



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Lent 2 - March 17, 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

Erik Schlosser-Guitar

Gathering Song: *How Great Thou Art*

(Grace Notes No. 4)

Leanne Beidler, Holly Schlosser, Tim Smoker, Cal Roggie

Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Degan

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano

Erik Schlosser-Guitar, Craig Miller-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Wonderful Merciful Savior

(Grace Notes No. 14)

Open Our Eyes, Lord

(Grace Notes No. 29)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

(Grace Notes No. 3)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

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

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *God Sent His Son*

(Worship Book No. 345)

Scripture: Matthew 27:11-31

Sermon: *The System is Down*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Sending Prayer: MDS Puerto Rico Team

Warren Tyson

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

No Coffee Fellowship Today: Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our Junior Youth.

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 the meal after the service, and please do come back and worship with us again.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition today! Everyone is invited to stay for a fundraiser lunch (*Mexican Pile-Ups*) that will be followed by the derby. All proceeds support our Junior Youth program for 6th - 8th graders.

JEAN HUNSICKER was admitted to UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg Hospital last Thursday and discharged on Monday. She is recovering at home.

KIEREN SHANNON (9 year old son of Jim and Dana Shannon) will be attending Bald Eagle Boys Camp near Lock Haven, PA. Bald Eagle is a faith-based year-round wilderness camp that helps boys who struggle emotionally and behaviorally in their homes and in school. Kieren will start the program this Wednesday, March 20th and will be a part of this program for approximately 2 years, coming home for a long weekend every 6 weeks. To learn more about the program, you can visit www.baldeagleboyscamp.org. Please keep Kieren and the Shannon family in your prayers during this time of transition.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of April, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, March 20, so that they can be included on the April church calendar.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, marks the end of our Wednesday evening activities for this season. KfC, Junior Youth, and Adult Bible studies will resume meeting in October. Adult Choir will continue until Easter. Thanks to all the leaders and participants who made these programs a meaningful and worthwhile experience this past year.

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:

- Those traveling to Puerto Rico next weekend with Mennonite Disaster Service.
- Those who are dealing with cancer and the effects of treatments- Dan Glick, Michael Degan, Mike Stauffer, Brenda Verghese, and Gene Kreider.
- For open hearts and minds during the Lenten Season.
- Jean Hunsicker recovering from an acute infection.

WANT TO RECEIVE PERIODIC text reminders to pause, reflect, and pray about the systems shaping your life? Text THESYSTEM to 555-888 to sign up for Pastor Jon's messages.

SAVE THE DATE for a Women's Paint Night on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. With step by step help from a local art teacher, each woman will create an original painting. No experience necessary. More details to follow.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE to help meet expenses for persons participating in mission and service projects this coming summer or fall. The Mission and Service Investment Fund will pay up to half of an individual's costs, not to exceed \$2000. Contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms should be submitted to Tom Verghese, Mission and Service Commission Director, or the church office prior to the deadline of April 1.

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING - Sunday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. Mike Burkholder, Rhoda Denlinger, Glenn Lehman, Steve Ness, and David Sauder, will lead favorites and inspire your spirit and mind and surround you with lush four-part acappella music. Free to one and all, an offering will benefit the music ministry of Harmonies Workshop.

THE MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE annual meeting will be held on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at their office, 583 Airport Road, Lititz. All are welcome to attend and hear about their work as an organization.

THE MYF (YOUTH GROUP Grades 9-12) is once again selling Gene Wenger's Ham Loaf and Pork Bar-B-Q. Orders will be available for pick-up after the service on Sunday, April 7. Two-and-a-half-pound ham loaves cost \$10.50, and two pounds of pork barbecue can be purchased for \$12.25. Members of the MYF will be sitting in the foyer after church on March 17 and 24 to take your orders, or you may place your order with any youth group member. Last day to order is Sunday, March 24. Proceeds will go towards funding their trip to the Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention in Kansas City this summer.

DO YOU THINK YOU MAKE THE *BEST* CHILI?

The MYF will give you a chance to prove it! On April 14, the MYF will be holding a Chili Cook-Off and Youth/Basket Silent Auction! If you would like to enter your best pot of chili into the contest, please contact Janette Lile at jlile@foresthillschurch.org.

This will be your chance to claim your trophy, prize, and bragging rights, while supporting the MYF fundraising efforts. Feel free to be creative; a variety of chili types/meats are welcomed!

GREETERS are needed for April, May, and June. All are welcome to sign up on the sheet by the library. Greeting is a great way to begin a worshipful Sunday morning!

LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ Sunday, April 14 - MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Chili Cook-off and Youth/Theme Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser.
- ★ Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday service.
- ★ Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. - Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m. - Easter Worship Service.
- ★ Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. - Women's Paint Night.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.
- ★ July 15-18 - Vacation Bible School.

MYF CORNER -Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ★ Sunday, March 24 - Bingo Night.
- ★ Sunday, March 31 - Girls / Guys night at Hersheys'.
- ★ Sunday, April 14 - Chili Cook-off and Youth/Theme Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Christian Shannon

Befrienders: Ann & Byron Zimmerman

Greeters: Lisa & Dan Nagy

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cal & Donna Roggie

Nursery: (SS) Tracy & Randy Esch

(W) Katie Whitehill

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Noon - Junior Youth Fundraiser Lunch & Pinewood Derby.
- 5:30 - 8:15 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Movie & Pizza Making Night.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 7 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.- MOMS: *Simplifying Your Life and Your Wardrobe* - Carrie Shuey.
- WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES - 7-8:15 p.m.
 - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK & Gr. K-5): *The Poor Widow's Offering*.
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8) Surprise session.
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Bible Study: *Love Does* led by Jimmy Kreider.
- Thursday, 8 a.m. - Diakonian Women's breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- Friday, 6 p.m. - Diakonia *Going Fishing* and Dessert.
- Friday - Sunday - Rest for the Weary retreat.
- Saturday - Mennonite Disaster Team leaves for service week in Puerto Rico.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 3rd Sunday of Lent: Alex Pabellon will be preaching on *Kingdom Economics 101*.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Bingo night.

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

THE ANNUAL MOMS GROUP FUNDRAISER will be held here on Saturday, April 13th. Join us for a pancake breakfast from 7am – 10am. There will be a silent auction and raffle during that time as well and the winners will be announced at 9:30 am. Items to be sold include gift cards to local businesses, gift baskets, and peanut butter eggs. Donations of any of these items can be brought to the church.

THE JUG FOR MY COINS COUNT, a program of Mennonite Central Committee, has been placed in the church foyer. This year's project will benefit MCC's peace initiatives. Join MCC and peacemakers around the world to give people the skills they need to work for peace in places torn by conflict. To contribute, please place coins and dollars in the jug outside the ushers' room. The money will be delivered to the PA Relief Sale on April 5-6.

AS PART OF A RESEARCH PROJECT on the Mennonite church in Lancaster County, Christa Mylin invites participants to share their opinions in small groups related to different topics:

April 8 - What is a missional church?

April 11 - The Call: What does it mean for God to call people today?

April 16 - What does it mean to raise a Christian family?

April 29 - Should women be pastors?

April 30 - What should be the main priorities of the Anabaptist-Mennonite church today?

Location, times, and registration can be found at:

www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews. If you are unable to attend, but still want to share your views, you can schedule an individual interview: christa.d.mylin@gmail.com or 717-437-9431.

REPORT: (03/10) General Fund \$6,820; Refugee Education Fund \$100; Playground \$100; LMS Church Partnership \$200
Sunday School 152; Worship 183

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Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation

Janette Lile - Director of Children and Youth Programming

Lauren Krady - 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