



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

December 30, 2018

### LOOKING BACK 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** Erik Schlosser-Guitar, Alex and Thomas Schlosser-Piano

**Gathering Song:** *Morning star, O cheering sight*

Worship Book No. 214

Willie Hurst, Daryl and Matt Eshleman-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Sandy Smoker

**Special Music:** *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Jack Rutt-Cello, Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

#### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing**

Don Nelson, Erik Schlosser-Guitars

*We three kings*

*Go tell it on the mountain*

**Special Music:** *Christus*

Worship Team, Jack Rutt-Cello

*Beautiful star of Bethlehem*

#### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

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

**Offertory**

Alex Schlosser-Piano

#### Proclaiming

**Song:** *O come, all ye faithful*

Worship Book No. 212

**Scripture:** Ephesians 3:14-21

**Sharing**

Lag Weaver, Zac Hummel

**Song:** *Joy to the world*

Worship Book No. 318

#### Sending

**Congregational Sharing**

**Video:** *An invitation from Pastor Jon*

**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.

TODAY WE WELCOME Jack Rutt and thank him for playing cello for our worship service. Jack and his wife Gloria were long-term members at Forest Hills years ago. They now live in Boston where they are involved in the local Mennonite church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Valentina and Viktor Yermolov on the birth of their first grandchild, Elliana Rachael Melnik, born last Friday, December 21. Elliana's parents are Anna (Yermolov) and Yury Melnik. The family lives in Denver, Pa.

VIKTOR YERMOLOV remained hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital at bulletin publication time.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE of the following changes to information for Cliff and Joyce Martin. New address: 76 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529. New phone number: 717-929-0377.

WE THANK GOD for the on-going faithful generosity of this congregation! Your giving supports important ministries such as missions and outreach, church and conference-wide initiatives, and our own worship and education programs. It also helps pay for the costs of maintaining our facility. At the present time, our giving for the 2018-19 fiscal year is 15.9% behind budget. We need \$35,364 to bring our giving up to budget by year-end. Expenses have been running close to budget, which means we have had to dip into our reserves to pay invoices. Please prayerfully consider what you might give between now and year-end. Remember, if you wish to have your contributions recorded in 2018 for tax purposes, they will need to be in the church office today or post-marked by December 31, 2018. – Sam Clement, Treasurer

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,145 to be divided among its various agencies.

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:

- Viktor Yermolov recovering from injuries sustained in a recent car accident.
- Mike Stauffer undergoing treatments for cancer.
- Carter Hurst serving in London with YWAM.
- The Yermolov family celebrating the birth of their granddaughter.

ALL WOMEN, POST-HIGH AND OLDER, are invited to participate in a church-wide, intergenerational Secret Sister opportunity in 2019. Forms with more information were placed in church mailboxes a few weeks ago. Additional copies are available on the ledge beneath the mailboxes. Interested women are asked to complete the bottom portion of the form and return it to Dana Shannon by January 6.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL and MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE both have numerous employment opportunities. Check the fellowship hall bulletin board for details on job openings at both of these places.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 – 6 p.m. Shared Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School.
- ★ Sunday, January 27, Noon – Youth Group Fundraiser Lunch.
- ★ Wednesday, February 13 – Choir Rehearsal begins for Easter.
- ★ Sunday, March 17, Noon – Junior Youth Fundraiser Lunch and Pinewood Derby.
- ★ Friday, April 12, 5 p.m. – MOMS Supper and Fundraiser.
- ★ Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. – Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m. – Easter Worship Service.

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

- ★ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ★ Sunday, January 6, 5-9 p.m. – Holiday Party; bring a snack and a \$5 gift.
- ★ Sunday, January 13 – Game Night at Lefevers'.
- ★ Sunday, January 20 – Football Night.
- ★ Sunday, January 27, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch.
- ★ February 22-24, 2019 – Winter Retreat.

#### TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Jim Shannon

Befrienders: Linda and Warren Tyson

Greeters: Deb Frey, Kathy Unangst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS) Alice Babikow

(W) Janette and Jerry Lile

#### TODAY

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

#### THIS WEEK

- ★ Tuesday – New Year holiday; church office will be closed.
- ★ No Wednesday Evening Activities this week.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- ★ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *The loneliest number* based on Romans 15:1-7.
- ★ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- ★ Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.
- ★ 5 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Holiday Party.

PLEASE NOTE that due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, staff hours and availability will be varied. If you are in need of pastoral care or other assistance and do not initially reach the individual you wish to contact when calling the church office, please try personal phone numbers in order to have your need addressed promptly.

REPORT: (12/23) General Fund \$29,931; Playground Fund \$1,000;  
Student Aid \$100  
Sunday School 158; Worship 263

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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

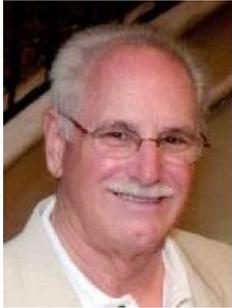
Norma Stauffer - Administrator

Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Michael Degan, Kay Hurst, Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin,

