



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church  
November 17, 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:** *Be Thou My Vision*          Worship Book No. 545

Janette Lile, Holly Schlosser, Daryl Eshleman, Cal Roggie-Leaders

**Call to Worship and Invocation**          Clair Sauder

**Lord's Prayer**          Led by KfC and Preschool KfC

**Praising and Adoring**

**Congregational Singing**

Cheryl Eshleman-Piano  
Erik Schlosser-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass

*Lord, I Need You*

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*          (Grace Notes No. 10)

*Open My Eyes*          (Grace Notes No. 29)

**Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**Proclaiming**

**Song:** *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*          Worship Book No. 352

**Scripture:** John 1:1-14

**Sermon:** *The Gift That Keeps on Giving*          Zac Hummel

**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.

THIS COMING FRIDAY, November 22, is Lancaster's Extraordinary Give, a chance for the entire county to come together to support organizations that serve our community. Many of the organizations participating have strong connections to Forest Hills, so we encourage you to share your generosity! Visit their website at [www.extragive.org](http://www.extragive.org) to find out more and donate.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Sue King and Emiley Rodak and their families as they grieve the loss of their father/grandfather, Walter Hurst. Walter passed away on November 6. He was 91 years old. Prior to his death, he lived in Millersville, PA.

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 DEGAN is out of the office and will return on Tuesday, November 19.

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for December, please submit these dates to the church office by Tuesday of this coming week, November 19, so that they can be included on the December church calendar.

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.

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:

- Kathleen Ranck's family as they mourn her passing.
- The King/Rodak families as they mourn the loss of their father/grandfather.
- Lila Neufeld recovering from an infection.
- Noah Snyder's successful hernia surgery and recovery.
- The anticipation of the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, that we may experience Christ's peace.

KATHLEEN RANCK passed away on Tuesday, November 12. Prior to her death, she lived at Landis Homes. Her service will be Sunday, November 24. Family visitation will be at 2:30 p.m. and the memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. followed by a meal.

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 strategies for moving congregations away from maintaining and protecting classism, racism, and sexism. The event is on Monday, November 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be bought on their website: [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org).

THE PENNSYLVANIA RELIEF SALE is sponsoring *Singing Lights: The Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert*, featuring re-imagined Christmas hymns and original songs for the season. The concert will be at Stumptown Mennonite Church on Saturday, December 7, at 7 p.m. An offering benefitting the work of Mennonite Central Committee will be collected.

FLYERS WITH INFORMATION about our worship services during the Advent season have been placed in church mailboxes. Please feel free to take extra flyers from the shelf to share with friends and family.

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$7,312 to be divided among its various agencies.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MCUSA) invites you to take part in a faith formation webinar series on Anabaptism and American Politics. This session, *Vision: Policy & Possibility When Jesus is Lord*, will take place on Tuesday, November 19. Sign up and find more information at [www.thegatheringplace.us](http://www.thegatheringplace.us).

MCUSA HAS A FREE Advent booklet available online at [www.mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home). With this free worship guide, families can create a space to notice important questions and bring them to God. For six weeks from Advent through Epiphany, this little booklet will guide your family through the scriptures, prayers, and activities that help you wait and wonder together in faith.

REPORT: (11/10) General Fund \$9,555; Sunday School 199: Worship 232 YTD Giving \$101,729; YTD Budget \$141,265 (-28%) Expenses are running close to budget.
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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 during worship.
- ☛ 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.
- ☛ Wednesdays in January - Winter Bible School.

#### 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: Lee Charles

Audio Visual Technicians: Alden Southwick, Jim Shannon

Befrienders: Anita Beidler, Keith Lehman

Greeters: Dana Shannon, Christian Shannon, Phyllis Gamber

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

Nursery: (SS) Becky Siegrist

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## TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Movie night at church.
- 6:30 p.m. - Shepherds' meeting.

## THIS WEEK

- Monday, 7 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - MOM's: *Card Making*.
- Wednesday Evening Activities ~ 7-8:15 p.m.
  - Kids for Christ (Age 3 - Grade 5): *Spiritual Gifts: Where They Come From*.
  - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): Field trip to a funeral home.
  - Adult Study: *Seeing Eyes with Grateful Hearts: A Story About Therapy Dogs*, presented by Charlie and Joyce Martin.
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
- Thursday, 8 a.m. - Diakonia Women's breakfast Oregon Dairy.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Pastor Jon will preach on *Together*, based on Ephesians 3:14-21.
- 6 p.m. - MYF - Skyzone.

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

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### **Staff and Leadership Teams**

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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, Dana Shannon - Care Team