



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

April 14, 2019

Lent 6 / Palm 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 Kori Jantzen-Piano, Karen Eckert-Organ
Gathering Song: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Worship Book No. 238)
Becky Degan, Sandy and Tim Smoker, Isaac Harnish-Leaders
Call to Worship and Invocation Sam Clement

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing
Jimmy Kreider-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass
Cornerstone
All Who are Thirsty
How Great is our God

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jon Carlson
Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)
Offertory: *The Palms*

Proclaiming

Song: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Worship Book No. 237)
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17
Sermon: *Of the Masses* Jon Carlson
Response Song: *Jesus, be the Center*

Sending

Congregational Sharing
Congregational Prayer
Benediction
Postlude

NO Coffee Fellowship Today: Instead, everyone is invited to stay for the fundraiser luncheon provided by our MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12).

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 be our guests at the noon meal, and please come back and worship with us again.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND our Holy (Maundy) Thursday service this week 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.

OUR EASTER CELEBRATION next Sunday will start at 9 a.m. with a congregational meal of breakfast casserole, fruit cup, yogurt, banana, baked oatmeal, donut holes, coffee cake, orange juice, milk, coffee, and tea; no sign-up is required. During the breakfast hour, young children are invited to participate in an egg hunt on 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.)

FRIDAY EVENING, April 5, eight of our Forest Hills members served the Community Lenten meal at Zion Lutheran Church. 84 people attended for a delicious meal prepared by Oregon Dairy. It was a good way of interacting with the local community and they were very appreciative. If you are interested in more details, contact: Vicki Engel, Chet & Ruth Ann Martin, Les & Becky Siegrist, Lloyd & Sue Smoker or Kathy Unangst.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of May, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, April 17, so that they can be included on the May church calendar.

THREE SECTIONS OF OUR RUBBER ROOF will be replaced as soon as our permit is approved. Many of you have seen the evidence of our current roof leaking on the ceiling tiles throughout our building. We estimate that this much-needed replacement will begin sometime in the next 2-4 weeks.

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:

- Joyce Peifer scheduled for spinal surgery on Tuesday.
- Those who are dealing with cancer (Michael D, Mike S, Dan G, Brenda V, Gene K).
- For open hearts and minds during the upcoming Holy Week.
- Kathleen Ranck continuing to gain strength after a recent fall.

DAVE BONTRAGER was discharged on Monday from Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital and is recovering at home.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Cheryl and Larry McJunkin and their family as they grieve the death of Cheryl's brother, Jim Jost, who passed away after a long illness. Jim lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado and passed away on March 13, at the age of 70.

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 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE will be staffing a hot dog stand from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 9-11, during Leola Sharp Shopper's Customer Appreciation Days. All proceeds will benefit the SFA Fund that currently provides a \$1,400/semester grant, partially matched by the educational institutions, to our students who choose to attend one of the Mennonite colleges or universities. You can add your support by helping to staff the hot dog stand; all volunteers are welcome. Please contact Nina Harnish to volunteer for this fundraiser.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, May 4, to participate in the Forest Hills Community Yard Sale. MANY cookies will be needed so gather your supplies! See bulletin insert for more information.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Spring Assembly will be held 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

YELLOW BELLIES: A PRODUCTION OF THEATRE OF THE BEAT, will be performed at 6:30 p.m. on May 5, at the Lancaster Mennonite School Fine Arts Center. This historical drama highlights the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. A talk back will include a local historian to draw parallels between the experiences of Canadian and U.S. objectors. Tickets can be purchased at: <http://yblancaster.eventbrite.com/>

EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (EMU) Lancaster will present a seminar about the opioid crisis on April 18, from 6-8 p.m. Board-certified specialists will make connections for learners between the opioid-related deaths which are lowering Americans' life expectancy, and our culture's attitudes toward other substances. Registration and pricing can be found at: www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2552986

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☼ 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. - Lancaster Mennonite 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.
- ☼ July 15-18 - Vacation Bible School.
- ☼ MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12
- ☼ Sunday, May 12 - Youth Sunday.
- ☼ Sunday, May 19 - Out to eat after church.
- ☼ July 2-6 - Mennonite Convention in Kansas City.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Scott Hertzog, Jamie Eshleman

Befrienders: Linda & Warren Tyson

Greeters: Rodak Family

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

Nursery: (SS) Louetta Hurst, Katie Whitehill

(W) Joanne Martin, Rose Miller

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Noon - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Fundraiser meal and silent auction.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Forest Hills Senior Lunch.
- Monday, 7 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - MOMS - *Make and Take a Meal* - Kelly Miller.
- Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Diakonian Women's breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal.
- Thursday, 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service in the Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - Adelpian Class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- NO Sunday School.
- 10 a.m. - Worship service celebrating the resurrection. (Note the change in service time.)
- Pastor Jon will be preaching on *This Changes Everything* based on Matthew 28:1-10.

REPORT: (04/07) General Fund \$6,938; Refugee Ed \$300; Playground \$50
Sunday School 172; Worship 205

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Staff and Leadership Teams

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education

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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

SATURDAY, MAY 4th

8AM-12PM

Join us for the Forest Hills Community Yard Sale day! We'll be serving free coffee and cookies in the church parking lot and we'll have wagons to deliver cookies to people we meet while strolling around the neighborhood.

Tables will be available for you to sell your treasures. We will also have a table for donated items, the proceeds from that table will go to Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services.

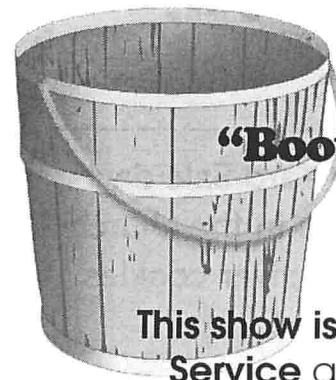
Ways you can help:

- Bake cookies
- Help make coffee
- Tend the donation table
- Set up your own sale table
- Be a greeter to all who attend
- Donate items to sell to benefit CVCCS
- Stroll the neighborhood with a cookie wagon



Please bring all cookies and donated items to the church by 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 3rd.

For more info contact Beth Fenton 717-951-5830
or Kathy Unangst 717-656-2185



Ted and Company present
"Boots, Buckets, and Barrows"

Neffsville Mennonite Church
Friday, May 3 at 7 PM

This show is a fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service and their LaPlata Mennonite Church Project, where they hope to rebuild a children's education building that was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in 2017.

A collection of stories will be presented from the Gospel with the theme of Jesus gathered around tables. Auctions will be interspersed throughout the show to raise money for MDS. There will be food to eat and food for thought in this production.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer, there are three ways to help:

- Volunteer at the event.
- Bake breads, coffee cakes, rolls, cakes, whoopie pies, and bring them to Forest Hills by 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 3.
- Donate items to put into the themed buckets which will be sold at the auction. The themes are: eco-friendly items, gardening, the beach, and games.

For question or further info contact:

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