



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church**

**January 27, 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**

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

**Gathering Song:** *I stand amazed in the presence*

Worship Book No. 528

Norma Stauffer, Willie Hurst, Cal Roggie-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Allon Lefever

**Praising and Adoring**

**Congregational Singing**

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano

Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Nothing is lost on the breath of God* (Grace Notes No. 24)

*The Lord is my light* (Grace Notes No. 15)

*Come walk with us* (Grace Notes No. 67)

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Children's Time**

Janette Lile

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

**Offering**

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *My life flows on*

Worship Book No. 580

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11-32

**Sermon:** *Shining Light on Shame*

Nina Harnish

**Response Song:** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*

Worship Book No. 491

**Sending**

**Congregational Sharing**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**NO Coffee Fellowship Today:** Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the Fundraiser Lunch provided by our MYF (Youth Group).

**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 be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

THIS MORNING Pastor Jon Carlson is the guest preacher at Conestoga Mennonite Church, a sister congregation in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

VIKTOR YERMOLOV was released from the hospital this past Tuesday and is now continuing his recovery at home.

GARY KENDIG had heart bypass surgery at Lancaster General Hospital this past Monday and remained hospitalized at bulletin publication time.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS my appreciation for all your cards, prayers, and concern following John's passing. I appreciate all the support I've received from my family and from my church family. Please keep me in your prayers during this difficult time."  
– Mary Glick

PLEASE NOTE that Dan and Evanna Hess no longer have a land line. You can reach them at 717-371-5053 (Evanna) or 717-314-9025 (Dan).

SAVE THE DATE! Our summer Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18. This year, we will be using Group's program, *ROAR – Life is Wild! God is Good!* Mark your calendars and plan to attend either as a participant or a volunteer!

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](mailto: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.

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:

- Gary Kendig recovering from heart surgery.
- Esther Kreider scheduled for pacemaker surgery on Thursday.
- Those dealing with cancer and the effects of the treatments – Dan Glick, Michael Degan, Mike Stauffer, Brenda Verghese, and Gene Kreider.
- Families struggling with challenging relationships.
- Team that is serving in Puerto Rico this week.

LAUREN KRADY was introduced during last Sunday's service. Lauren will be assuming the role of church administrator after Norma Stauffer's retirement in late February. Beginning on Monday, February 4, Lauren will begin working alongside Norma, and they will continue working together for about three weeks. If you happen to stop by the church when Lauren is here, please introduce yourself and share words of welcome with her.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to join a Bible study on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m., starting February 5, and concluding on April 23. The group will use *The Shelter of God's Promises* by Sheila Walsh as a basis for their discussion. Contact Nina Harnish by February 3 if you are interested in joining this group.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY: At the conclusion of our Winter Bible School series, a new series for adults will begin starting Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. Jimmy Kreider and Nina Harnish will facilitate a discussion for both men and women using a DVD series by Bob Goff entitled *Love does*. Goff shares remarkable stories from his life and shows how living and loving to the fullest is the best way to make Jesus known in this world. The group will explore how love is a verb, not just a feeling, and look together at practical applications. These sessions will follow the KfC schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of February and March.

ADULT CHOIR, directed by Becky Degan, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, February 13, for the Easter worship service on Sunday, April 21. Rehearsal time is from 7-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Vocalists of all skill levels are invited to participate. Contact Becky if you have any questions.

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 on 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.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MCUSA) has scheduled its biennial assembly for July 2-6 in Kansas City, Missouri. This assembly provides the opportunity for our MCUSA family to gather for worship, fellowship, prophecy, relationship building, and deepening our commitment to Christ and each other. In 2019 the focus will be on equipping church leaders for mission. Discussions of major policy issues will also take place, and the church will work together to discern its next steps for the national conference. It is important that the voices of all parts of the constituency be heard. The assembly provides the opportunity to speak to church leaders about its general policies and the development of programs to carry out these policies. It is also a time to connect with and listen to the various members in our great and diverse denomination from all over the United States and to learn how they are living into the commitments of the Journey Forward process. Early registration for MennoCon19 opens on February 6. Visit [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration) for rates, forms and additional information.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ 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 14 – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Chili Cook-off and Youth/Theme Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser.
- ★ Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. – Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m. – Easter Worship Service.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 – Youth Sunday.

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

- ★ Today, 9 a.m. – Meal prep for Fundraiser Lunch.
- ★ Today – \$50 deposit for Youth Convention is due.
- ★ Friday, February 8, 5:30 p.m. – Babysitting Service Project.
- ★ February 22-24 – Winter Retreat.
- ★ Sunday, April 14 – Chili Cook-off and Youth/Theme Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 – Youth Sunday.



Please note that information about community events is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Check out the flyers posted there to see what other ministries in our area are offering.

## 2019 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 30, 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

Meatball Sandwiches  
Cranberry Almond Lettuce Salad  
Chips  
Relish Tray  
Dessert



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 Four: 1 Corinthians 11-14 *The Lord's Supper and Spiritual Gifts.***  
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: Movie Night.
- **NO JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8.
- **NOTE: MYF (Youth Group: Grades 9-12)** is now meeting on Sunday evenings rather than Wednesday evenings.

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**MEAL RESERVATIONS** – Please place this form in the offering plate today or call the church office **before noon on Monday, January 28.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 30.

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

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Scott Hertzog

Befrienders: Pat and Randy Ranck

Greeters: Donna and Cal Roggie

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta and Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS) Kori and Dylan Jantzen

(W) Kori and Dylan Jantzen

## TODAY

★ 9 a.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Set-up for Fundraiser Lunch.

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

★ Noon – MYF Fundraiser Lunch.

## THIS WEEK

★ Through Saturday – Team serving in Puerto Rico.

★ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Senior Lunch.

★ Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Bible Study led by Jessica Daugherty.

★ Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)

★ Thursday, 7 p.m. – Discernment Committee.

## NEXT SUNDAY

★ Communion Sunday: Pastor Jon will be preaching on *The Work of God* based on Romans 14:13-23.

★ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.

★ Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

REPORT: (01/20) General Fund \$9,646

Sunday School 148; Worship 218

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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