



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 13, 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 Sandy Smoker-Piano

Gathering Song: *Great is thy faithfulness* Worship Book No. 327

Tim Smoker, Holly Schlosser-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Warren Tyson

Leader: No one is an island.
We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

**People: Who else is like you, loving God?
Who is like you: beautiful in holiness,
awesome in all the things you do for us.**

Leader: No one lives by themselves,
no one dies by themselves.
Whether we live or die
we are the Lord's.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Sandy Smoker-Piano

Erik Schlosser-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Come, now is the time to worship (Grace Notes No. 2)

We will walk with God (Grace Notes No. 28)

10,000 reasons

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jon Carlson

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *There is a place of quiet rest*

Worship Book No. 5

Scripture set to music: Romans 14:1-12

Ann Zimmerman, Sandy Smoker

Sermon: *A communicable disease*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Worship Book No. 355

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.

" 'HEAVEN MUST BE WORKING OVERTIME', a quote from a good friend referring to the many who are praying for me. Thank you so much. Without your prayers, I would not have survived my hospital stay. Special blessings to each of you. Short visits are welcomed."
– Dan Glick

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES to the Khilo family. Khalideh's mother, who was still living in Syria, passed away Saturday, January 5.

CARTER HURST has begun his 3-month YWAM (Youth With A Mission) outreach. He is now working with Syrian refugees in Greece.

VIKTOR YERMOLOV continues to deal with injuries and health issues related to an auto accident he experienced a month ago. He remains hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital.

FOREST HILLS has received a thank you note for our recent \$500 Flex Fund contribution to the MOOS program, a before-school morning program for kids in Lancaster city where Louise Babikow volunteers. The note and photos are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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:

- Jess Rheinheimer and Jonny Bishop celebrating their recent engagement.
- Esther Kreider dealing with heart-related issues.
- Carter Hurst serving with YWAM in Greece.
- The Khilo family mourning the loss of their mother and grandmother.
- Viktor Yermolov dealing with ongoing medical issues.

FREE BABYSITTING: On Friday, February 8, from 5:30-8 p.m., our loving and energetic MYFers (Youth Group) will be offering a free night of child care at the church so that you and your sweetheart can enjoy a night out. Please RSVP to jlile@foresthillschurch.org or call 717-656-6546. Children will enjoy a night of fun activities and a snack; no dinner meal will be served.

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE is excited to welcome Lauren Krady as our next Church Administrator following Norma Stauffer's retirement. Lauren comes to this role after seven years working as an Administrative Assistant at Locust Grove Mennonite School. Lauren and her family will be introduced to the congregation on next Sunday, January 20. Lauren writes, "I'm excited to join the Forest Hills team and have already felt warmly welcomed! I live in Lancaster along the Conestoga River, near Bridgeport. My husband Jason and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary this past summer. We have two daughters, Leilani (16) and Samiya (13), who both attend Lancaster Mennonite School. In my spare time I like to read, travel, and decorate. I look forward to getting to know more of the FH church family."

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE of Mennonite Church USA will be held in Kansas City, Missouri this coming July 2-6. Forest Hills is looking for persons to serve as delegates. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Council Chair, Dan Hess.

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 were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Please RSVP to Nina Harnish by January 20 if you plan to participate.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL will continue to offer the Church Partnership scholarship program that provides matching scholarship funds when a partnering church contributes toward student tuition. This church partnership program opportunity is a designated fund that is separate from the congregation's regular budget. Parents of existing or potential LMS students and any others interested in exploring how our congregation can participate in this opportunity are asked to attend a meeting Sunday, February 10, at noon in the church library. Please contact Jerry Lile if you are interested in this program or have questions about this opportunity but cannot attend the meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ Wednesdays, January 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 – \$25 deposit for Winer Retreat is due.
- ★ Today, 6 p.m. – Game Night at Lefevers'; please bring snacks and drinks.
- ★ Next Sunday, January 20, 6 p.m. – Football Night at Yoders'.
- ★ Sunday, January 27, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch.
- ★ Friday, February 8 – Babysitting Service Project.
- ★ February 22-24 – Winter Retreat.

