



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

March 25, 2018

Lent 6 ~ PALM SUNDAY

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** Karen Eckert-Organ, Kori Jantzen-Piano  
**Gathering Song:** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* Worship Book No. 238  
Willie Hurst, Norma Stauffer-Leaders  
**Call to Worship and Invocation** Jim Fenton

### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing** Becky Degan-Piano  
Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass  
*Come, now is the time to worship* (Grace Notes No. 2)  
*Wonderful, merciful Savior* (Grace Notes No. 14)  
*Lift high the name of Jesus*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Children's Time** Janette Lile  
**Dismissal for Kids Church** (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)  
**Offertory:** *The Palms*

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *All glory, laud, and honor* Worship Book No. 237  
**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11  
**Sermon:** *This is my story: My kingdom for a horse* Jon Carlson  
**Response Song**

### Sending

**Congregational Sharing**  
**Prayer of Blessing:** Lloyd and Donna Mast  
**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.

GENEVA MARTIN was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital this past week due to an infection. At bulletin publication time, she was expecting to be released in the very near future.

MARTY PEIFER was released from rehab and is now continuing his recovery in his home at Landis Homes.

PAUL LEAMAN has been transferred to Oregon North Room #141 at Landis Homes for rehab following several falls, one resulting in a fractured vertebrae.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE features eco-palms that are harvested using sustainable methods that minimize the impact on the natural forest. The harvesters grow and market the palms directly, providing them with a fair wage and the opportunity to improve their local communities. As the palms are raised in celebration today, we play a small, but important, role in supporting these subsistent farmers.

THE BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED earlier than usual this coming week. All announcements will need to be in the church office by early morning on Wednesday, March 27, in order to be included in the April 1, Easter bulletin.

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, marks the end of our Wednesday evening activities for this church year. KfC, Junior Youth, Adult Choir rehearsals and Adult Bible Studies will resume meeting in October. Thanks to all the leaders and participants who made these programs a meaningful and worthwhile experience this past year.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND our Maundy Thursday Service this coming 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.

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:

- For open hearts and minds during the upcoming Holy Week.
- Paul and Erma Leaman adjusting to Paul's new living arrangements at Landis Homes.
- Geneva Martin recovering from an infection
- Louise Babikow returning from service in Honduras
- Donna and Lloyd Mast transitioning from their home in Lancaster to Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Dillon Martin adjusting to his new home in Australia.
- Zac Hummel returning from Mennonite Disaster Service in Saipan.

NEXT SUNDAY'S EASTER CELEBRATION 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 will be 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.)

NEXT SUNDAY there will be no KIDS Church; parents will be responsible for their own children. Resources for preschool and elementary children will be available on a table outside the center sanctuary doors.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for you to contribute to the My Coins Count project benefiting Mennonite Central Committee's programs that provide food to more than 790 million people around the world who do not have enough to eat due to disaster, poverty, or unfair policies that limit their access to food. Prior to the worship service, the Sunday School children will be standing at the doors of the sanctuary with containers for a final collection of your loose change and bills. This money will be delivered to the MCC Relief Sale in Harrisburg on April 6-7.

OUR MYF (YOUTH GROUP) will be hosting the annual Services and Experiences Auction and Lunch on Sunday, April 29. Along with a silent auction of youth services, the live auction will include donations of various services and experiences. In the past, donations have included meals, day trips, picnics, boating excursions, cleaning services, birthday party planning, etc. If you would like to donate an item for the live auction, please contact Janette Lile or Becky Degan.

DATES FOR A YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERVICE TRIP to Puerto Rico have been set for July 7 - 14. Post-high volunteers will be helping rebuild the school that suffered damage in Hurricane Maria. All skill sets are invited to participate; Spanish language skills are not required. Cody Hurst has agreed to lead this trip. Interested persons are asked to contact Cody at 717-617-9393 or [cody20hurst@gmail.com](mailto:cody20hurst@gmail.com) by April 8 if you have questions or wish to add your name to a tentative list of participants. Details will need to be confirmed, and plane tickets will need to be purchased in the very near future.

THE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE will be staffing a hot dog stand at Leola Sharp Shopper's Customer Appreciation Days on Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. All proceeds will benefit the SFA Fund that currently provides a \$1,350/semester grant, partially matched by the educational institutions, to FHMC students who choose to attend one of the Mennonite colleges or universities. You can add your support to help staff the hot dog stand; all volunteers are welcome. Please contact Nina Harnish to volunteer for this Student Aid fundraiser.

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.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING to participate in a mission or service project in the upcoming months, it would be great to have you share a Mission Spotlight. Please contact Becky Degan to schedule a time.

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.

REPORT: (03/18) General Fund \$11,221; Refugee Education \$200  
Sunday School 175; Worship 225

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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

- † Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday; our youth group will lead the morning worship service.
- † Sunday, April 29, Noon – MYF Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- † Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.
- † Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Vacation Bible School.

## MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- † Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- † Today, 6 p.m. – Youth Sunday prep.
- † Sunday, April 8 - \$50 Service Trip deposit is due.
- † Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- † Sunday, April 29, Noon – Fundraiser Meal and Auction.
- † Sunday, May 13 – Baptism Sunday.



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.

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER is hosting internationally acclaimed singer and peace ambassador, Tony Brown, in concert on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. Brown will present *Spirituals: Songs of struggle and hope* to benefit his *Peacing it Together* ministry, a non-profit that promotes peace and justice throughout the world through music and the spoken word. His next destination will be Columbia. Learn more about Tony at <http://www.anthonybrownbaritone.net>. Further information is also posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ken Martin  
Sound Technicians: Yvonne Kauffman, Bruce Stauffer-Assistant  
Befrienders: Ann and Byron Zimmerman  
Greeters: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp  
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Kris Long, Arleta Martin  
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Beth Fenton, Louetta Hurst  
(W) Monica Kreider, Joanne Martin

## TODAY

- † 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- † 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

## THIS COMING WEEK

- † Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Seniors Lunch.
- † Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Being a stay-at-home-mom with older kids* led by Coleen Hurst.
- † 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): Easter celebration.
  - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Ice cream farewell at Oregon Dairy.
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
  - Adult Bible Study: Discussion of previous Sunday's sermon.
- † Thursday, 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service. (See bulletin announcement for further details.)

## NEXT SUNDAY

- † 9 a.m. – Breakfast.
- † No Sunday School.
- † **10 a.m.** - Worship service celebrating the resurrection through songs and scripture. (Note change in worship service starting time.)
- † Pastor Jon will continue his *This is our story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *Plot twist* based on John 20:1-18.
- † Due to the Easter holiday, monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings have been postponed until the following Sunday, April 8.

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