



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

February 4, 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: *Come, we that love the Lord* Worship Book No. 14
Becky Degan, Janette Lile, Tim Smoker

Call to Worship and Invocation Allon Lefever

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

10,000 Reasons

We are called

Lift high the name of Jesus

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *God is working his purpose out* Worship Book No. 638

Scripture: Joshua 5:10-15

Sermon: *This is our story: The big beautiful wall* Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Obey my voice* Worship Book No. 163

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Sending Prayers: Zac Hummel and Louise Babikow

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.

CONDOLENCES to Maddie Sollenberger and her family in the passing of her husband Wilbur last Saturday, January 27. Wil's memorial service was held here at Forest Hills yesterday.

CONDOLENCES also to Mike, Stephanie and Jessica Rheinheimer and their family in the passing of their wife and mother, Karen Rheinheimer, last Sunday, January 28. A memorial service was held here at Forest Hills this past Friday.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK the entire congregation for your thoughts and prayers these past six years. It's wonderful to have such a caring and close family like Forest Hills. You have all been a blessing to us." – Mike, Steph, and Jess Rheinheimer

KATHLEEN RANCK has temporarily moved to personal care unit Birch #39 at Landis Homes where she is continuing her recovery from pneumonia.

PLEASE NOTE that Theda González has a new address – 1062 Steffy Road, Stevens, PA 17578.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY: Now that our Winter Bible School series has concluded, a new series for adults will begin starting Wednesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. These sessions will follow the KfC schedule of the 2nd through 4th Wednesdays of February and March. Dan Hess will facilitate a discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon for both men and women.

TWO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with preschool childcare during each Wednesday evening session as outlined above. If you are willing to help out one or more evenings, please let Norma Stauffer know ASAP.

ADULT CHOIR, directed by Becky Degan, will begin rehearsals this coming 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.

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 recovering from a medical procedure.
- Zac Hummel beginning a short-term service assignment in Vietnam.
- Louise Babikow beginning a short-term medical mission assignment in Honduras.
- Marty Peifer continuing his extended recovery from heart surgery.
- Mike, Steph and Jess Rheinheimer mourning the loss of Karen.
- Maddie Sollenberger and her family mourning the loss of Wil.
- Kathleen Ranck adjusting to a new living arrangement at Landis Homes.
- Khilos concerned about family in war-torn Syria, and Amina who suffered a severe burn to her hand in a cooking accident last Sunday.

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, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office by February 11 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.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council provides monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. As of January 31, our year-to-date giving totals \$281,352, while our year-to-date budget is \$257,378, a positive difference of 9.3%. Thanks for your generosity in contributing to the mission and ministries of our church.

THE WORSHIP COMMISSION is gathering 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.

FREE BABYSITTING: Next 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.

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 World Conference for our recent \$4,000 contribution.

LOOKING AHEAD

- * Sunday, March 18, Noon – Junior Youth Lunch and Pinewood Derby competition.
- * Friday, March 23, Evening – 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; girls meet at Rose Mosemann's home, boys meet in the Donut.
- * Next Sunday, February 11, Noon – Baptism Class; lunch provided.
- * Next 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.
- * Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- * Sunday, April 29, Noon – Meal fundraiser and Auction.

Community Happenings are printed on the back.



HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL will hold an Open House for prospective Pre-K through grade 12 students on Thursday, February 8, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Wednesday, February 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. HMS nurtures the whole child, provides opportunities for students to discover their unique gifts, and encourages them to grow in faith and discipleship. A new option for high schoolers is their Venture Program, a personalized and flexible blended learning option, connecting learning to life and giving students real-world preparation for higher education or entering the workforce. For open house details or to schedule a visit at another time, contact HMS at 717-354-7100, office@hmsk8.org or visit www.hmsk8.org.

FAIRMOUNT HOMES is hosting Marganne Hoffman, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Program Coordinator for WellSpan, for a Work-Life Balance Seminar on Tuesday, February 13, at 1:15 p.m., in the Crest View Gathering Room of Wheat Ridge Chapel on the west side of Fairmount's campus. Hoffman has been employed in behavioral healthcare since 2000, providing guidance and resources to employers and their employees. In this seminar, she will help attendees define their success, understand obstacles to balancing work and life, and take action steps to re-align work-life balance. There is no charge, but please reserve a seat by calling 717-354-1893.

CAMP HEBRON is sponsoring a weekend retreat for young adults on March 9-11. Take advantage of this gathering to receive teaching, enter into worship through song, and go deeper into the message through discussion groups. Weekend speaker will be Sam Van Eman, and worship music will be led by Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry. Prices range from \$155-200 depending on lodging. To register, contact the Camp at 800-864-7747.

FRIENDS OF SHIRATI, a nonprofit group that supports medical and educational work of the Tanzania Mennonite Church, will hold its annual fundraising and information banquet at The Gathering Place in Mt. Joy on Saturday, March 10, at 6 p.m. Contact banquet@friendsofshirati.org or call Verle at 717-344-2231 to make your reservation. The banquet is free; a freewill offering will be received at the event. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Alden Southwick-Assistant
Befrienders: Linda and Warren Tyson
Greeters: Ruth Ann and Chet Martin
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Kris Long, Arleta Martin
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz Clapper, _____
(W) Joan Krause, Lag Weaver

TODAY

- * 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- * After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- * Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- * Monday, 7 p.m. – Church Council.
- * Tuesday – No MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) this week.
- * Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal; all other Wednesday Evening Activities will resume next Wednesday, February 14.

NEXT SUNDAY

- * Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series *This is our story*, preaching on *Some kings (not Jesus)* based on 1 Samuel 8:1-22.
- * Noon – Baptism Class.
- * 5:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Babysitting at the church.
- * 5:30 p.m. – Rest for the Weary Class Couples Dinner at Fentons'.

REPORT: (01/28) General Fund \$11,631
Sunday School 177; Worship 217

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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

