



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

March 11, 2018 ~ Lent 4 and Communion

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: *By the waters of Babylon*

Janette Lile, Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman, Tim Smoker-Leaders
Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar
Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums
Sandy Smoker

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship and Invocation

Song: *Brethren we have met to worship*

Worship Book No. 8

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Mission Spotlight: Puerto Rico Service Team

Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *No, not one*

Paul Burkholder

Proclaiming

Song: *How can I keep from singing*

Worship Book No. 580

Scripture: Nehemiah 13:23-31

Sermon: *This is our story: Mixed breeds*

Jon Carlson

The Bread and the Cup with Congregational Singing

The Bread and the Cup: All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others (including children) are invited to come forward to Nina to receive a prayer of blessing. Servers will be available to serve those unable to walk to the front. The method of communion used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup.
(All bread is gluten free.)

Sending

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.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition next Sunday, March 18. Everyone is invited to stay for a taco fundraiser lunch that will be followed by the derby. All proceeds support our Junior Youth program for 6th - 8th graders.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE to help meet expenses for persons participating in mission and service projects this coming summer or fall. The Mission and Service Investment Fund will pay up to half of an individual's costs, not to exceed \$2,000. Contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms should be submitted to Tom Verghese, Mission and Service Commission Director, or to the church office prior to the deadline of April 1.

THE MYF (YOUTH GROUP) is once again selling Gene Wenger's Ham Loaf and Pork Bar-B-Q. **Today** is the last day to place your order. Orders will be available for pick-up after the service on Palm Sunday, March 25. Two-and-a-half-pound ham loaves cost \$10.25, and two pounds of pork barbecue can be purchased for \$12.25. Place your order at the MYF table in the foyer after church, or contact any youth group member. Proceeds will go towards funding their service trip to Chicago this summer.

THE MY COINS COUNT JUG 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 due to disaster, poverty, or unfair policies that limit their access to food. 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.

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:

- Abby Mosemann traveling and learning in Israel with Lancaster Bible College.
- Jenna Lile on her learning semester with Eastern Mennonite University in Guatemala.
- Team serving in West Virginia with Mennonite Disaster Service this week.
- Louise Babikow serving in a medical clinic in Honduras.
- Dillon Martin preparing for his move to New Zealand.
- All those grieving the loss of beloved family members and friends.

THE MOMS annual meal and auction will be held here on Friday, March 23, with dinner starting at 5 p.m., and the auction at 6:30 p.m. Baked goods for the meal and donated items for the auction would be appreciated. A table has been set up in the foyer where you may place auction donations; please include your name. If you cannot attend the auction but would like to support the MOMS program, take an ornament from the angel tree to sponsor a classroom, teacher or school supplies.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is offering a Partner Church Scholarship program that provides a matching scholarship of \$500, \$1000, or \$2000 to students whose home church provides them with a scholarship to attend LMS. To participate in the program for the 2018-19 school year, a church must submit a list of sponsored students and commit to a scholarship amount per student by April 1. Church Council recently agreed to participate in the program through a designated fund that is separate from the church's general fund and budget. The amount of scholarship provided to each participating student will be determined by pledges received to the fund before the April 1 registration deadline. Pledges are welcomed from Forest Hills and non-Forest Hills individuals, families, and businesses. Please contact Jerry Lile or Rod Lefever if you have any questions about our participation in this program or if you wish to support our LMS students by pledging to this fund.

A NEW COPIER was installed in the church office last week. Our current copier had exceeded its life expectancy, and when both the copier and the printer started to fail, a decision was made to replace both of them with one new machine. If you need assistance with using the new equipment, please consult a staff member for instructions.

A SMALL CLIP-ON EARRING with a red stone was found in the ladies room after last Sunday's service. If you think it might belong to you, contact Norma Stauffer in the church office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS of the sermon can be accessed on our website – www.foresthillschurch.org – under the *Sermons* tab for both the current week and past weeks. As a general rule, these are posted early in the week after the Sunday service. You are encouraged to check out the video or audio when you are not able to be here for worship. Also, feel free to share these links with others as you feel led. CD recordings of the entire service can also be obtained from the sound technician at the sound booth.

