



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Lent 3 - March 24, 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:** *To God Be the Glory* (Worship Book No. 102)  
Willie Hurst-Leader

**Call to Worship and Invocation** Nina Harnish

#### Praising and Adoring

**Congregational Singing** Cheryl Eshleman-Piano  
Don Nelson-Guitar, Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums  
*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* (Worship Book No. 76)  
*Above All*  
*My Soul Cries Out* (Grace Notes No. 22)

#### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Dismissal for Kids Church** (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)  
**Sung Offertory:** *God, Whose Giving* (Worship Book No. 383)

#### Proclaiming

**Video:** *Reflections on Economic Systems*  
**Scripture:** Acts 4:23-35 Isaac Harnish  
**Sermon:** *Kingdom Economics 101* Alex Pabellon  
**Response Song:** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*  
Worship Book No. 337

#### 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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for you to contribute to the My Coins Count project that will benefit Mennonite Central Committee's programs. Join MCC and peacemakers around the world to give people the skills they need to work for peace in places torn by conflict. Prior to the worship service, the Sunday School children will be standing at the doors of the sanctuary with containers for a final collection of your loose change and bills. The money will be delivered to the MCC Relief Sale in Harrisburg on April 5-6.

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!

LEROY PETERSHEIM had pacemaker surgery at Lancaster General last week and is recovering at home.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Esther Kreider as she grieves the death of her sister Dorothy (Dotty) Blank who passed away last Saturday.

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.

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:

- The Mennonite Disaster team serving in Puerto Rico this week.
- Dave Bontrager scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Thursday.
- Esther Kreider grieving the loss of her sister.
- LeRoy Petersheim recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Kieren, his parents, brother, and extended family adjusting to him beginning to live at a residential program.

LAST DAY TO ORDER! The MYF (youth group Grades 9-12) is once again selling Gene Wenger's Ham Loaf and Pork Bar-B-Q. Today, MYF members will be taking orders after church. 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. 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](mailto: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!

BLOSSOM HILL MENNONITE CHURCH will be hosting an old-fashioned hymn sing on Sunday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. Mike Burkholder, Rhoda Denlinger, Glenn Lehman, Steve Ness, and David Sauder will lead favorites, inspire your spirit and mind, and surround you with lush four-part a cappella music. Free to one and all; an offering will benefit the music ministry of Harmonies Workshop.

CONESTOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CVCCS) is currently in need of canned fruit, especially pineapple, rice products (Minute Rice style), and men's jeans in tall inseams – 32" and up. Call 717-208-3711 to schedule a drop off time.

CLAIR AND DORIS SAUDER no longer have a landline. Please use their cell phone numbers as listed in the directory.

STORIES FROM THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM - What does it mean to live out peace in the way of Jesus today? Hear Gerry Keener, Nancy Heisey, Ed Martin, and Tala Bautista share how their identities as disciples of Christ have shaped their responses in times of conflict or crisis at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15, at Akron Mennonite Church.

JOIN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ACC AND LMC Churches in Lancaster County. As part of a research project, Christa Mylin is hosting small groups on the following topics: What is a missional church? (April 8); The Call: What does it mean for God to call people today? (April 11); What does it mean to raise a Christian family? (April 16); Should women be pastors? (April 29); What should be the main priorities of the Anabaptist-Mennonite church today? (April 30). Groups meet 7-9 p.m. at various locations. Details and registration at: <http://www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews>. Questions or non-web registration: [christa.d.mylin@gmail.com](mailto:christa.d.mylin@gmail.com) or 717-437-9431.

THE MCC OFFICE IN AKRON has an ongoing need for volunteer drivers and housekeepers. Volunteer drivers use MCC vehicles to pick up and drop off staff and guests at airports and train terminals, most often driving to Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Housekeepers would help with ongoing needs at the MCC Welcoming Place campus in Akron. Choose times that fit your schedule. Please contact Tina Mast Burnett at [TinaMastBurnett@mcc.org](mailto:TinaMastBurnett@mcc.org) or call (717) 859-1151.

#### 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.
- ★ Easter Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. - Breakfast; 10 a.m. - 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 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: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Dylan Jantzen

Befrienders: Marty Peifer, Kathy Unangst

Greeters: Janette & Jerry Lile

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

Nursery: (SS) Becky Siegrist

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## TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- 6 - 8 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Bingo Night.
- Rest for the Weary Sunday School returning from retreat.

## THIS WEEK

- Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Garden Spot Senior Lunch.
- Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Care Team Meeting.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.- MOMS: Peanut Butter Egg-making.
- WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES - 7-8:15 p.m.
  - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3-PreK & Gr. K-5): *Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet.*
  - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8) Ice cream at Oregon Dairy.
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
  - Adult Bible Study: *Love Does* led by Jimmy Kreider.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- 4th Sunday of Lent: Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Getting Political* based on Matthew 20:17-28.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Girls / Guys night at Hershey's.

REPORT: (03/17) General Fund \$10,207.27  
Sunday School 194; Worship 234

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Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

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Janette Lile - Director of Children and Youth Programming

Lauren Krady - Administrator

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