



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 1, 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.**

**9:00 a.m. Breakfast**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Hour**

**Gathering**

**Prelude** Sandy Smoker-Organ  
**Call to Worship and Invocation** Jon Carlson  
**Song:** *Thine is the glory* Worship Book No. 269  
Norma Stauffer, Evanna Hess, Willie Hurst, Cal Roggie-Leaders  
**Special Music:** *Jesus loves me*  
Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School Class  
**Songs:** *Low in the grave he lay* Worship Book No. 273

**Praising and Proclaiming**

**Creative Movement:** *King of my heart* Primary Students  
Coordinators-Emily Eshleman, Becky Degan  
**Songs:** Cheryl Eshleman, Tim Smoker-Leaders; Sandy Smoker-Piano  
Don Nelson-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums  
*Love come down*  
*May the peoples praise you*  
**Prayer of Confession** Worship Book No. 697  
**Choir Song:** *Jesus died for me* Becky Degan-Director  
**Songs:** *In Christ alone*  
*Just as I am*  
**Congregational Prayer**  
**Offertory:** *In the garden* Anita Beidler-Soloist  
**Choir Song:** *He lives*  
**Children's Time** Janette Lile  
**Choir Song:** *Hallelujah! Resurrection morning*  
**Song:** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* Worship Book No. 278  
**Choir Song:** *Praise the name*  
**Scripture:** John 20:1-18 Keith Stuckey  
**Meditation:** *This is our story: Plot twist* Jon Carlson  
**Response Song:** *Christ the Lord is risen today* Worship Book No. 280

**Sending**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**No Coffee Fellowship Today**

**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 take a guest card from the pew rack, complete it, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. And please come back and worship with us again.

THANKS TO EVERYONE – the Kitchen Committee, musicians, directors, sound techs, visuals persons, and all others involved – who put the time and effort into making this Easter day a joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection!

THERE IS NO KIDS CHURCH today; parents will be responsible for their own children. Resources for preschool and elementary children are available on a table outside the center sanctuary doors. Nursery care is available.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for you to contribute to the My Coins Count project benefiting Mennonite Central Committee's programs that provide food to the 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.

THANKS TO ALL who supported the youth group's ham loaf and pork BBQ fundraiser. If you placed an order but weren't able to pick it up last Sunday, you will find your items in the kitchen freezer. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience! Payments should be given to Janette Lile or Becky Degan.

MENNONITE WOMEN will meet at the church this coming Thursday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon to sew for relief. All are welcome to participate.

LARRY WENGER and GENEVA MARTIN were both recently hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital. Both of them were released this past week and are now continuing their recovery at home.

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:

- Larry Wenger recovering from pneumonia.
- Jenna Lile traveling to Cuba as a part of Eastern Mennonite University's Cross-cultural program.
- Gene and Carole Siegrist dealing with the implications of Gene's advancing disease.

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 last Sunday, March 25, our year-to-date giving totals \$357,067, while our year-to-date budget is \$350,971, a positive difference of 1.7%. Thanks for your generosity in contributing to the mission and ministries of our church.

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, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. If you are a regular attendee at these lunches, please notify the church office 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.

OUR MYF (YOUTH GROUP) will be hosting its 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 [cody20hurst@gmail.com](mailto:cody20hurst@gmail.com) or 717-419-7626 (please note **new number**) 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 the 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.

A 3-BEDROOM RANCHER near our church is available for rent. If you know of someone who might be interested, check out the information posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

#### 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

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THE 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PA RELIEF SALE that benefits the relief and development ministries of Mennonite Central Committee will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building in Harrisburg on Friday, April 6, from 4-9 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. This event includes the renowned quilt auction, Ten Thousand Villages merchandise, artisan displays, a country auction, children's activities, a large variety of delicious foods and more. Celebrate community and create hope by supporting this event. For more information, visit [pareliefsale.org](http://pareliefsale.org).

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THE WENGER FOUNDATION of Myerstown is sponsoring its annual Praise Dinner fundraising event to benefit local ministries, including FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY. This event will be held at the Lebanon Expo Center at 6 p.m., on Thursday, April 10. The evening will feature music by The Talleys and a presentation by guest speaker Bob Kettering. Cost is \$125 per person or \$1,250 for a table of ten. For more information, contact the Wenger Foundation at 717-866-2130 or check out the details posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

TED AND CO.'S production of *Discovery: A comic lament* will be performed on Saturday, April 21, at Forest Hills Mennonite Church, at 6 p.m. This lament finds unexpected humor at the intersection of justice and land use, offering comic and challenging glimpses into European settler maltreatment of Native Americans. Take this opportunity to learn about love, loss, and land. There is no charge for this event. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE Spring Assembly Celebration will be held at Hope Community Church in Fleetwood on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Delegates and conference attendees are invited to a day of fellowship, conference life updates, and engagement with MCUSA's Journey Forward materials. Journey Forward is a 2-year process of church renewal and strengthening our identity around core commitments that are lived out in different ways across the denomination. ACC delegates and all other interested persons are invited to attend. Attendees may register at <http://atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly/> or by calling the ACC office at 717-394-8107, ext. 100.

HERTZOG HOMESTEAD BED & BREAKFAST, 470 West Metzler Road, Ephrata, will host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hope for Haiti Benefit Auction that will include a variety of auctioned items, bake sale, children's activities and food on Saturday, May 19, starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds will benefit Transformation Haiti, a ministry that offers leadership training for Haitian business men and women desiring skills to be self-sustainable, and Pistos Mission, which includes a school, church, business projects, and medical clinic in the seaside village of Montrouis, Haiti. All gifts and donations are tax deductible. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman

Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Dean Jantzen-Assistant

Befrienders: Becky and Les Siegrist, Kathy Unangst

Greeters: Barbara and Barry Weatherholtz

Breakfast Hosts: Kitchen Committee

Nursery (Ages 0-3): No Sunday School

(W) Rose and Erin Miller

## TODAY

☼ 9 a.m. – Easter Breakfast.

☼ No Sunday School.

☼ 10 a.m. – Easter Worship Service.

☼ Due to the Easter holiday, monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings have been postponed until next Sunday, April 8.

## THIS COMING WEEK

☼ Monday – Staff holiday; church office will be closed.

☼ Tuesday – No MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) this week.

☼ Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Mission and Service Commission.

☼ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.

## NEXT SUNDAY

☼ Pastor Jon will continue his *This Is Our Story* sermon series. He will be preaching on *The First Church Council* based on Acts 15:1-21.

☼ Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelpian Room #17.

☼ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Youth Sunday prep.

REPORT: (03/25) General Fund \$5,869; Student Aid \$100  
Sunday School 161; Worship 235

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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