



Forest Hills Mennonite Church
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 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, Erik Schlosser-Guitar

Gathering Song: *Here in this place* Worship Book No. 6

Norma Stauffer, Holly Schlosser, Daryl Eshleman-Leaders

Words of Welcome Jon Carlson

Call to Worship and Invocation

Song: *Come, let us all unite to sing* Worship Book No. 12

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Janette Lile

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Lord, whose love in humble service* Worship Book No. 369

Scripture: Acts 17: 16-34

Sermon: *Praising with God's people* Becky Degan

The Bread and the Cup

The Bread and the Cup: All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others are invited to come forward to Pastor Jon to receive a blessing. Servers will be available to serve those who are unable to walk to the front. The method of communion used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup. All bread is gluten free.

Sending

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.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Keith and Phyllis Stuckey in the death of Keith's brother Randy. Randy, who resided in Millersburg, Ohio, died this past Tuesday, September 26, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on September 12.

KEITH LEHMAN was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital last Saturday, September 23, for pneumonia and heart-related issues. He has since been released and is recuperating at home.

IRENE EBERSOLE was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital this past Wednesday due to injuries sustained in two recent falls. At bulletin publication time, she remained a patient at LGH.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come to the church to knot comforters this coming Thursday, October 5, from 9-11 a.m. Children are also welcome to come along. No experience needed; experienced knotters will explain how it is done!

OUR 17TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. Mark your calendars now, and plan to participate in this fun community outreach event. Volunteers and candy for the children's goodie bags will be needed. Watch for further details in the coming weeks.

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.

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:

- Keith Stuckey and his family mourning the loss of his brother Randy.
- Keith Lehman dealing with health issues.
- Carl Wingard recovering from a dislocated shoulder due to a prior fall.
- Irene Ebersole receiving care for injuries from recent falls.

OUR LOCAL CROP WALK is celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Walk will start at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, October 15, at the Rotary Pavilion in New Holland Memorial Park. Walk with the McGowan family, or sponsor them with your donations. The McGowan children will be sitting at the front entrance to collect donations after the worship service today. Help end hunger at home and around the world by supporting this worthwhile event.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING to participate in a mission or service project in the upcoming months, it would be great to have you share a Mission Spotlight. Please contact Becky Degan to schedule a time.

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. Visit mcc.org/stories/groceries-donation-distribution for more information on this project.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE is looking for individuals to help assemble materials for its upcoming Fall Assembly. Volunteers will gather at the Conference office at 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. Volunteers will be treated to pie and ice cream. RSVP to Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net by Monday, October 23, if you wish to help with this project.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) will once again be giving out Thanksgiving food boxes on Tuesday, November 21. Lancaster County Project for the Needy (LCPN) is donating turkeys. Other items needed are turkey gravy, dessert or cake mixes, stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, and canned vegetables. These items may be brought to the church and placed in the designated containers at either entrance. If you wish to donate a turkey, please call CVCCS at 717-208-3711, ext 104.

RYAN AND BETHANY UMBLE, Eastern Mennonite Missions missionaries to Cambodia, shared about their service experience during the Sunday School hour last Sunday. They have expressed appreciation to the congregation for the opportunity to share in this way. Currently they have raised 76% of the support they need. Interested persons who were not able to attend their presentation, can learn more about their work by viewing a short video posted on our church's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.

THE DENLINGER'S (Garry and Ruth) September 2017 newsletter has arrived. Copies are available in the literature rack next to the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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.
- 🍁 Today, 5:30-8 p.m. – Barn Party at Harnishes'.



COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER is hosting an evening focused on *The gift of St. Francis: Every living this is a sister or brother* this coming Wednesday, October 4, at 7 p.m. This interfaith presentation will look at St. Francis' worldview and how it can help us address climate breakdown today. The presentation will be filmed by a documentary crew from London, England. The program will include original environmental music by Jerry Lee Miller; dance interpretation of *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace* by Zita Angelo; stories and poems by Rick Shoup and Chris Longenecker; a multi-media presentation; local musicians Tom Tucker, Sonny Ditzler, Douglas Thomas, Lisa Fairman, Phil Holzinger, etc.; photographer Michelle Johnsen; and artist Kevin Miller. A freewill offering will be received for people and animals harmed in recent devastating hurricanes.

