



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 13, 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:** *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song*

(Worship Book No. 651)

Linda Funk, Holly Schlosser, Willie Hurst, Warren Tyson-Leaders

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Becky Degan

### Praising and Adoring

#### Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano

Erik Schlosser-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Speak, O Lord*

*We Will Remember*

*Love Come Down*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

**Children's Time:** 13-Year-Old Milestone

Becky Degan

Jamie Eshleman, Matthew Degan, Hunter Hurst, Tyler Nolt

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

#### Offering

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*

(Grace Notes No. 24)

**Scripture:** John 6:60-71

**Sermon:** *Should I Stay, or Should I Go?*

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 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.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,318 to be divided among its various agencies.

CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE forms for all Forest Hills attendees have been placed in church mailboxes. A new church directory will be published in the next several weeks. Please complete these forms and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the box in the church office by October 20. Family members or previous Forest Hills attendees who wish to be included in this directory are asked to contact the church office or complete one of the pink forms on the ledge beneath the mailboxes.

OUR 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE is scheduled for Thursday, October 31. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Following today's service, please stop by the table in the foyer to sign up to volunteer your time. Also, please bring bags of individually wrapped candies for the children's goodie bags and place them in the designated container in the foyer. Extra flyers are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

“THANK YOU! We want to say a special thanks to all of you who contributed to the purchase of items needed to assemble immigration kits requested by Mennonite Central Committee for those recently released from detention centers. Because of your generosity, we were able to complete 21 kits which have been delivered to the Material Resource Center. The kits will be given to adults and children to help them begin to rebuild their lives as they transition to life outside of detention centers. Thanks again for your generosity.”

-The Grounded Sunday School Class

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:

- Marian Rohrer and family as they grieve Earl's death.
- For those who will receive the health, school, and refugee kits.
- Gratitude for the many people who prepared these kits.
- For parents and their relationships with their children.

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, October 21, at 11:30 a.m. Please notify the church office of your plans to attend or not to attend this luncheon by October 14. There are RSVP slips by the mailboxes, or you can call/email the office.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE'S (ACC) Peace and Justice Committee is once again collecting grocery boxes to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee throughout the region. Please pick up a box in the church foyer; the suggested list of contents is on each box. Return filled boxes by October 25. Boxes will be collected at the ACC Fall Assembly on Saturday, October 26.

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Fall Assembly will be held here at Forest Hills on Saturday, October 26, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Check out the schedule and register by October 23 on the ACC website: [www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly](http://www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly). Childcare help is needed. If you have your clearances on file and would like to earn some extra money, please contact a church staff member to sign-up.

FOREST HILLS LADIES are invited to a Fall Craft Night, Thursday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. We will be making flannel pumpkins, knotting comforters, and enjoying snacks together. Flyers are in church mailboxes. Fill out the bottom portion of the flyer and RSVP to Dana Shannon by November 3.

“THANK YOU for the cards, visits, and notes of encouragement shared with Linda and I following my recent back surgery. Each are a source of encouragement for the extended time of recovery that I'm facing. God bless you, Warren Tyson.”

WE ARE IN NEED of someone to help make soft pretzels for our Halloween Alternative! Violet Horst can train you this week. The pretzels are then made on the afternoon of October 31. Please contact Violet or Tracy Esch if you are willing to help.

CHECK OUT THE FUNDRAISER board in the foyer made by our MYF (Youth Group, Grades 9-12), to learn about their yearly activities and upcoming service trip to Puerto Rico. Members of the youth group will be there to talk with you and accept donations after the service.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to participate in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* This church-wide activity will be held on the evening of November 9. To participate, fill out the form in your church mailbox and return it to the tray in front of the mailboxes today. Contact Eileen Wenger, Kathy Unangst, or Phyllis Stuckey if you have any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY for you to contribute to the Nickels for Neighbors children's offering project. This year's grant will go toward the Training Station Preschool in Ocean City, Maryland. After 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 collected at the Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly on October 26.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Marian Rohrer and her family as they grieve the loss of Earl, who passed away this past Wednesday, October 9. Prior to his death, Earl resided at Pleasant View Communities.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

