



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 21, 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:** *I sing the mighty power of God*      Worship Book No. 46  
Willie Hurst, Cheryl Eshleman-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**      Jerry Lile

### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing**      Becky Degan-Piano

Janice Southwick-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Ancient words*      (Grace Notes No. 69)

*Come, walk with us*      (Grace Notes No. 67)

*Holy is the Lord (We stand and lift up our hands)*      (Grace Notes No. 65)

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Children's Time**      Janette Lile

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

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *The love of God*      Grace Notes No. 55

**Scripture:** Exodus 12:33-42

**Sermon:** *This is our story: Let us go*      Jon Carlson

#### Response Song

### Sending

**Congregational Sharing**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**NO Coffee Fellowship Today:** Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our MYF (Youth Group).

**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 be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

A LOCAL FAMILY NEEDS a bed and a love seat or small sofa. If you have either of these items and would be willing to donate them, please contact Pastor Jon or Norma Stauffer ASAP.

AN INFORMAL HYMN SING has been scheduled for the Sunday School hour on Sunday, February 18, in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of voice part, singing ability, or knowledge of hymns. Feel free to bring hymn suggestions and, if interested, share a short reason about why this hymn is meaningful to you. For more information contact Herb Hoover.

ADULT CHOIR, directed by Becky Degan, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, February 7, for the Easter worship service on Sunday, April 1. Rehearsal time is from 7-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Vocalists of all skill levels are invited to participate. Contact Becky if you have any questions.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of February, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, January 24, so that they can be included on the February church calendar.

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:

- Cheryl Wagner recovering from knee surgery and dealing with shingles.
- Kathleen Ranck recovering from pneumonia.
- Marty Peifer recovering from heart surgery, and he and Joyce adjusting to their new home at Landis Homes.
- Thankfulness for healing that is taking place for Ruth Stoltzfus.
- Gene and Carole Siegrist dealing with the implications of Gene's long-term illness.
- Winter Bible School, KfC and Junior Youth leaders and those participating each Wednesday evening.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Disaster Service for our recent \$4,000 contribution.

*THE MENNONITE* recently published a first-person article about the experience of folks at Adademia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico during Hurricane Maria. This article is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board and can also be accessed at

<https://themennonite.org/feature/unforgettable-night-mennonite-school-puerto-rico-continues-hurricane/>.

THE 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PA RELIEF SALE is scheduled for April 6-7 at the PA Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. New, quality craft items in fabric, wood, paper, yarn, thread, or jewelry would be welcomed for the craft stand. Donations may be dropped off anytime at the Ephrata Materials Resource Center or brought to the craft stand at the sale. If you have questions contact Janet at 717-272-1708 or email [cjpatton99@aol.com](mailto:cjpatton99@aol.com) or Ruth at 717-533-9423 or email [singchorale@hotmail.com](mailto:singchorale@hotmail.com). Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Net proceeds benefit the ministries of Mennonite Central Committee.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- \* Sunday, March 18 – Junior Youth Lunch and Pinewood Derby competition.
- \* Friday, March 23 – MOMS Supper and Auction.
- \* Wednesday, March 28 – Final night of Wednesday Evening Activities; activities will resume in the fall.
- \* Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- \* Sunday, April 29, Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) Meal fundraiser and Auction.

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

- \* Today, 9 a.m. – Soup 'n Sandwich meal prep.
- \* Today, Noon – Soup 'n Sandwich Fundraiser Lunch.
- \* Today – Payments due: \$15 for Hershey Bears game and \$25 for Winter Retreat.
- \* Next Sunday, January 28 – *Sound of Music* Sing-along and movie for teens and parents at Harnishes'.
- \* Saturday, February 3, 7 p.m. – Faith and Family Night at Hershey Bears.
- \* 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.



LYN CARLSON will be chaperoning a group of Lancaster Mennonite students on a mission trip to France this coming summer. Jon will also be accompanying the team for part of the trip. A fundraiser has been planned at Oregon Dairy this coming Tuesday, January 23, from 3-8 p.m. Mention LMS and 20% of your bill will be donated to this group. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting *Taste for Fraktur*, a folk art class taught by Emily Smucker-Beidler, on Saturday, February 3, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Society headquarters on Millstream Road, Lancaster. The class will introduce participants to the imagery of fraktur. Class fee is \$70 for members and \$80 for nonmembers; materials are included. Register by January 26 at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling 717-393-9745.

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS will be hosting two events with former Mennonite Central Committee workers Earl and Pat Hostetter Martin. The first is on Saturday, February 3, at 7 p.m., at Grandview Methodist Church on Pleasure Road in Lancaster; the second is on Sunday, February 4, at 2 p.m., at Trinity Reformed Church of Christ in Mountville. Their presentation, *Making peace in a time of war: Stories from Vietnam*, will include stories from their rich network of relationships with Vietnamese friends and colleagues during the war. These events are LIPW's way of marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tet Offensive during the Vietnam War. Further details can be found on our fellowship hall bulletin board or at [www.lancasterinterchurchpeacewitness.org](http://www.lancasterinterchurchpeacewitness.org).

2018 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 24, 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**

Chicken  
Rice  
Hot Vegetables  
Rolls w/Butter  
Whoopie Pies



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 Three: *What love looks like in public*** – How faithfulness to God shapes our engagement in the world led by Kevin Ressler, Executive Director, Lancaster Meals on Wheels.

- **KFC (KIDS FOR CHRIST)** for Boys and Girls in Grades K-5: *Jesus helps us to grow.*
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *Minute to win it/Happy Birthday.*
- **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 22.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 24.

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

**TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS**

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, David Bontrager-Assistant

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Greeters: Jean and Clair Hunsecker

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Lisa and Dan Nagy

(W) Liz Clapper, Lag Weaver

**TODAY**

- \* 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- \* Junior Youth returns home from retreat.
- \* Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) Soup 'n Sandwich fundraiser luncheon.
- \* 1 p.m. – Baptism Class.

**THIS COMING WEEK**

- \* Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.
- \* Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Home care with essential oils* led by Michelle Hursh.
- \* Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- \* Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series *This is our story: Are we there yet?* based on Exodus 20:1-21.
- \* Noon – Christian Education meeting.
- \* 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Movie Night at Harnishes'.

REPORT: (01/14) General Fund \$8,290; Refugee Education Fund \$300  
Sunday School 103; Worship 175; Rest for the Weary Retreat 37

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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