



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Lent 5 - April 7, 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: *What is This Place* (Worship Book No. 1)
Leanne Beidler, Willie Hurst, Cal Roggie

Call to Worship and Invocation Warren Tyson

Leader: *We come together as the church of Jesus Christ,
recognizing that our Lord lived and died, not just for the church, but
for all people, God's highest creation.*

People: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Leader: *We also recognize that in God's great love, we sense our
need first to be loved and thus to be turned around, to face the needs
of others.*

People: We love, because God first loved us.

Leader: *Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish desires,
liberated to strive for God's will.*

People: Whatever we do to the least of God's family, that we do to
our Lord.

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Becky Degan-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

There is a Redeemer (Grace Notes No. 53)

One Thing Remains

You Are Holy (You are Whole) (Grace Notes No. 47)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Sung Offertory: *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way*

(Grace Notes No. 49)

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50

Sermon: *Family Matters*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Mission Spotlight:

Mennonite Disaster Service Puerto Rico Team Herb Hoover

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.

ERMA MAST had pacemaker surgery on Monday at Lancaster General Hospital and was discharged on Tuesday. She is recovering at home.

KATHLEEN RANCK was hospitalized last Saturday at Lancaster General Hospital due to a fall. She was discharged on Tuesday and is recovering at Landis Homes in the Conestoga House, room 120.

DAVID BONTRAGER was transferred to Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital last Friday following a knee replacement. He remained a patient there at bulletin publication time.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Alden and Janice Southwick and their family as they grieve the death of their nephew, Stewart Rudnicki, who passed away following an accident this past week. Stewart lived in Massachusetts and leaves behind his wife and two young children.

CONGRATULATIONS to Donna and Cal Roggie on the birth of their grandson, Will Calvin Gusler, born on Tuesday, April 2, to Leah (Roggie) and Todd Gusler.

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:

- Erma Mast recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Kathleen Ranck recovering from a recent fall.
- Dave Bontrager undergoing rehabilitation from a knee replacement.
- The Southwicks and their extended family grieving the unexpected loss of their nephew.
- Donna and Cal Roggie celebrating the birth of their grandson.

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 March 31, our year-to-date giving totals \$344,518 while our year-to-date budget is \$383,088, a shortfall of 10%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

OUR EASTER CELEBRATION on Sunday, April 21, will start with a congregational meal of breakfast casserole, fruit cup, yogurt, banana baked oatmeal, donut holes, coffee cake, orange juice, milk, coffee, and tea served starting at 9 a.m.; no sign-up is required. During the breakfast hour, younger children are invited to participate in an egg hunt in the lawn near the gazebo. There will be no Sunday School, and the Easter worship service will begin at 10 a.m. (Note the change from our normal 10:30 a.m. start time.)

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 **tomorrow**, April 8, of your plans to attend or not to attend this luncheon. There are RSVP slips and a collection box near the mailboxes, or you may call/email the office. Donations will be accepted to help cover meal costs. When making your reservation, please indicate any personal dietary restrictions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, May 4, for the Forest Hills Community Yard Sale. MANY cookies will be needed so gather your supplies! Details will be coming next Sunday. Contact Beth Fenton or Kathy Unangst for more information.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14, and plan to stay for the next MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) fundraiser lunch! On the menu will be various kinds of delicious chili, cornbread, salad, and ice cream. You will have the opportunity to purchase "votes" for your favorite chili. There will also be a silent auction of youth services and themed baskets. All proceeds will go towards helping the youth attend the Mennonite Convention in Kansas City this summer. Thanks so much for your faithful support of our youth!

PLEASE PICK UP your previously purchased Ham Loaves and Pork BBQ in the foyer today. If you have not paid for your order, please put checks in Rose Mosemann's mailbox, made out to Forest Hills Mennonite Church. Orders not picked up today will be stored in the freezer for your convenience.

IN THESE LOVELY WARMER MONTHS, children's programs may include going outside to play on the playground. Please be sure to send your child with shoes and a light jacket, if needed. Also, feel free to encourage them to play on the playground or in the gaga pit after church. We are so thankful for these fun, safe places for our children to play!

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 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. 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 selling tickets for a dollar off the door price.

DON'T MISS THE CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK! Christa Mylin will lead discussions in groups of 4-8 people. On April 8, 7-9 p.m., the topic will be: *What is a Missional Church?* On April 11, 7-9 p.m., *How, Where, and Why God Calls People Today*. These groups are part of a research project Christa is doing for her dissertation on Lancaster County Mennonites. There are also 3 other groups meeting later in April. Please pre-register by noon the day of each event at: www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews. Questions or non-web registration: christa.d.mylin@gmail.com or 717-437-9431.

TOBY AND LONNIE LEAMAN have a new address: 600 West 6th Street, Lititz PA, 17543. Their landline is now longer in service, but they can be reached on their cell phones as listed in the directory.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Spring Assembly will be Saturday, April 27, from 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

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 (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.
- ★ Sunday, June 16, 4 p.m. - Church picnic at Forest Hills.

MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12

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- ★ Sunday, May 19 - Out to eat after church.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Chad Martin

Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Christian Shannon

Befrienders: Irene & Andy Ebersole

Greeters: Kori Jantzen

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Arleta & Ken Martin

Nursery: (SS) Lisa & Dan Nagy

(W) Joan Krause, Katie Whitehill

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelpian Room #17.
- Noon - Grounded lunch at Stuckeys.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Youth Sunday Prep.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Landis Homes senior meal.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - MOMS benefit preparation.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal.
- Saturday, 7-10 a.m. - MOMS pancake breakfast and auction.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 6th Sunday of Lent/Palm Sunday: Pastor Jon will be preaching on *Of the Masses* based on Matthew 21:1-17.
- Noon - MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Chili Cook-off Fundraiser Lunch and Youth/Theme Basket Silent Auction.

REPORT: (03/31) General Fund \$8,155; Student Financial Aid Fund \$100
Sunday School 171; Worship 203

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Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

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,

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team