- 🍁 Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m. - Adult Choir begins.
- 🍁 Saturday, October 26 - ACC Fall Assembly at Forest Hills.
- 🍁 Thursday, October 31 - Halloween Alternative.
- 🍁 Wednesday, November 6 - FHMC Blood Drive.
- 🍁 Thursday, November 7 - Women's Craft & Comforter Night.
- 🍁 Saturday, November 9 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

#### MYF CORNER -Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🍁 Sunday, October 20 - Bonfire and pumpkin carving at the Stoesz'.
- 🍁 Sunday, October 20 - Puerto Rico deposit due.
- 🍁 Sunday, October 27 - Halloween Alternative maze setup.

## TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman  
Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Dylan Jantzen  
Befrienders: Arleta & Ken Martin  
Greeters: Kristen & Taicha Hertzog  
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler  
Nursery: (SS) Becky Siegrist, Katie Whitehill  
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## TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Rest for the Weary - Lunch in the fellowship hall.
- Agape - Lunch at Ciro's.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12) Harnishes' Barn.
- 6:30 p.m. - Shepherds' meeting.

## THIS WEEK

- Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Landis Homes senior lunch.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - MOMS: *Fall Craft* with Lori Hash.
- Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Diakonian women's breakfast at Oregon Dairy.
- Wednesday Evening Activities ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
  - Kids for Christ (Age 3 - Grade 5): *The Lord's Prayer: God's Will.*
  - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): *Character Building.*
  - Adult Study: *Wheel of Life; Self-Inventory of Balance & Satisfaction,* presented by Nina Harnish.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - Adelphian breakfast at New Holland Restaurant.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach on *I'll Be Here 'til the End of Time*, based on Hebrews 1:1-12.
- 6 p.m. - MYF Pumpkin carving and bonfire at the Stoesz'.

REPORT: (10/06) General Fund \$11,154; Refugee Ed. \$35  
Sunday School 189; Worship 215

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### Staff and Leadership Teams

Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor  
Becky Degan - Assoc Pastor of Worship and Christian Education  
Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation  
Lauren Krady - Administrator  
Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders  
Kay Hurst, Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin,  
Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst, Dana Shannon - Care Team

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 7, 2019

### Pastoral Leadership Team and Worship Commission – Jon Carlson

Jon expressed appreciation for his sabbatical. He is working on exploring ways to improve our communications related to Anabaptist identity and theology; assisting in the hiring of a new Youth and Young Adult Pastor; thinking about how best to use our building space.

### Christian Education Commission – Becky Degan

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education –Working on fall MYF planning, Kids' Church, KfC, and Christmas; managing a heavy workload with reduced staff has been challenging; discussion was given to the Junior Youth outgrowing their space as well as a summer program to replace VBS.

### Care Team – Nina Harnish

Facilitated a funeral, helping to plan men's and women's activities; evaluating how best to maintain contact with our 53 seniors living in 8 different communities; working on a blood drive for November.

### Property Committee – Lauren Krady, on behalf of the Committee

Several areas of carpeting were professionally cleaned; fall trimming and landscaping should be complete before the ACC event on the 26<sup>th</sup>; damaged ceiling tiles and wallpaper have been fixed; a new kitchen faucet was installed; a new dishwasher was purchased and will be installed soon.

Search committee update - Jerry Lile - The search committee has a candidate for the new Youth and Young Adult Pastor who will be presented to the congregation on Sunday. Council approved the candidate.

Financial reports- Sam Clement - We are currently behind in giving for the fiscal year. With cash levels decreasing we are nearing the point where we would stop sending money to outside agencies but will monitor the next few offerings to see how things progress. There was discussion relating to how we report on restricted giving such as estate gifts and the projects to which they are applied. Our auditors will be consulted about this during our upcoming audit.

Annual Report- There was discussion as to why we publish an Annual Report and if it needs to stay in its current format. Alternatives will be considered.

Complete copies of the meeting's minutes are placed in a notebook that is kept in the library. Interested persons are welcome to view the full minutes at this location.