



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 14, 2018

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:** *What is this place*

Worship Book No. 1

Willie Hurst, Norma Stauffer-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Ruth Ann Martin

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar  
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Rock of ages*

*We will remember*

*How deep the Father's love for us*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *O God, our help in ages past*

Worship Book No. 328

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-9; 48:8-16

**Sermon:** *The roots of our family tree*

Nina Harnish

#### 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.

PASTOR JON and his family are on retreat with the Rest for the Weary Sunday School class this weekend. These families, including all their young children, are enjoying a weekend getaway at a cabin in Sullivan County.

KATHLEEN RANCK was briefly hospitalized at Ephrata Community Hospital this past week due to pneumonia. She has since been released and is now continuing to recover at home.

MARTY PEIFER was released from Lancaster General Hospital last week and is now at home continuing his recovery from heart surgery.

CHECK OUT the library showcase display highlighting our Winter Bible School theme of racism. If this series makes you want to learn more about this issue, consider reading a book or two from the display. They will be available for check-out after the series is finished.

IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING for our annual Vacation Bible School, and committee members are needed. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Janette Lile. VBS dates will be confirmed after the committee is established.

TUITION GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE from the Student Financial Aid Fund for the school year beginning fall 2018. Grants are available to persons who are active participants of Forest Hills Mennonite Church and who are planning to enroll as full-time students at an eligible institution – Bethel College, Bluffton College, Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, Hesston College, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, or Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The grant amount is currently set at \$1,350 per person per semester. Applications can be requested from a committee member – Nina and Craig Harnish, Janette Lile, Lloyd Mast or Evanna Hess – and should be submitted to Evanna at [dvhess@comcast.net](mailto:dvhess@comcast.net) by February 15.

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:

- Kathleen Ranck recovering from pneumonia.
- Cheryl Wagner dealing with a post-surgery infection.
- Mentors and kids participating in the Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services mentor/tutor program each week.
- Marty Peifer continuing to recovery from heart surgery.
- Thankfulness for the safety of Keary Larson and his children in a recent car accident.
- Winter Bible School, KfC and Junior Youth leaders and those participating each Wednesday evening.

ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON IS NEEDED to help with preschool childcare during our Wednesday evening Winter Bible School series in January. Time served could be as a volunteer or paid time. If you are willing to help out one or more evenings, please let Norma Stauffer know ASAP.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) collection items for January are:

- Food Bank – Spaghetti sauce, individual cereal boxes, and canned fruits (peaches, pears, mixed fruit, etc).
- Clothing Bank – Men's L-3X clothing, including clean, new or gently used shirts, sweaters and pants.

Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the designated containers at the entrance doors (food) and in the kitchen/fellowship hall area (clothing) or dropped off at the CVCCS building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or Thursdays 1-4 p.m.

"CVCCS distributed much food and many gifts during the holiday season, all because of the generous people of this community! Thank you for warm jackets, food, and for participating in the Adopt-a-Family program and more! CVCCS is blessed to be able to partner with the local churches. Thank you!" – From CVCCS

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is seeking a first-shift custodian to provide custodial services to ensure safe and clean facilities at its Lancaster Campus. A maintenance person is also needed to perform general maintenance on buildings at multiple LMS locations; experience in HVAC, electric or plumbing fields would be helpful. Both positions are full-time with benefits. For an application visit [www.lancastermennonite.org/employment.php](http://www.lancastermennonite.org/employment.php) or contact Troy Hurst at [hursttd@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:hursttd@lancastermennonite.org).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE will once again have a Quilter's Attic at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on April 6-7. If you have quilt supplies or used, unused, or unfinished quilts in your linen closet that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the Quilter's Attic. Old and damaged quilts, other linens, quilt books, patterns, and magazines, notions, and fabric will also be accepted. Donations, clearly marked for Quilter's Attic, may be taken to the New Holland Re-uzit Shop at any time. Further information, including a detailed list of accepted items, is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- \* Wednesdays in January – 6 p.m., Shared Supper; 7 p.m., Children's Programming and Winter Bible School for all adults. (See bulletin insert for more details.)
- \* Next Sunday, January 21, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Lunch.

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

- \* Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; \$25 Winter Retreat payment is due.
- \* Today, 4:30-8 p.m. – Football / Game Night at Yoders'; dinner provided.
- \* Next Sunday, January 21, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch; please sign up to donate supplies.
- \* Sunday, January 28 – *Sound of Music* Movie and Sing-along for teens and parents at Harnishes'.
- \* Sunday, February 11 – Babysitting for young families.
- \* February 23-25 – Winter Retreat.
- \* Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- \* Sunday, April 29, Noon – Meal fundraiser and Auction.

REPORT: (01/07) General Fund \$13,041  
Refugee Education Fund \$500; Student Aid Fund \$100  
Sunday School 175; Worship 211

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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 Children and Youth Programming  
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

**2018 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 17, 2018**

**Winter Bible School provides exciting learning opportunities for children and adults plus food for both body and soul.**



**6-6:30 P.M. – SUPPER**

Pork BBQ Sandwiches  
Potato Salad  
Veggie Tray  
Dessert

There is no charge for the meal, but donations to cover the costs (\$5/person) will be gratefully accepted.

**7 P.M. - ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

- **ADULTS:** *Fruit of the poisonous tree: Conversations on race, faith and reconciliation.*

**Session Two: *These are the people in our neighborhood*** – A closer look at race in Leola and Lancaster. Panel led by Sue Orth, Director of Outreach at Zion Lutheran Church in Leola.

- **KFC (KIDS FOR CHRIST)** for Boys and Girls in Grades K-5: *Jesus is our hero.*
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *Disabilities.*
- **NOTE: MYF (Youth Group: Grades 9-12)** is now meeting on Sunday evenings rather than Wednesday evenings.



**MEAL RESERVATIONS** – Please place this form in the offering plate today or call the church office **before noon on Monday, January 15.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 17.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS**

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Linda and Warren Tyson

Greeters: Paul Burkholder, Kathy Unangst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Janette and Jerry Lile

(W) Joanne Martin, \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY**

- \* 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- \* Rest for the Weary Class returns home from retreat.
- \* 4:30-8 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Football / Game Night at Yoders'; dinner will be provided.

**THIS COMING WEEK**

- \* Monday, 6 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- \* Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- \* Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Soap-making led by Mary Fisher.
- \* Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)
- \* Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- \* Friday-Sunday – Junior Youth Retreat at Paradise Lake.
- \* Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- \* Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series *This is Our Story*, preaching on *Let Us Go* based on Exodus 12:33-42.
- \* Junior Youth returns home from retreat.
- \* Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser luncheon; no evening activity.

TODAY'S REPORT can be found on the bulletin insert.