



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 28, 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

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Zac Hummel

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Caleb Harnish-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar

Dan Nagy-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums

(Grace Notes No. 61)

Blessed be your name

We will remember

In the sweet by and by

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *Rain down*

(Grace Notes No. 46)

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-21

Sermon: *This is our story: Are we there yet?*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Sending Prayer: Don and Anita Beidler

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.

JOYCE AND MARTY PEIFER have expressed thanks for all the cards, prayers and visits during Marty's surgery and recovery and their recent move. These were all very much appreciated.

THE PEIFERS moved to Landis Homes last week. Their new address is 1001 East Oregon Road, Cottage #60, Lititz, PA 17543; their new phone number is 717-509-4230. Please make note of these changes.

FREE BABYSITTING: On Sunday, February 11, from 5:30-8 p.m., our loving and energetic MYFers (Youth Group) will be offering a free night of childcare at the church so that sweethearts can enjoy a night out. RSVP to Marcia Stoesz at mystoesz@gmail.com or call 717-468-3575. Children will enjoy a night of fun activities and a snack; no dinner will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday, July 16-19. Stay tuned for more information about how you can get involved in this exciting event!

THE WORSHIP COMMISSION is planning to gather congregational feedback regarding our worship services. On Sunday, February 25, over a light lunch, the Commission will host a talkback session for people to share thoughts with Commission members and each other. In preparation for this discussion, everyone is invited to complete a short survey about worship. The survey can be found at <http://foresthillschurch.org/survey> or a physical copy can be obtained by contacting the church office. Lunch RSVPs will be requested closer to the date of the gathering.

LENT: A SEASON OF RETURNING is a printed Lenten devotional guide written by author, teacher and spiritual director Ruth Haley Barton. Copies of these devotional guides will be made available to anyone who is interested in using them. Please let the church office know of your interest ASAP so that enough copies can be ordered.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$6,855 to be divided among its various agencies.

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:

- Erma Mast scheduled for a procedure to correct facial nerve pain.
- Dillon Martin and his family as he prepares to move to New Zealand.
- Jenna Lile on her learning experiencing with Eastern Mennonite University in Guatemala.
- David Mosemann readjusting to life following his cross-cultural learning experience in Kenya.
- Don and Anita Beidler beginning service in Texas with Mennonite Disaster Service.
- The Khilos' extended family who once again have had to flee their homes in Afrin, Syria due to renewed bombing.
- Those experiencing challenging and broken relationships.
- Those seeking meaningful employment.

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.

A CHRISTIAN WIDOW is looking for a small apartment to rent in our church neighborhood. If you know of a place, please contact Norma Stauffer in the church office for more details.

LANDIS HOMES has multiple full-time and part-time job openings. Positions are available in nursing, housekeeping, maintenance, and dining services. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- * Today, 6-8:30 p.m. – Movie Night and *Sound of Music* Sing-along for teens and parents at Harnishes'.
- * Saturday, 5:30 p.m. – Faith and Family Night at Hershey Bears; unpaid \$15 ticket cost is due **today**.
- * Sunday, February 11, 5:30-8 p.m. – Babysitting Service Night at the church.
- * Sunday, February 18 – DIY Night; further details to come.
- * February 23-25 – Winter Retreat; \$25 cost is due ASAP.
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DOVE'S NEST, a network of Mennonite Church USA faith communities that aims to keep children and youth safe, along with Atlantic Coast Conference will host a panel discussion on *Being proactive: Talking together about the realities of pornography in our families as people of faith*. This event will be held at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster on Sunday, February 25, at 3 p.m. Panelists will include our Pastor Jon, Brenda Martin Hurst, and Linda Gehman Peachey. This free event will also offer practical resources. A free-will offering will be received to support the work of Dove's Nest. For more information or to register online, visit <https://dn-proactive.eventbrite.com>.

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY, sponsored by Everence and the local faith community, will be held on Saturday, March 3, at Calvary Church. Workshops will explore a wide range of topics including finances, retirement preparation, motion pictures, music, substance abuse, simplifying your *stuff*, befriending refugees, poverty, Anabaptism, and more. Brochures with full details have been placed in church mailboxes today.

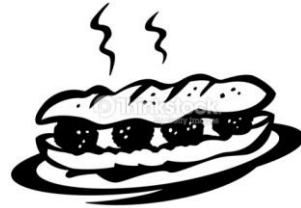
BLACK ROCK RETREAT is offering a unique Silent Sanctuary Retreat for folks who wish to venture into the world of intentional stillness on Friday-Sunday, March 2-4. Retreat will include creative journaling, an art station, a prayer labyrinth, and evening prayer walks. For more information or to download a retreat brochure visit www.blackrockretreat.com/silent or call 717-529-3232. Brochures are also available in the literature rack next to the fellowship hall bulletin board.

2018 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 31, 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

Meatball Sandwiches
Cranberry, Almond, Lettuce Salad
Chips
Relish Tray
Brownies and Ice Cream



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 Four: *Life at the intersection* – *How race, gender and class fit together* led by Lisa White Cameron, Lancaster YWCA's Director of Empowerment.

- **KFC (KIDS FOR CHRIST)** for Boys and Girls in Grades K-5: Movie Night.
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *Who am I?*
- **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 29.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 31.

Name(s) _____ **#** _____

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin

Sound Technicians: David Bontrager, Bruce Stauffer-Assistant

Befrienders: Ruth and Jake Bare

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

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Coleen Hurst, _____

(W) Coleen Hurst, Norma Stauffer

TODAY

- * 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- * Noon – Christian Education meeting.
- * 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Movie Night at Harnishes'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- * Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Ministering to your child's heart through discipline* led by Lori Zook.
- * Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)
- * Saturday, 5:30 p.m. – MYF: Faith and Family Night at Hershey Bears game.

NEXT SUNDAY

- * Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series *This is our story*, preaching on *A Big, Beautiful Wall* based on Joshua 5:10-15.
- * After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- * Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

REPORT: (01/21) General Fund \$7,705

Sunday School 161; Worship 238; Junior Youth Retreat 17

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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