a multimedia publication and magazine connected to Mennonite Church USA, would love to meet constituents on Thursday, September 21, from 7-8:30 p.m., at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster. Come visit with executive director Hannah Heinzekehr and ask questions or share feedback about their work. To learn more about *The Mennonite*, visit www.TheMennonite.org.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE East Coast is sponsoring a Borderlands Learning Tour to the US/Mexico Border on October 10-15. Participants are invited to increase their understanding and knowledge of the social and theological significance of migration, including advocacy tools to engage others in discussion of borderlands and migration issues. Cost is \$500, which includes all meals, modest lodging and transportation on sites. A valid passport is required. To register or learn more details, visit mcc.org/search/site/borderlands.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE'S Fall Assembly will be held at Conestoga Mennonite Church in Morgantown on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28. The weekend will include the following:

- Annual Leadership Resource Day for pastors and church leaders on Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nate Stucky and Jon Heinly will lead training and interactive sessions to explore the issues of *Church relevance and revitalization* as they apply to the 21st century church. How do we measure relevance? For whom or for what are we to remain relevant? Where is our church most alive today, and where must it experience death and resurrection as we pursue revitalization?
- ACC Mennonite Women's Banquet on Friday at 6 p.m. This year's banquet theme is *Embracing diversity*. Karen Sensenig will be the guest speaker.
- Fall Assembly Celebration on Saturday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with the theme of *Activated: The Church engaged*, based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-14. Celebration will include worship, business sessions, and workshops with a focus on empowering today's churches and leaders to actively engage with the community and culture to continue making disciples in a world that often appears less receptive to Jesus' call.

Visit www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly or call the ACC office at 717-394-8107 to register.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Sound Technician: David Bontrager, Bruce Stauffer (Assistant)

Greeters: Nina Harnish, Janette Lile

Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz C., Christine S.; (W) Jennifer and Mary S.

TODAY

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

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

☼ 5:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Council Meeting

☼ 7 p.m. – MYF: Parent/Teen Meeting.

THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) begins with a Welcome Brunch.

☼ Friday-Sunday – MYF at Atlantic Coast Conference Youth Retreat.

☼ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelphian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

☼ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School hour: State of the Church Meeting: An open forum in the fellowship hall for all adults to review and discuss the proposed 2017-18 church budget.

☼ Pastor Jon Carlson will be preaching on *The posture of praise* based on Psalm 95.

☼ MYF will return home from the ACC Youth Retreat.

REPORT: (09/03) General Fund \$6,900.61

Sunday School 126; Worship 141

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Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

Janette Lile - Director of Community Life

Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

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