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Community Happenings – continued

THE QUARTERLY EASTERN REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be held in the fellowship hall here at Forest Hills this coming Saturday, October 7, beginning at 10 a.m. Don Jacobs, a missionary in Africa for 20 years, will be the speaker. Various persons will also be sharing about the cleansing from class, cultural and racial barriers they received through the power of Jesus Christ. A noon meal will be provided for the cost of \$6/person. This interdenominational fellowship began about 75 years ago when missionaries returned from East Africa with testimonies of spiritual renewal in Christ. All are welcome. For more information call Paul Burkholder at 717-581-3964.

HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL will hold its annual Benefit Auction on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. Friday's schedule includes a Pork BBQ dinner (4-7 p.m.) and a Chicken Chase/Family Fun Run (4 p.m.) followed by a Meat and Farm Products Auction starting at 6:30 p.m. There will also be an alumni reception at 8:30 p.m.; RSVP's required. Saturday's sale, beginning at 9 a.m., will feature special outdoor items including a John Deere garden tractor and a Honda ATV to be sold at noon. Children's activities include a Friday night movie (6:30 p.m.) and Saturday bounce house, pony rides and more (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Check out flyer posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board for further details. For more information visit www.hmsk8.org/Auction or call 717-354-7100.

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE in New Holland will host its 21st Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14, from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Events of the day will include an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, country store, silent auction, children's activities, crafters and much more. Proceeds from the day benefit the GSV Benevolent Fund. To view the full day's schedule, visit gsvfallfestival.org, or for more information, call 717-355-6000.

EASTERN MENNONITE MISSIONS will hold its Mission Vision Banquet on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eden Resort Inn in Lancaster. *Everyone moving in mission in a changing world* is the theme for this year's banquet. Learn how EMM is adapting in a changing world, and how you can join in the process while enjoying food and fellowship with others who are invested in the mission of God through EMM. Register online at emm.org/banquet by October 16. Contact Jessica Fellenger at jessicaf@emm.org or 717 898-2251, ext. 235 if you have questions.

HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, November 18. The chartered bus will leave HMS at 6:30 a.m., and return by 10 p.m. The day is yours to go sightseeing, attend a Broadway show, or spend the day shopping. Cost is \$50 per person by October 20 and \$60 per person thereafter. Check out flyer posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board for further details. To make your reservation, visit www.hmsk8.org or call 717-354-7100.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Alden Southwick (Assistant)

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

Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Jon C., Rose Miller.; (W) Kristin and Dustin L.

TODAY

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

🌿 After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.

🌿 Noon – Histories and Reasons lunch for those interested in learning more about the nuances of our congregation.

🌿 5:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Barn Party at Harnishes'.

THIS COMING WEEK

🌿 Tuesday – No MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) this week.

🌿 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Christian Education Commission.

🌿 Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

🌿 Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Eastern Revival Fellowship at Forest Hills.

🌿 Saturday, 2 p.m. – MYF: Underground Railroad Tour.

NEXT SUNDAY

🌿 Jon Carlson will be preaching on *The Conversation* (Part 1) based on Matthew 19:1-12.

🌿 6:30 p.m. – Shepherds meeting.

REPORT: (09/24) General Fund \$5,497.90

Sunday School 147; Worship 192; Salt & Light Women (Beach) 7

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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



PUERTO RICO HURRICANE UPDATE

Hurricane Maria passed over Puerto Rico on September 20 and delivered another blow to the island that was still recovering from the devastation left by Hurricane Irma.

Because our youth group and young adults both spent time serving in the Aibonito area the past two summers, many have been wondering how that church and its members have fared. Here is a report received from a friend of the church:

"Pastor José and Linette are alive. They are staying at the shop in La Plata. The chicken farm is destroyed. They had a generator working until today (September 25) to pump water to supply the town of La Plata with water. Pray that Linette's generator can be fixed to continue to help the community. As far as they know no one was killed. The church lost its roof. Everything in the church is destroyed. The food pantry is still there along with some food. Wilson is going to go today and get boxes ready for people who have nothing. Several people from the church lost everything. Some are staying with families and some are at a shelter. Some of the school roofs are gone. Hector's roof is okay. The wood house lost part of its roof. The roof on the parsonage is gone. Please pray for strength and help to arrive in a timely manner."

After this difficult month, Atlantic Coast Conference is asking us to support our friends in the Puerto Rico Mennonite Convention (PRMC) with whom we've had ties for nearly ten years. Here are three opportunities to support our brothers and sisters on the island:

1. Contribute financially to Mennonite Disaster Service's (MDS) response in Puerto Rico at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/>.
2. Commit to volunteer on the island once MDS has programming in place at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>.
3. Pray for members of the ten PRMC congregations in Puerto Rico as they deal with tragedy, destruction, and shortages in their communities.