



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Lent 4 - March 31, 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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Worship Book No. 71

Becky Degan, Taicha Hertzog, Willie Hurst - Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation

Clair Sauder

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano

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

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

No Longer Slaves

We Are Called

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

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

Sung Offertory: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 20:17-28

Sermon: *Getting Political*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

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 can connect with you, 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.

TODAY 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.

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, April 15, at 11:30 a.m. Please notify the church office by April 8 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.

DAVE BONTRAGER had knee replacement surgery on Thursday at Lancaster General Hospital; he remained a patient at bulletin publication time.

ERMA MAST is scheduled for an additional wire to be added to her pacemaker on Monday.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND our Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service on April 18 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This celebration of the Last Supper will include congregational singing, candle lighting, scripture readings, communion, and a chance to reflect on the systems that shape our lives.

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:

- Dave Bontrager recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Erma Mast scheduled for pacemaker surgery on Monday.
- Those looking for meaningful employment.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR CONTESTANTS! The MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) will be holding a Chili Cook-Off and Youth / Basket Silent Auction on April 14. If you would like to enter your best pot of chili into the contest, please contact Janette Lile at jlile@foresthillchurch.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!

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. They are also looking for volunteers to help staff their summer lunch program.

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 or call (717) 859-1151.

THE ANNUAL MOMS GROUP FUNDRAISER will be held here on Saturday, April 13th from 7-10 a.m. Join us for a pancake breakfast, silent auction, and raffle. The winners will be announced at 9:30 a.m. Items to be sold include gift cards, gift baskets, and peanut butter eggs. Meal prices are: \$7 per adult, \$3 per child, 4 and under are free. A MOMS group member will be in the lobby after the service today and next Sunday selling tickets for a dollar off the door price.

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.

THE FLEX FUND was established to respond to special projects and requests for financial assistance that arise during the church year. Priority is to be given to projects that fit the vision, character, and theology of the church and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. Contact Mission and Service Commission Director Tom Verghese for guidelines or an application.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Spring Assembly will be Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Landisville Mennonite Church. Join us in celebrating the ministry of ACC's congregations and exploring who we are together as we serve in our local communities. The day will include sharing from several of ACC's congregations, discussion on how various age groups contribute to our ministries, and times of reporting for delegates. Please register by April 24 at www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly

LANDIS HOMES will be holding a quilting bee on April 29 and on June 21, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Experienced quilters are needed! Snacks will be provided. For those quilting four or more hours, lunch will also be provided. Reserve a place by calling Advancement at 717-509-5490. Quilts will be sold at the September 14th Benefit Auction to support their Caring Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ Saturday, April 13, 7-10 a.m. - MOMS breakfast and fundraiser.
- ★ 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 (Maundy) Thursday service.
- ★ Easter Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. - Breakfast; 10 a.m. - Worship Service.
- ★ Sunday, April 28, 4 p.m. - Campus Chorale concert.
- ★ Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. - Women's Paint Night.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.

MYF CORNER -Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ★ Sunday, April 14, Noon - Chili Cook-off and Youth / Theme Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser.
- ★ Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m. - Youth Sunday Prep.
- ★ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ryan Nolt

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Scott Hertzog

Befrienders: Ruth & Jake Bare

Greeters: Doris Sauder, Lucy Rudy

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

Nursery: (SS) Janette & Jerry Lile

(W) Dana Shannon, Katie Whitehill

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- 6-8 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Girls / Guys night at Hershey's.

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
- Tuesday - No MOMS group this week.
- Thursday, 9 a.m. - Mennonite Women.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 5th Sunday of Lent: Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Family Matters* based on Matthew 12:46-50.
- Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelphian Room #17.
- Noon - Grounded lunch at Stuckeys.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Youth Sunday Prep.

REPORT: (03/24) General Fund \$9,326 Refugee Education Fund \$200
Sunday School 114; Worship 216; Rest for the Weary Retreat 29

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Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

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