



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church
November 10, 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: *Captain/He Leadeth Me* (Worship Book No. 599)
Becky Degan, Kelly Lapp, Tim Smoker-Leaders

Call to Worship and Invocation Becky Siegrist

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Sandy Smoker-Piano
Don Nelson-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums
The Lord Is My Light (Grace Notes No. 15)

Great Are You Lord
You Are Holy (You Are Whole) (Grace Notes No. 47)

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Becky Degan

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

Offertory: *Help My Unbelief* Worship Team

Proclaiming

Song: *When We Walk with the Lord* Worship Book No. 544

Scripture: James 2:14-26

Sermon: *Show Me Your Faith* Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Just as I Am (I Come Broken)*

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.

“Thank you so much to those of you interested in the January Haiti business development mission team. Due to increased unrest in the country, as well as other factors, this trip will be postponed until a later date, TBD. Please continue to look for more information once the trip has been rescheduled.” - Kristen Hertzog

THANK YOU to the leadership team for the excellent job they did in organizing this year's Halloween Alternative! Thanks to the MYF for the great job they did in setting up all the tables, games, and the cardboard box maze! Thanks to the kitchen team for the hundreds and hundreds of homemade soft pretzels that were made. Thanks also to those who donated candy, to the 80+ volunteers, including junior high and senior high youth group members. Sixty-seven community families brought 156 kids to join with our own Forest Hillers for a total attendance of 179 children. Thanks to everyone who made this event a fun evening for all who participated.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Erin and Matt Hershey as they grieve the loss of Erin's father, Larry Huber. Larry passed away on October 30, and his memorial service is today at 4 p.m. at Manheim Brethren in Christ Church. Prior to his death Larry lived in Manheim.

LILA NEUFELD was transferred from Ephrata Community Hospital to a skilled nursing facility in order to receive additional care. She hopes to return to her personal care room at Landis Homes after she regains strength.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our blood drive on Wednesday. We met our goal of 24 units of blood donated. This was the number of units that Dan Glick needed during his treatment.

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:

- Erin and Matt Hershey mourning the loss of Erin's father.
- Lila Neufeld recovering from an infection.
- Noah Snyder recovering from a hernia surgery.
- Those who experience loneliness and isolation.
- Gratitude for those who teach our Sunday School classes.
- Kathleen Ranck declining in energy and strength.

SUPPORT OUR MYF (Youth Group, Grades 9-12) by helping to fund their yearly activities and upcoming service trip to Puerto Rico. The envelope fundraiser is on a display board in the foyer. Give donations matching the dollar number on the front of each envelope and place it in the box provided below the board.

BECKY SIEGRIST is looking for an affordable one room apartment for a friend in need. Please contact Becky if you have a suggestion/lead.

FAITH CHURCH will host the Conestoga Valley Ministerium Community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 24, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration. Faith Church is located at 2124 Old Philadelphia Pike, in Lancaster.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER (MCCL) invites you to ring in Christmas with them and guest artist Sherrie Strange-Pratt, NYC soprano, here at Forest Hills on Saturday, December 7, at 4 p.m. Several of our elementary children sing in this choir. Tickets are not required, a free-will offering will be taken.

FLEX FUNDS are available for special projects and financial assistance requests that arise during the church year. Priority is given to projects that fit the vision, character and theology of our church and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. If you would like to apply for a grant for a ministry that you are involved in, contact the church office for Flex Fund guidelines and an application. Submit completed applications to Erin Hershey, Mission and Service Commission Director.

NINA HARNISH is out of the office this week and will return on Sunday, November 17. Contact Pastor Jon for any pastoral care needs.

BECKY DEGAN will be out of the office starting on Wednesday and will return to the office on Tuesday, November 19.

THANKS TO HELP from Posie Kreider, the updated church directories were assembled this past week and have been placed in church mailboxes. Extra copies of the directory are available on the counter in the church office.

THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER with Karl McKinney, Lead Pastor at Erisman Mennonite Church, will present *What Do We Do About Racism, Classism, and Sexism in the Church?* This workshop will address these issues and introduce resources and strategies for moving congregations away from maintaining, perpetuating, and protecting classism, racism, and sexism. Attendees will learn to identify their presence and begin to understand their role and impact upon the church. The event is on November 18, at 7 p.m. Visit their website for more information or to buy tickets: www.parishresourcecenter.org.

<p>REPORT: (11/03) General Fund \$13,940; Refugee Education Fund \$40. Sunday School 179: Worship 219 YTD Giving \$92,174; YTD Budget \$128,423 (-28%) Expenses are running close to budget.</p>
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LOOKING AHEAD

- ☛ Sunday, December 15 - Kids Christmas Program and the Adult Choir will sing.
- ☛ Sunday, December 22 - Sunday School elective - Christmas caroling for all ages in the Sanctuary. Adult Choir and Kids Choir will sing.
- ☛ Tuesday, December 24, 7 p.m. - Join us for a Christmas Eve service of scripture and carols celebrating the birth of Jesus, ending with candle lighting.

MYF CORNER - Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- ☛ Sunday, November 24 - Skyzone.
- ☛ Sunday, December 8 - Cookie making at the Hursts'.
- ☛ Sunday, December 15 - Deliver cookies to Fairmount.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman

Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Christian Shannon

Befrienders: Pat & Randy Ranck

Greeters: Maddie Sollenberger, Louetta Hurst

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin

Nursery: (SS)

(W) Janette & Jerry Lile

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- Noon - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Lunch and Escape Room.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - MOM's: *Making the Most of the Holidays* with Sharon Charles.
- Wednesday Evening Activities ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
 - Kids for Christ (Age 3 - Grade 5): *The Lord's Prayer: Forgiveness*.
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): *Death and Dying*.
 - Adult Study: *How God Has Blessed Me Through Weaving*, presented by Ann Zimmerman.
 - No Choir Rehearsal.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - Adelphian breakfast at New Holland Restaurant.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. - Rest for the Weary volunteer at Material Resource Center.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Zac Hummel will preach.
- 6 p.m. - MYF Movie Night at church.
- 6:30 p.m. - Shepherds' meeting.

Today's *Report* can be found on the bulletin insert.

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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

Zac Hummel - Youth and Young Adult Pastor

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

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

2019 Fall Assembly

By Herb Hoover

On October 26, 2019, Forest Hills Mennonite Church was the gathering place for delegates from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) of the Mennonite Church USA. The theme, *Wind Powered Sustained by the Breath of God*, was supported by John 20:19-23 where the disciples received the Holy Spirit. This ACC event was filled with stories bearing evidence of that Spirit.

After the introduction, members of Forest Hills led the music and Jon Carlson gave a meditation. He called fundamentalism within the church a dead-end and progressive theology a cul-de-sac, but he implored the community of believers in the Spirit to be the way forward.

Evidence/stories of the Spirit included:

- Nickels for Neighbors, which went to CrossWay Church to replace their entire plumbing system so they could continue their preschool mission.
- Three new pastors were announced: Matt Carlson, Nelson Okanya, and Don Sharp.
- The peace mug went to the work at York prison where detainees with immigration issues are incarcerated. This ministry gives them support, friendship, and a spiritual connection.
- Oley Mennonite Church was spotlighted. What do you do when your located in the middle of a corn field? Bring the community to you. This free event was done with a day of food and activities for all ages, especially children. Many expressed appreciation for the family event since they want to do things with their family but don't have the resources.
- Ken Martin announced that ACC has a positive financial position with a considerably improved reserve.
- Jason Storbakken of the Manhattan Mennonite Church shared multiple examples of Spirit Powered in their congregation's involvements. This small congregation, closely related to the Bowery Mission, has many creative ways of trying to include people from all walks of life.
- Bradley Kauffman introduced us to several new songs to be found in the new hymnal.