THE INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE in Washington, DC is seeking volunteers to show Biblical hospitality, a basic of our Mennonite and Anabaptist faith, to those who come from all over the world as strangers in hopes that they will leave as friends. Duties consist of household chores – cleaning, baking, maintenance, and responding to needs of guests. Daily breakfast and evening teas are times for sharing in relaxed and informal ways. Short-term volunteers are needed this summer to serve at least two months; two weeks of training required. Included are free room and board and two days off per week to explore the city or surrounding areas. Contact Sara at volunteer@igh-dc.com for more information.

REPORT: (03/04) General Fund \$12,013
Sunday School 167; Worship 190

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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

LOOKING AHEAD

- † Next 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; our youth will lead the morning worship service.
- † Sunday, April 29, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- † Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- † Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
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- † July 1-7 – Service Week in Chicago.
- † Sunday, August 5 – Welcome/Farewell Day at Nolts' lake house.



CAMPUS CHORALE, a Lancaster Mennonite High School select choir, will perform at Akron Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. A freewill offering will be received to support Lancaster Mennonite School.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE will hold its area unit annual meeting on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m., at its Airport Road office in Lititz. Hear how Lancaster volunteers have been involved in early response teams in Florida and with long-term Storm Aid in Mississippi and get updates on Puerto Rico. Randy Gockley from Lancaster County Emergency Management will share on the theme of preparedness. An offering will be received to buy tools to stock a new trailer. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting *Beyond the underground railroad: Reclaiming African American heritage sites* on Monday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Landisville Mennonite Church. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

HESSTON COLLEGE BEL CANTO SINGERS will present a diverse repertoire of chorale music on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m., at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Rd, Lancaster. The program entitled *Living water* is inspired by biblical images of water that flow through the old and new testaments. The concert features a cappella works, selections with piano, and special music by soloists and small ensembles. The 29 member, mixed chamber choir is conducted by Dr. Russell Adrian and accompanied by Kenneth Rodgers.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting a banquet for friends of the camp on Thursday, March 22, at 6:15 p.m. at Yoder's in New Holland. Retired Manheim Central football coach Mike Williams will share on *Sports and spirituality - the good and the bad*. For reservations, call 717-738-2233. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Woodcrest Retreat's ministry.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY'S HEART GALLERY will hold its annual art auction to benefit artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities on Thursday, March 29, at the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences on Greenfield Road, Lancaster, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy one-of-a-kind art, and meet the artists while enjoying live music and light fare. Cost is \$25. Email [kleaman@friendshipcommunity.net](mailto:kleman@friendshipcommunity.net) if you have questions. To purchase tickets, go to www.FriendshipArt.net and click on *Events*. See fellowship hall bulletin board for further details.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Chad Martin

Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Anita Beidler, Keith Lehman

Greeters: Sally and Charlie Hooper

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Ernestine Lehman, Rose Miller

(W) Vanessa Bunting, Jeanette Rice

TODAY

- † Daylight Savings Time; hope you remembered to move your clocks forward one hour.
- † Mennonite Disaster Team leaves for service week in West Virginia.
- † 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- † Noon – Salt and Light Class Lunch.
- † 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Olympic Games.

THIS COMING WEEK

- † Monday-Friday – Service Team works with Mennonite Disaster in West Virginia.
- † Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Peanut Butter Egg-making.
- † 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 our fears.*
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Pinewood Derby Weigh-in.
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Bible Study: Discussion of previous Sunday's sermon.
- † Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- † Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- † Lent 5: Pastor Jon will continue his *This is Our Story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *The Best/Worst of Times* based on 2 Maccabees 5:15-27.
- † Noon – Junior Youth Fundraiser Luncheon and Pinewood Derby.
- † 6 p.m. – Baptism Preparation Class.

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