

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Sound Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Yvonne Kauffman-Assistant

Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Ray Fisher, Kathy Unangst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Rose Miller, \_\_\_\_\_

(W) Kris Long, Joanne Martin

## TODAY

† 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages; elective A Cappella Hymn Sing in the Fellowship Hall.

† 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Fondue Night.

## THIS COMING WEEK

† Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Forest Hills Seniors Lunch.

† Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.

† Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Teaching kids about sex* led by Sharon Charles.

† Wednesday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.

† Wednesday, 7-8:15 p.m. ~WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES  
All are welcome. Childcare provided for children up through Pre-K.

- KfC (Kids for Christ, Gr. K-5): *Jesus calms the storm.*

- Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Field Trip to Lampeter Police Station

- Adult Choir Rehearsal.

- Adult Bible Study.

† Friday, 5 p.m. – Baptism Class.

† Friday- Sunday – MYF Spiritual Retreat.

## NEXT SUNDAY

† Lent 2: Pastor Jon will continue his sermon series *This is our story*, preaching on *The north will (not) rise again* based on 2 Kings 17:5-15.

† Noon – Worship Commission Talkback Luncheon – if you are planning to attend, please RSVP to a staff member **today**.

† MYF will return home from retreat.



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

February 18, 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: *God of our strength*

Worship Book No. 36

Willie Hurst, Becky Degan-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Warren Tyson

### Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Becky Degan-Piano, Jimmy Kreider-Guitar

Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

(Grace Notes No. 25)

*Give us clean hands*

*Lord, I need you*

*Together*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

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

Offering

### Proclaiming

Song: *Just as I am (I come broken)*

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:1-11

Sermon: *This is our story: A house divided against itself*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Beneath the cross of Jesus*

Worship Book No. 250

### Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

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

**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.

VERNON KAUFFMAN'S MOTHER, Mary Kauffman, passed away last Friday at the age of 89. She lived in the Belleville, PA area.

MARTY PEIFER'S BROTHER, Gene Peifer, passed away Sunday at the age of 86. He lived in Mountville, PA.

MARTY PEIFER was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital on Sunday and remained a patient and bulletin publication time.

RUTH STOLTZFUS was admitted to Lancaster Regional Hospital last Wednesday for surgery and is now at Landis Homes receiving rehabilitation and adjusting to a prosthetic leg.

THE JUG FOR MY COINS COUNT, formerly Penny Power, has been placed in the church foyer. This year's project will benefit Mennonite Central Committee's food projects. More than 790 million people around the world do not have enough to eat. It's not that there isn't enough food but that disaster, poverty, or unfair policies mean people can't access it. MCC works with local partners around the world to make sure there is food for all. To contribute, please place coins and dollars in the jug outside the ushers' room. The money will be delivered to the PA Relief Sale on April 6-7.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of March, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, February 21, so that they can be included on the March church calendar.

CALLING ALL GREETERS - It is time to sign up to greet in April, May, and June. This is a great way to serve the congregation and a way to bless others and be blessed! The signup sheet is on a tripod near the library. Please consider this opportunity to serve!

A BENEFIT BANQUET for Puerto Rico relief will be held on Saturday, March 20 at Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA. Proceeds will go toward 2gether in Mission, an organization providing aid to Acadamia Betania in Aiboinito. Doors will open at 4 p.m. for a Silent Auction, followed by a meal. RSVP to 215-679-8980 or [finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net](mailto:finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net)

OUR MENNONITE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION is hosting an intergenerational evening to knot comforters, enjoy fellowship and snacks, and hear stories of comforter recipients on Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m., for all women ages 10 to 100.

WORSHIP COMMISSION is gathering congregational feedback regarding our worship services. Surveys were distributed earlier, and next 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. If you plan to participate in the lunch discussion, please RSVP to a staff member **today**.

#### 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) Fundraiser Meal 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.
- † Today, 6 p.m. – Fondue Night at the church; Bring \$5 to cover costs.
- † Next Weekend, February 23-25 – Winter Retreat.
- † Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- † Sunday, April 29, Noon – Meal fundraiser and Auction.

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:

- Marty Peifer dealing with lung complications from his heart surgery.
- Jere Steinbaecher beginning another round of chemotherapy this week.
- Eli Passage receiving additional care for mental health concerns.
- Ruth Stoltzfus recovering from surgery and adjusting to a leg prosthetic.
- Chris Sebelist recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- Carole and Gene Siegrist making decisions about Gene's future care needs due to his advancing disease.
- Vernon Kauffman and Marty Peifer mourning the loss of family members.

REPORT: (02/11) General Fund \$7,776; Student Refugee Fund \$200  
Sunday School 174; Worship 215

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#### **Staff and Leadership Teams**

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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



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 next Sunday, February 25, at 3 p.m. Panelists will be our own pastor, Jon Carlson, 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>.

COBYS FAMILY SERVICES will hold its annual benefit banquet at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, Lititz, on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. This event is set in an old-fashioned barbershop where the fellowship and gossip are just as important as the grooming. The evening will include a delicious dinner, music by the Yeater Sisters, and updates on the COBYS ministry. Attendance at this BarberShop Banquet is by appointment only; no walk-ins, please. To reserve your place, please contact Anne Stokes at 717-656-6580 or [anne@cobys.org](mailto:anne@cobys.org) by Tuesday, February 27.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting *The illuminated letter*, a fraktur folk art class taught by Emily Smucker-Beidler, on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m.-noon at the Society headquarters on Millstream Road, Lancaster. Class fee is \$70 for members and \$80 for nonmembers; materials are included. Register by February 23 at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling 717-393-9745.