



Forest Hills Mennonite Church  
February 3, 2019  
COMMUNION 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**

**Gathering Song:** *Love come down*

Janette Lile, Daryl, Cheryl, and Matt Eshleman-Leaders  
Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar  
Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Jim Fenton

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

**Song:** *Here in this place*

(Worship Book No. 6)

**Children's Time**

Janette Lile

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sung Offertory:** *In Christ there is no East or West*

Worship Book No. 306

**Proclaiming**

**Scripture:** Romans 14:13-23

**Sermon:** *The work of God*

Jon Carlson

**The Bread and the Cup**

**The Bread and the Cup:** All baptized believers are invited to come forward this morning to receive the bread and the cup; others are invited to come forward to Nina Harnish to receive a prayer of blessing. Servers will be available to serve those who are unable to walk to the front. The method of communion used today is called intinction; when you are served the bread, please dip it into the cup.  
All bread is gluten free.

*Seek ye first*

(Worship Book No. 324)

*Great is thy faithfulness (Beginning to end)*

*In this place*

(Grace Notes No. 19)

**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.

MARY SCHLABACH was hospitalized last week at Ephrata Community Hospital for diverticulitis and is now recovering at home.

GARY KENDIG was transferred from Lancaster General Hospital to Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital this past Tuesday.

MENNONITE WOMEN will meet at the church to sew for relief this coming Thursday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to participate.

FREE BABYSITTING: This coming Friday, February 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., our loving and energetic MYFers (Youth Group) will be offering a free night of childcare 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.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to join a Bible study on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m., starting this coming Tuesday, 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 **today** if you are interested in joining this group.

ALL SENIORS who do not participate in the shared meals at one of the local retirement communities are invited to the bi-monthly luncheon here at the church on Monday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. Please notify the church office by February 10 of your plans to attend or not to attend this luncheon. New participants are always welcome to join the fun. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any personal dietary restrictions.

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:

- Pat Nolt dealing with ongoing effects of a concussion.
- Mary Schlabach recovering from an illness.
- Gary Kendig recovering from heart surgery.
- Esther Kreider recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Those who are grieving the loss of beloved family members.
- Give thanks for our recent interesting and challenging Winter Bible School series.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONGREGATION informed about our current financial position on an on-going basis, Church Council provides monthly updated financial reports in the bulletin. As of January 31, our year-to-date giving totals \$258,825, while our year-to-date budget is \$271,869, a shortfall of 4.8%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

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.

FOREST HILLS has received letters of thanks for our recent \$5,000 contribution to Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services and for our \$4,000 contribution to Mennonite World Conference.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is continuing 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 **today** at noon in the church library.

THE MENNONITE SCHOOLS COUNCIL (MSC) will be holding its annual choral festival this year from Friday, April 12, to Sunday, April 14, at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Schools who are members in MSC will send their choirs from all over the United States to Lancaster for rehearsals and other fun activities before the mass choir concert on Sunday, April 14, at 3 pm. Forest Hills has been asked to host the Eastern Mennonite High School Choir from Harrisonburg, Virginia, for this weekend. In addition to a place to sleep, this would include breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and transportation to and from Forest Hills each day. (LMHS will provide transportation from the school to our church and back.) If you would be interested in welcoming some students and/or chaperones into your home for this event, please contact Cheryl Eshleman with your name and the number of people you would be able to host.

REPORT: (01/27) General Fund \$8,370; Student Aid \$100  
Sunday School 141; Worship 217

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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

## LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m. – 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.
- ★ July 15-18 – Vacation Bible School.

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

- ★ Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- ★ Friday, 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.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman  
Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Dean Jantzen  
Befrienders: Donna and Cal Roggie  
Greeters: Linda and Warren Tyson  
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice  
Nursery: (SS) Kristin Lapp  
(W) Kristin and Dustin Lapp

## TODAY

- ★ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ★ After Worship Service – Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelphian Room #17.
- ★ Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.

## THIS WEEK

- ★ Monday, 9 a.m. – Elders meeting.
- ★ Monday, 7 p.m. – Church Council.
- ★ Tuesday, 8 a.m. – Care Team.
- ★ Tuesday – No MOMS this week.
- ★ Wednesday – No Wednesday Evening Activities this week.
- ★ Thursday, 9 a.m. – Mennonite Women.
- ★ Friday, 5:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Free Babysitting at the church.
- ★ Friday, 5:30 p.m. – Rest for the Weary Couples Dinner.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ★ 9:30 a.m. – An Elective Sunday School Hour for anyone interested in hearing several representatives from Atlantic Coast Conference share about their ministry.
- ★ Joanne Dietzel, Conference Minister with Atlantic Coast Conference, will be our guest preacher.
- ★ Noon – Lancaster Mennonite Church Partnership meeting.
- ★ 6 p.m. – Salt and Light Class Blues and Bridge Night.

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