



Forest Hills Mennonite Church  
PEACE SUNDAY

September 24, 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:** *All hail the power of Jesus' name* Worship Book No. 106  
Becky Degan-Leader, Caleb Harnish-Piano, Marv Zook-Guitar  
Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

**Words of Welcome**

Becky Degan

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

**Praising and Adoring**

**Congregational Singing**

*How great thou art*

*Hear the call of the Kingdom*

*Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb*

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Children's Time**

Jon Carlson

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

**Offering**

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Worship Book No. 70

**Scripture:** Revelation 7:9-17

Kevin and Declan Hersh, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Sermon:** *Praising the Prince of Peace*

Jon Carlson

**Response Song:** *Here from all nations*

**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.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SAM FREY will be held here at the church this coming Saturday, September 30, at 2 p.m. A visitation with family members is scheduled prior to the service from 1-2 p.m., and light refreshments will be served following the service.

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE is conducting a one-year review for Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation, and Janette Lile, Director of Community Life. Please see a member of the committee by October 8 if you wish to share any comments about their work. Committee members are Evanna Hess, chair, Rod Lefever, Sam Clement, and Clair Sauder.

ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 11, for the Christmas worship service on Sunday, December 17. Choir, directed by Becky Degan, will rehearse from 7-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday. All adults who love to sing are invited to participate. If you have questions, please contact Becky.

OUR LOCAL CROP WALK is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Help end hunger at home and around the world by supporting this worthwhile event. Join the McGowan family in walking on Sunday, October 15, starting at 1:30 p.m., at the Rotary Pavilion in New Holland Memorial Park. For additional information email Mike at [mmcgowan264@gmail.com](mailto:mmcgowan264@gmail.com). After the worship service next Sunday, the McGowan children will be sitting at the front entrance to collect your donations.

GROCERY BOXES ARE HERE! Atlantic Coast Conference's Peace and Justice Committee is once again collecting grocery boxes to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee throughout the region. Please pick up a box in the church foyer, along with a suggested list of contents, and return it to the church by Sunday, October 22. Filled grocery boxes will be collected at the ACC Fall Assembly at Conestoga Mennonite Church on October 28. For more information on this project visit [mcc.org/stories/groceries-donation-distribution](http://mcc.org/stories/groceries-donation-distribution).

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:

- Deb Frey and her family preparing for Sam's memorial service this coming Saturday.
- Those affected by recent hurricanes and other natural disasters, including Pastor José and his congregation in Puerto Rico.
- The Khilo family as they continue to make adjustments to expectations and nuances of American culture.
- Thankfulness Ahmad Khilo's injuries sustained in a recent car accident were minor.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS of the sermon can be accessed on our website – [www.foresthillchurch.org](http://www.foresthillchurch.org) – under the *Sermons* tab for both the current week and past weeks. As a general rule, these are posted early in the week after the Sunday service. You are encouraged to check out the video or audio when you are not able to be here for worship. Also, feel free to share these links with others as you feel led. CD recordings of the entire service can also be obtained from the sound technician at the sound booth.

THE NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS JUG for the Atlantic Coast Conference annual collection is now in the church foyer. This year's grant will be given to the New Holland Early Learning Center for a new fence and playground equipment for their smallest children. Their toddlers enjoy playing outdoors; however, it isn't always safe for them to be in the same area as the older children since they are easily knocked over by the older children at play. The total cost of the project is \$10,000 – \$6,200 for fencing and \$3,800 for equipment. Please place your loose change and bills in the jug. This money will be taken to the ACC Fall Assembly on October 28.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) has an urgent need for mentors for several students wishing to be paired with a mentor/tutor from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays starting in October. Training starts on September 26. This is a wonderful way to *put skin on God* and share God's love and compassion. If you are interested or would like more information please call Jacqueline at 717-208-3711 or email her at [program@cvccs.org](mailto:program@cvccs.org).

ADDRESS CHANGE: Bruce and Norma Stauffer's new address is 508 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lititz, PA 17543. Phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,375 to be divided among its various agencies.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Brochures are available in the fellowship hall literature rack. Visit [www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly](http://www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly) or call the ACC office at 717-394-8107 to register.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

-  Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Activities begin: KfC (Gr.K-5), Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8), Adult Bible Study, 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 lead a lesson on peace.
-  6 p.m. – Mini-golf at Waters Edge.
-  Next Sunday – Barn Party at Harnishes'; time to be decided.



LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a book signing on Tuesday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in the lower level of the barn at Silverstone Inn and Suites, 62 Bowman Road, Lancaster. Greg Huber will give a presentation and sign copies of his recent book, *The historic barns of Southeastern Pennsylvania: Architecture and preservation, built 1750-1900*. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be hosting a Maize and Snitz Festival on Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the 1719 Hans Herr House. Celebrate the heritage of local Native American and PA German cultures through artisan demonstrations, traditional foods and good old-fashioned fun. Tickets at the site cost \$13 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12, and free for children 6 and under. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is holding its annual Kids Bonanza and Benefit Auction on Saturday, October 7, starting at 9 a.m. There will be food and fun for the whole family with camp activities for kids all day and a special morning visit by WJTL's Kids Cookie Break.

CAMP HEBRON will be celebrating 60 years of God's faithfulness on Saturday, October 7. This event will kick-off at 2:30 p.m., with face painting, indoor rock climbing, pony rides, wagon rides, a bonfire with s'mores, carnival type games, and background music. There will be a 5K trail run for all ages at 3:30 p.m. An outdoor chicken barbecue meal will be served prior to a brief program highlighting the significant 60-year ministry of Camp Hebron followed by an entertaining performance by ventriloquist Ryan and Friends. Admission is free, but registration is required. For reservations, please call 717-896-3441 or email [info@camphebron.org](mailto:info@camphebron.org). A freewill offering will be received.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting an evening to learn about the history of Lancaster Mennonite missionaries in East Africa where they focused on trying to save souls and heal bodies by starting the Shirati Hospital. This event will be held at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster on Monday, October 9, at 7 p.m. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Yvonne Kauffman (Assistant)

Greeters: Paul Burkholder, Kathleen Ranck

Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Kathy Unangst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Chad and Coleen H.; (W) Lauri, Kate and Ellie L.

## TODAY

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

9:30 a.m. – Elective in the Fellowship Hall: Hear Ryan and Bethany Umble, Eastern Mennonite Missions volunteers, share about their work in Cambodia the past nearly ten years.

Salt and Light Class women return home from Beach Weekend.

6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr.9-12) Mini-golf at Waters Edge.

## THIS COMING WEEK

Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Living well within your means ~ quick finance tips* by Jamie Detweiler.

## NEXT SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday: Becky Degan will be preaching on *Praising with God's people*.

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

Noon – Histories and Reasons lunch for those interested in learning more about the nuances of our congregation. RSVP to church office requested.

REPORT: (09/17) General Fund \$11,891; Refugee Education Fund \$150  
Sunday School 137; Worship 180; MYF Retreat 15

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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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