Rose Mosemann, Kathy Unangst - Care Team

***We Remember ~ a memorial tribute to those in our  
Forest Hills church family that we lost in 2018.***



**J. Wilbur Sollenberger (October 31, 1939 – January 27, 2018)**

Wil spent most of his adult life working as an insurance agent with State Farm. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying golf, boating, hunting, fishing, and going to La Posada, his family cabin along the Pine Creek in Lycoming County. He also loved growing roses and was often seen at church wearing one of his beauties in his lapel. Wil and his wife Maddie moved from Strasburg to Landis Homes for their retirement years. It was there that he spent his last years receiving care for health issues related to a stroke he suffered while hunting in 2013. Wil gave time to the church and the community. He served

as a Supervisor for East Lampeter Township, a member of the Paradise Rotary Club, and a board member for Black Rock Retreat. He also belonged to the *prestigious do nothing club*, a breakfast gathering of local male friends. Wil was the father of three grown children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Karen Rheinheimer (October 2, 1961 – January 28, 2018)** Karen grew up in the Willow Street area and spent 33 of her adult years married to her husband Mike. She fought a courageous 6-year battle with cancer. Prior to her illness, Karen worked for Stoltzfus Catering. She was also part of the group that organized the Mennonite Sports Organization, a youth program for young athletes. Karen's love for her two girls, Stephanie and Jessica, and her love for the game of basketball brought much joy to her life. She loved coaching the girls in their younger school years and then watching them play throughout high school and college. She loved the beach and visiting Major League Baseball stadiums with her family.

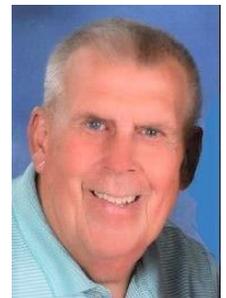


**Anna Mae (Ann) Landis (January 16, 1921 – February 19, 2018)**

Ann graduated from Eastern Mennonite College and Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing prior to her long career as an office nurse and also a staff nurse at Lancaster General Hospital. She spent 29 years married to Marvin Landis who was previously widowed and preceded her in death. She loved her extended family, including many nieces and nephews, and they in turn loved her dearly as well. She was well-known for her many selfless acts of kindness to others. The hundreds of newsy, handwritten notes she sent to anyone who was celebrating a special occasion

or who had done something thoughtful for her, were part of the legacy of generosity she left behind. Ann was also known as a prayer warrior and kept extensive lists of those for whom she was praying.

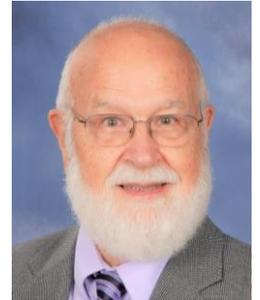
**Jere Steinbaecher (October 25, 1940 – July 31, 2018)** Jere was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was the one son in a family with four sisters. As a teen, he earned Eagle Scout honors and graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School. He and Miz were married just shy of 56 years at the time of his death. Jere worked 35 years for Trojan Yacht and then 25 years for Zimmerman True Value Hardware in Strasburg prior to his retirement in 2017. Jere and Miz had two daughters and three grandchildren. He was an avid sports enthusiast, enjoying anything related to Notre Dame. He loved fishing, hunting, and golf, and his golfing buddies appreciated how Jere always made the game fun. Jere's interactions with the Khilos, a Syrian refugee family we helped to support, also challenged his thinking and brought much joy to his life. He will be remembered as a kind-hearted soul who was not afraid to speak his mind.





**Ruth Stoltzfus (March 4, 1915 – October 22, 2018)** Ruth was born in western Pennsylvania and graduated from Eastern Mennonite High School in Virginia in 1933. She and her husband John had three children – Richard (deceased), Lois, and Robert. She attended evening classes to earn her LPN certificate and then worked in various nursing homes in Lancaster County. She was active in Child Evangelism, going into homes and telling Bible stories using a flannel graph. Ruth was the last remaining charter member of Monterey Mennonite Church, the predecessor of Forest Hills. She spent many winters in Sarasota, Florida and enjoyed reading, putting puzzles together, and spending time with her family. After being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in her ankle, she resided at Landis Homes in her final days.

**Paul Burkholder (April 19, 1929 – October 26, 2018)** Paul was born in the neighboring town of Bareville. He and his wife, Miriam, worked on the family farm until the Lord called them to ministry in New York City. He pastored the Glad Tidings Mennonite Church in the Bronx and drove taxi to make ends meet. Paul also served Mennonite congregations in Corvallis, Oregon and Doylestown, Pennsylvania. His later working years were spent in credit and financial counseling with Mennonite Mutual Aid (now Everence) and Tabor Community Services. He and Miriam enjoyed traveling in their motor home across the US, Canada and Alaska and to visit their six children. He enjoyed embroidering quilts and quilting and built replicas of an antique kitchen clock for each of their 16 grandchildren. In recent years, Paul resided at Landis Homes where he was active as a volunteer shuttle bus driver, Sunday School teacher, preacher and worship and song leader.



**John Glick (December 14, 1935 – December 8, 2018)** John grew up in the Smoketown area and worked for his father at Glick Plant Farms in his early years. Later he spent most of his adult life as a truck driver. He and his wife Mary were married 63 years and had three children -- one daughter and two sons. Tragically, both of their sons died in early adulthood. John himself died very suddenly and unexpectedly as a result of a massive stroke. John's interests included bowling and golfing, and he was an avid hunter and member of the Green Laurel Hunting Camp in Potter County. He also gave his time to the local Sertoma Club. John also belonged to the *prestigious do nothing club*, a breakfast gathering of local male friends.

