



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 8, 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: *For the beauty of the earth* Worship Book No. 89
Becky Degan, Tim Smoker-Leaders

Words of Welcome

Dan Hess

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Lord, I need you

May the peoples praise you

We will dance

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *God is here among us* Worship Book No. 16

Scripture: Based on Matthew 19

Dan and Evanna Hess, Toby Leaman, Donna Mast

Sermon: *The conversation: Part 1*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

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.

IRENE EBERSOLE was released from Lancaster General Hospital this past week and transferred to Mennonite Home's rehab unit where she expects to remain for several weeks.

MIKE AND KRISTIN SHARP and their daughters, Ella and Maddie, began serving a 1-year term with Mennonite Mission Network in London, England this past August. Mike is the son of Denny and Bonnie Sharp. If you are interested in knowing more about their work, follow their blogpost at <http://sharpsinlondon.weebly.com/>.

JAKE BARE will be starting radiation treatments for skin cancer this coming Monday. One of the side effects of this treatment is that he will have skin deterioration at the radiation site. Due to this effect, Jake will be wearing a hat to church.

THANKS TO BECKY DEGAN for putting together an attractive and informative display in the library showcase highlighting her experience in Africa during her recent sabbatical.

OUR 17TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31 – just a few short weeks away. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Following today's service, please stop by the table in the foyer to sign up to volunteer your time. Also, please bring bags of individually wrapped candies for the children's goodie bags, and place them in the designated container in the foyer. Extra flyers are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes; take some to pass along to friends and neighbors who may be interested in attending this event.

OUR LOCAL CROP WALK is celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Walk will start at 1:30 p.m., next 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.

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:

- Irene Ebersole continuing to recuperate from injuries sustained from recent falls.
- Miriam Umble dealing with chronic complications from congestive heart failure.
- Jake Bare beginning radiation treatments for skin cancer.
- Abby Mosemann traveling to the Grand Canyon for hiking with Lancaster Bible College's One Life Program.
- Those affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas last weekend.

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, October 23, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office by October 15 of your plans to attend or not to attend this lunch. New participants are always welcome to join the fun. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

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.
- 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 or call the ACC office at 717-394-8107 to register.

THE NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS JUG for the Atlantic Coast Conference annual collection is 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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🍁 Sunday, October 29, Noon – MYF (Youth Group) Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser lunch followed by our Annual Business Meeting.
- 🍁 Sunday, December 17, 10 a.m. – Christmas Celebration Sunday.
- 🍁 Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 – 6 p.m. Shared Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School for all ages.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🍁 Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; no evening meeting.
- 🍁 Tuesday, October 17, 6 p.m. – Service Project at Ephrata Re-uzit.



BUDGET COACHES ARE NEEDED: Homes Of Hope is looking for budget coaches for their clients. A training workshop sponsored by HOH in cooperation with Love INC, Tabor Community Services, and Spirit Trust Lutheran Financial Education and Coaching, will be held on Friday, October 20, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church. Participants will receive information and resources that can be used for mentoring people in financial budgeting. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch and materials. If you would like to participate, please contact Beth at 717-735-7540, ext. 3, or bcrosby@loveinclancaster.org by October 13. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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Community Happenings – continued

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY will hold its 45th benefit banquet at Shady Maple on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. Author and guest speaker Heather Avis will share her story of adopting three children, two with Down's Syndrome. Tickets are complimentary, but reservations are required. Email kleanan@friendshipcommunity.net or call 717-656-2466, ext. 1101, to reserve your space. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

FAIRMOUNT HOMES is hosting author Beth Oberholtzer and photographer John Herr on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m., in the Crest View Gathering Room on the east side of its campus for a discussion about their recently released book *Plain Meetinghouses: Lancaster County Old Order Mennonites Gather to Worship*. This book is a one-of-a-kind book containing over 300 pictures and diagrams of Lancaster County Old Order meetinghouses rarely seen by outsiders. During this two-year project, the author and photographer were allowed rare access into 22 houses of worship. The book also documents a timeline of Mennonite schisms over the centuries and shows how the architecture of these austere meetinghouses reflected these differences. It promises to be an important record of religious heritage. Event is free, but please reserve a seat by calling 717-354-1893.

THE YOUNG CENTER for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College will present *Beards, Bonnets, and Football: Eastern Mennonite University and Elizabethtown College, 1900-2000* by Donald B. Kraybill on Thursday, October 19, at 7 p.m., in the Susquehanna Room of Myer Hall. Kraybill, senior fellow emeritus at the Young Center, will explore some surprising connections, similarities, and differences between Eastern Mennonite University and Elizabethtown College including why the Brethren founded a college in Lancaster County but the Mennonites did not. Following the talk, Kraybill will sign his new social history of EMU, *Eastern Mennonite University: A Century of Countercultural Education*. For more information, visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events or call 717-361-1470.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE has partnered with Mesereti Kristos College in Ethiopia for many years. ACC is sponsoring an Experience Ethiopia Tour in February 2018 that will include meeting and learning about the Meserete Kristos Church and College, along with historical tours and a one-day safari in Kenya. Address any enquiries to Darrell and Florence Jantzi at jantzi@golden.net or phone 519-669 4356. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Jon Carlson (Assistant)

Greeters: Pat and Randy Ranck

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Beth S., Norma S.; (W) Joan K., Beth S.

TODAY

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

 6:30 p.m. – Shepherds meeting.

THIS COMING WEEK

 Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Landis Homes Seniors Lunch.

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

 ~ WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES ~ 7-8:15 p.m.

(See bulletin insert for details.)

- KfC (Kids for Christ, Gr. K-5): *Jesus performs his first miracle.*

- Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Welcome Night.

- Adult Choir Rehearsal.

- Adult Bible Study.

NEXT SUNDAY

 Jon Carlson will be preaching on *The Conversation* (Part 2) based on Romans 14.

 1:30 p.m. – CROP Walk leaves from New Holland Park.

REPORT: (10/01) General Fund \$10,837; Student Aid \$100
Sunday School 172; Worship 222

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