



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 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 Becky Degan-Piano, Janice Southwick-Guitar
Gathering Song: *To God be the glory* Worship Book No. 102
Call to Worship and Invocation Becky Siegrist
Song: *Wonderful grace of Jesus* Worship Book No. 150

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Congregational Prayer
Sung Offertory: *Obey my voice* Worship Book No. 163

Proclaiming

Songs: *We Have Come into this Place* Friendship Singers
Sanctuary/Sacrifice of Praise
Creative Movement: *Lord I Lift*
I Wanted You

Introductions

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

Scripture Dennis Carrigan

Song: *This is the Day*

Scripture: John 3:16-17

Songs: *The Old Rugged Cross* Friendship Singers
Jesus Loves Me

Video: Psalm 139

Creative Movement: *Who Am I*
Mighty to Save
Your Grace Still Amazes Me
How Beautiful

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.

TODAY FOLKS FROM FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY, a Christian-based service provider for adults who have developmental and intellectual disabilities, are leading out worship service. The worship team will present a program of hymns, gospel songs and praise choruses as well as songs that include motions and sign language. This team is known for the joy they exhibit while praising God and being included in public worship.

MARY SCHROEDER was admitted to Ephrata Community Hospital this past Monday and remained hospitalized at bulletin publication time.

THE BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED on Wednesday of this coming week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All announcements will need to be in the church office by early **Wednesday** morning, November 21, in order to be included in the November 25 bulletin.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of December, please submit these dates to the church office by Tuesday of this coming week, November 20, so that they can be included on the December church calendar.

THE PLAYGROUND IS NOW A REALITY. With seed money from recent bequests, Council approved a proposal to begin construction of a playground on our church property. Despite scorching temperatures and construction delays, the playground was finally completed in mid-September. Due to permitting costs and accessibility requirements, the playground ended up costing a bit more than expected. This leaves a deficit of approximately \$8-10,000 to fully fund the cost of the complete project. Council has approved an above-budget request for this gap to be covered. If you believe that this playground is an opportunity to foster a greater sense of community and connectedness within our church family and our community and wish to contribute to this project, place your contributions earmarked for *Playground Fund* in the regular offering.

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:

- Vernon and Mary Schroeder as they and their family make decisions regarding Mary's care.
- Alice Babikow returning from a service assignment on a Mercy Ship.
- Those traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- All of those grieving the loss of beloved family members.
- Our search for a church administrator.

THE MISSION AND SERVICE COMMISSION has selected families in the Conestoga Valley School District for this year's Christmas giving project. Everyone is invited to select paper Christmas ornaments from the display board in the foyer, purchase the items listed on the ornaments, return the wrapped items to the church with the gift tags attached, and place the gifts underneath the display board by Sunday, December 2. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped and should be given to Kathy Unangst or placed in her church mailbox.

THE LEOLA MOMS GROUP invites everyone to their annual Cookie Christmas Concert on Friday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m., here at the church. Enjoy a free piano and vocal concert featuring local musicians Laura Hershey and Joseph Jaskolka and carol singing by the MOMS children. Refreshments will be served after the concert, and poinsettias and cookies will be available for purchase to benefit the MOMS program.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🌿 Friday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. – MOMS Christmas Cookie Concert.
- 🌿 Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. – Christmas Music Sunday.
- 🌿 Monday, December 24, 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service.
- 🌿 Wednesdays in January 2019 – Winter Bible School.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🌿 Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 🌿 Today – No evening activity.
- 🌿 Next Sunday, December 2, 6-8 p.m. – Movie Night at the church.
- 🌿 Sunday, December 9, 6-8 p.m. – Cookie-making at Hursts'.
- 🌿 Sunday, December 16, 6-8 p.m. – Deliver cookies to Fairmount Homes.
- 🌿 February 22-24, 2019 – Winter Retreat.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Pat and Randy Ranck

Greeters: Beth and Jim Fenton

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery: (SS) Louetta Hurst, _____

(W) Monica Kreider , _____

TODAY

🌿 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

🌿 Noon – Rest for the Weary Class Chili Cook-off.

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

🌿 Wednesday – No Wednesday Evening Activities this week.

🌿 Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving; church office will be closed.

NEXT SUNDAY

🌿 Leonard Dow, Stewardship and Development Specialist for Everence in Philadelphia, will be our guest preacher.

REPORT: (11/11) General Fund \$10,301; Playground Fund \$30
Sunday School 169; Worship 254

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