



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

March 18, 2018 ~ Lent 5 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:** *My hope is built on nothing less* Worship Book No. 343  
Cheryl Eshleman, Matt Eshleman, Becky Degan-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation** Herb Hoover

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

*Come thou fount (I will sing)* (Worship Book No. 521)

*Great is thy faithfulness* (Worship Book No. 327)

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Children's Time** Herb Hoover

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

**Sung Offertory** Becky Degan-Piano, Jimmy Kreider-Guitar  
Dan Nagy-Bass, Eli Passage-Drums

*One thing remains*

*How can we be silent* (Grace Notes No. 13)

*Amazing Love*

### Proclaiming

**Scripture:** 2 Maccabees 5:15-27

**Sermon:** *This is our story: The best/worst of times* Jon Carlson

**Response Song:** *In the bulb there is a flower* Worship Book No. 614

### Sending

**Congregational Sharing**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

**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.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition **today**. Everyone is invited to stay for a taco fundraiser lunch prior to the derby. All proceeds support our Junior Youth program for our 6th - 8th graders.

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to Posie and Ken Kreider in the death of Posie's dad, Earl Weaver, last Saturday, March 10. Prior to his death, Earl resided at Garden Spot Village in New Holland.

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

IT'S GREAT TO SEE MANY NEW FACES attending our worship services here at Forest Hills. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet these newcomers, one way to learn to know a bit about who they are is to check out our newcomers' bulletin board outside the ushers' room. Keep watching as new posts are being made regularly.

THE MOMS annual meal and auction will be held here this coming Friday, March 23, with dinner starting at 5 p.m., and the auction following 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 supplies.

OUR EASTER CELEBRATION on Sunday, April 1, will start with a congregational meal of breakfast casserole, fruit cup, yogurt, banana baked oatmeal, donut holes, coffee cake, orange juice, milk, coffee, and tea served starting at 9 a.m.; no sign-up is required. During the breakfast hour, our younger children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt in the lawn near the gazebo. There will be no Sunday School, and the Easter music worship service will begin at 10 a.m. (Note the change from our normal 10:30 a.m. start time.)

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:

- Posie Kreider and all others grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Paul Burkholder experiencing healing following a mild stroke.
- Jean Hunsecker recovering from injuries sustained from a fall.
- Those seeking meaningful employment.
- Marty Peifer and Ruth Stoltzfus receiving rehabilitation following lengthy illnesses.
- Those experiencing challenging and broken relationships.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, marks the end of our Wednesday evening activities for this season. KfC, Junior Youth, Adult Choir rehearsals and Adult Bible studies will resume meeting in October.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND our Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 29, in the fellowship hall at **7 p.m.** This service will include scripture readings, music, communion and footwashing in preparation for the great shout of joy on Resurrection Sunday.

BASED ON CONGREGATIONAL FEEDBACK and in preparation for several upcoming events scheduled by outside groups, the Worship Commission will be moving the piano to the floor level after Easter Sunday. The Worship Commission continues to appreciate feedback from the congregation as they shape worship services that invite people to encounter God.

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.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS are available at both entrances for recycling bulletins and other church papers that are no longer needed or wanted. God has called us to be stewards of the earth, and this is one way we can show that we take this directive seriously. Please note that these containers are for recycling paper only; do not use them to dispose of other recyclables or miscellaneous trash.

CD RECORDINGS OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE are available upon request. Fill out a request form that you will find inside the small door in the hallway where the sound room is located. Your recording will be produced and placed in your church mailbox as soon as possible. Suggested donation is \$1 per recording.

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.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is beginning to plan for its Summer Lunch Program that runs three mornings a week from June thru mid-August. They need cooks, drivers, bag assemblers and site coordinators. Youth and adult volunteers of all skill levels would be appreciated. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, call Jacqueline at 717-208-3711, ext. 104.

REPORT: (03/11) General Fund \$10,819; Refugee Education \$150  
Sunday School 177; Worship 230

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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

- † 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.
- † Today, Noon – Junior Youth Lunch and Pinewood Derby.
- † Today, 6 p.m. – Baptism Preparation Class.
- † Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
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CAMP DEERPARK'S annual benefit banquet will be held at Shady Maple Restaurant in East Earl on Friday, April 6, starting with hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Theme for the evening will be *Living the Gospel*. This event is free, but reservations are required. If you are interested in attending or sponsoring a table, please call Janice Henry-Ndiaye at 877-754-8669, or email [deerparkguests@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkguests@gmail.com). A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Camp's ministry of empowering urban youth to serve Christ in the city. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE ANNUAL *MESSIAH SING-A-LONG* will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. Singers from the community are invited to be part of the choir, or you may simply come to listen. The atmosphere is relaxed, and the evening provides the opportunity for both worship and good music-making. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting a presentation on *The Theology of the Cross at the Crux of the Reformation*, an evening of lecture and song on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m., at Stumptown Mennonite Church. At this event, Mennonites and Lutherans will mark 500 years of reformation together on the anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver  
Sound Technicians: Dean Jantzen, David Bontrager-Assistant  
Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie  
Greeters: Janette, Jerry and Jeffrey Lile  
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl and Larry McJunkin  
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Rod and Ben Lefever  
(W) Rod and Ben Lefever

## TODAY

- † 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- † Noon – Junior Youth Fundraiser Luncheon and Pinewood Derby. (See bulletin announcement for details.)
- † 6 p.m. – Baptism Preparation Class.

## THIS COMING WEEK

- † Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- † Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Auction set-up and prep.
- † 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 tells the parable of the Good Samaritan.*
  - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Bowling.
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
  - Adult Bible Study: Discussion of previous Sunday's sermon.
- † Friday, 5 p.m. – MOMS Supper; 6:30 p.m. – MOMS Auction.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- † Lent 6 – Palm Sunday: Pastor Jon will continue his *This is Our Story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *My Kingdom for a horse* based on Matthew 21:1-11.
- † 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

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