



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 6, 2019

**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:** *What a fellowship*

(Grace Notes No. 70)

Becky Degan-Leader

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Jerry Lile

### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing** Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar

Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*We will dance*

(Grace Notes No. 56)

*How great is our God*

*Speak, O Lord*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Children's Time

Janette Lile

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *Heart with loving heart united*

Worship Book No. 420

**Scripture:** Romans 15:1-7

Jenna Lile

**Sermon:** *The loneliest number*

Jon Carlson

#### Response Song

### Sending

#### Congregational Sharing

#### 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.

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

WARREN AND LINDA TYSON will be serving on the Care Team through August, replacing Michael Degan who is taking a leave due to health issues.

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

"THANK YOU ALL for your generous end of year contributions! God has continued to provide for our congregation. Your ongoing faithful generosity will allow us to continue to support the important ministries of our congregation, conference, and denomination. At the present time, our giving for the 2018-19 fiscal year is just slightly shy – less than 1% – of meeting our budgeted goal. May we continue to be a blessing to each other in the coming year!" – Sam Clement, Treasurer

START THE NEW (CHURCH) YEAR with a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write checks, and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with consistent income on an uninterrupted basis. Request an enrollment form and a *Frequently Asked Questions* flyer from the church office.

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:

- College students and others beginning a new semester of classes.
- Those who are dealing with cancer treatments – Michael Degan, Dan Glick, Mike Stauffer, and Brenda Verghese.
- All involved with planning and implementing Winter Bible School.
- Pat Nolt recovering from a concussion.
- Viktor Yermolov recovering from injuries sustained in a recent car accident.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to a *Soup and Slippers* evening on Thursday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Help cope with the challenges of winter by enjoying an evening with warm soup and good friends. Further details have been placed in church mailboxes. Please RSVP to Nina Harnish by January 20 if you plan to participate.

EASTERN MENNONITE MISSIONS is seeking an individual/couple to serve as regional representative(s) for Southeast Asia. Volunteers will develop and shape the overarching goals and strategies for the region, oversee EMM persons who live within the region, and maintain relationships with national partners. Applicants must be willing to live in Southeast Asia. This long-term assignment is available May 2019. Apply at [emm.org/SEAreps](http://emm.org/SEAreps).

EASTERN MENNONITE MISSIONS is seeking summer staff for its Lancaster Kingdom Teams. Volunteers will lead discipleship sessions, engage one-on-one, and help lead service opportunities. To learn more about this opportunity, visit [emm.org/discipleshipteam](http://emm.org/discipleshipteam) or contact Sherrie Ober at [sherrie.ober@emm.org](mailto:sherrie.ober@emm.org) or 717 898-2251 ext. 269.

#### 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.
- ★ Today, 5-9 p.m. – Holiday Party; bring a snack and a \$5 gift.
- ★ Next Sunday, January 13, 6 p.m. – Game Night at Lefevers'.
- ★ Next Sunday, January 13 – \$25 deposit for Winer Retreat is due.
- ★ Sunday, January 20 – Football Night at Yoders'.
- ★ Sunday, January 27, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch.
- ★ February 22-24 – Winter Retreat.

REPORT: (12/30) General Fund \$33,072; Refugee Education \$300  
YTD Giving \$220,547; YTD Budget \$222,439 (-0.9%)  
Sunday School 145; Worship 234

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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

Kay Hurst, Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin, Rose Mosemann,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team

## 2019 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 9, 2019

Winter Bible School provides exciting learning opportunities for children and adults plus food for both body and soul.

### 6-6:30 P.M. – SUPPER

Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
Potato Salad  
Veggie Tray  
Whoopie Pies



There is no charge for the meal, but donations to cover the costs (\$5/person) will be gratefully accepted.

### 7 P.M. - ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

- **ADULTS: *CREATING A SCENE IN CORINTH***, an exploration of Paul's letters to the church at Corinth, led by Anne Kaufman Weaver, M. Div.  
**Session One: 1 Corinthians 1-4 *Differences and unity***  
The Bible will come alive as you eavesdrop on conversations facilitated by Anne between eight members of a *Corinthian House Church*.
- **KFC (KIDS FOR CHRIST)** for Boys and Girls age 3-PreK and in Grades K-5: *Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin*.
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *Help! I can't decide*.
- **NOTE: MYF (Youth Group: Grades 9-12)** is now meeting on Sunday evenings rather than Wednesday evenings.



**MEAL RESERVATIONS** – Please place this form in the offering plate today or call the church office **before noon on Monday, January 7**.

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 9.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman

Audio Visual Technicians: Michael Degan, Dean Jantzen

Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin

Greeters: Becky and Les Siegrist

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery: (SS) Mary Harnish, Rose Miller

(W) Tracy and Randy Esch

## TODAY

- ★ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ★ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17.
- ★ Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.
- ★ 5 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Holiday Party.

## THIS WEEK

- ★ Monday, 7 p.m. – Church Council.
- ★ Tuesday, 8 a.m. – Agape Women's Breakfast at Owl Hill Bistro.
- ★ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Getting to know you*.
- ★ Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)
- ★ Friday-Sunday – Rest for the Weary Class Couples Retreat.
- ★ Friday-Sunday – Junior Youth Retreat.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ★ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *A Communicable Disease* based on Romans 14:1-12.
- ★ Rest for the Weary Class and Junior Youth return home from their retreats.
- ★ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Game Night at Lefevers'.

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