2019 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16, 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

Empanadas
Rice
Beans
Ice Cream



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 Two: 1 Corinthians 5 - 7 Greed and Immorality
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 Prodigal Son*.
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *Hot temper? Cool off!*
- **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 14.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 16.

Name(s) _____ # _____

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Scott Hertzog

Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie

Greeters: Ruth and Jake Bare

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie and Dennis Sharp

Nursery: (SS) Liz Clapper

(W) Norma Stauffer

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

- ★ Monday, 6 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- ★ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Jewelry-making led by Mindy Moore.
- ★ Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)
- ★ Thursday, 8 a.m. – Diakonian Women's Breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- ★ Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Adelpian Class Breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ★ Pastor Jon will be preaching on *The narcissist's paradox* based on Romans 16:1-16.
- ★ 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Football Night at Yoders'.

REPORT: (01/07) General Fund \$12,020; Playground Fund \$400
Sunday School 173; Worship 246

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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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 7, 2019

Council was updated on the status of the **Playground Fund** and the **Refugee Education Fund**. Both of these Funds have a slight deficit. Specific details will be distributed to the congregation in the upcoming months. In the meantime, contributions are welcome to either of these Funds.

Housing allowances for 2019 tax purposes were approved for all licensed and ordained pastoral staff.

Financial reports were reviewed. Income and expenses are in the range of where we typically are at this time of year.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson Has been busy recently with Advent, Christmas and care needs. Will be helping to onboard Lauren Krady, our new administrator, in the near future and making plans to introduce her to the congregation. Making more concrete plans for his upcoming sabbatical, brainstorming with others about how best to integrate newcomers, and considering what our congregational focus should be going forward – on vision and strategic planning or more generally responding to what's happening in our current situation.

Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan Christmas was a busy time with lots of people involved in worship and lots of expressions of appreciation for the variety. Assisting with planning for the upcoming Junior Youth Retreat and starting plans for our youth group to attend the church-wide Youth Convention this summer. Children's Sunday School is going well although more teachers are needed. Despite lots of contacts, it's hard to get volunteers to commit. Will be attending a worship leaders retreat at Laurelville this month and a music retreat in August.

Children and Youth Programming – Janette Lile Working hard to obtain a few final child protection clearances from volunteers who work with our children. Working on plans for Vacation Bible School, acknowledging that it's hard to find enough volunteers in the summer when so many people travel.

Care Team – Nina Harnish

Aware of the ebb and flow of care needs in our congregation – just came through a very busy time. Looking for a grief training opportunity; thinking about how we can integrate newcomers; and brainstorming about how we might provide a meaningful space for our 20-year-olds.

Mission and Service Commission – Tom Verghese

In Tom's absence, Pastor Jon reported that two upcoming service trips to Puerto Rico are scheduled, and an Atlantic Coast Conference representative will be here in February to share about their work and ministry.

Property Committee – Norma Stauffer, on behalf of the Committee Waiting for the memorial bench to be reinstalled; monitoring roof leaks prior to replacement in the spring; looking for a van replacement; and considering options for sanctuary light bulb replacements.

Discussed best practices for obtaining, reviewing and responding to **staff reports** and needs.

Discussed how best to **integrate newcomers into our church family**. Council members shared what excited them about FHMC when they first started attending and what challenges they faced. Thoughts were also shared on how we, existing congregational participants, can serve newcomers and how they can serve us.

Council will invite persons in the congregation to serve as **delegates for the MCUSA Convention** in Kansas City, Missouri this coming summer.

Pastor Jon reported that **Lauren Krady, our incoming administrator**, and her family will be introduced to the congregation during the January 20 worship service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Complete copies of the meeting's minutes are placed in a notebook that is kept in the library. Interested persons are welcome to take a look at the full minutes at this location.

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