



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Lent 4 - March 22, 2020

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.

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - K-5th Online Sunday School: <https://zoom.us/j/4021588624>
- 10:30 a.m. - Online Sermon:
<https://www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite>
- 7 p.m. - Junior Youth virtual game night: <https://zoom.us/j/4021588624>
- Financial contributions can be mailed to the church office. You can also donate via credit card through our Forest Hills Facebook page if you have an account.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 10 a.m. - Elementary Zoom Room.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Online KfC.
- Friday, 10 a.m. - Elementary Zoom Room.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Lent V: the church service will be online.

REPORT: (3/8) Sunday School 125; Worship 198;
(3/1) Offering: General Fund \$16,685; Student Aid \$100
(3/8) Offering: General Fund \$21,081; Refugee Ed. \$226
YTD Income: \$329,776 YTD Budget: \$359,584 (-8%)

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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

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:

- Dave Krause and his family as Dave is expecting to have surgery on Monday at Hershey Medical Center.
- Our seniors in care facilities and others who are experiencing physical isolation.
- Our young people who are experiencing many disappointments and changes.
- For those grieving and experiencing loneliness.
- For peace and patience during these stressful and uncertain times.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW OR SIGN UP for subscriptions to *The Mennonite*, a monthly publication of the Mennonite Church USA. This periodical is made available at a reduced rate of \$20 to Forest Hills households. If you are interested in joining or renewing through our group subscription, please return your form and payment, cash or check (payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church,) by April 5. There are no automatic renewals; the only way to subscribe is to submit your payment. If you need a form emailed to you, please contact the office.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is once again offering a Partner Church Scholarship program for the upcoming 2020/21 school year. Through the program, LMS matches up to \$2,000 per student that Partner Churches sponsor to attend any of the LMS schools (Lancaster Mennonite High School and Middle School, Locust Grove, or New Danville). Forest Hills participates in the program through a designated fund separate from the Church's general fund and budget. If you would like to donate to the fund, please make checks payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church and write LMS Partnership Fund on the memo line. Please contact Rod Lefever if you have questions about the LMS Partner Church Scholarship program, and especially if you have children enrolled or considering enrollment at LMS (Scholarship application deadline is April 1).

THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) Spring Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at James Street Mennonite Church, 323 W. James Street, Lancaster. The focus of ACC's Spring Assembly will be *Adventurous Faith: A Journey with God*. Register online at www.atlanticcoastconference.net to attend.

THE MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE annual meeting scheduled for March 23 has been cancelled.

A GROUP OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS will be serving with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in Marianna, Fl, from July 5-11. This team will help repair and build homes in an area impacted by Hurricane Michael.

BECKY DEGAN has accepted another three-year term as Forest Hills' Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education. Church Council affirmed the Staff Relations Committee's recommendation that Becky continue serving in these roles. In forming this recommendation, SRC reviewed feedback from congregants, key volunteers, and Becky's colleagues on the church staff. Thanks to each one who took the time to respond! If you have further questions or feedback, contact a member of the SRC. We thank Becky for her fourteen years of service and look forward to her continued ministry here!

OUR MYF is selling Ham Loaves and Pork BBQ until March 26. Orders will be delivered to your home. Fill out this [Google form](#) or contact Zac Hummel zhummel@foresthillschurch.org.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 3, 2020

Leadership Reports:

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Assisting with a baptism preparation class with five senior high kids, worked with Staff Relations Committee to finalize Becky Degan's congregational review, and collaborated with Duane Lapp and Mark Clapper to resolve some computer performance issues. Now preparing Lent worship focused on Jesus' death and resurrection and planning to host a film screening that will explore Christian non-violence.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Lent resources were distributed to interested families. Twenty-one choir participants are rehearsing for the Easter worship service that will incorporate various musicians, kids and others. Planning also continues for the summer library program in lieu of VBS. Discussion has begun about having conversations with the congregation about the upcoming new hymnal.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Walked with one family during a season of death and one family with a member in hospice care. Also, involved with children's ministries (KfC and Kids Church). Working with the team on the next phase of the visioning process, making adaptations to the senior meal schedule, providing limited help in planning a spring women's activity, and starting to plan for the adult summer Sunday School elective.

Zac Hummel, Youth and Young Adult Pastor – Youth participated in activities with young (babysitting) and old (bingo with senior citizens); a dynamic group of teens has met for two initial baptism prep classes; and various congregants have been sharing during the Sunday School hour about ways they meet God. Young adults are planning a summer service week with Mennonite Disaster Service, and the MYF is organizing a ham loaf fundraiser.

Erin Hershey, Mission and Service Commission – A service team served in Puerto Rico in January, and our young adults are planning a service trip with Mennonite Disaster Service this summer. The Commission will be meeting in the near future.

Jerry Lile, Discernment Committee – The Committee met and began the task of filling about a dozen open positions. It has been especially hard to find a Peace and Justice Advocate. Mission and Service Commission was asked to discuss alternative structures and bring a recommendation to Council. A suggestion was made that a youth member be added to the Christian Education Commission. Discernment Committee will present a full report at the next Council meeting.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – A heating unit in the foyer was repaired, two additional bids were sought for replacing the fellowship hall HVAC unit, and new tables and chairs were purchased for the library. Council approved a donated basketball hoop to be placed in the parking lot at the back of the church.

Continuation of Student Aid Policy: A motion was made and approved to continue this policy with a small increase for each of the next five years.

Financial Review and Update: Giving is behind expenses to date; agency donations have been held for one month and will be caught up when giving is caught up. A new Capital Expense Policy is being written by the treasurer and will be presented at the next meeting. Estimates are coming in for the HVAC system that needs to be replaced in the fellowship hall, prices has gone up significantly since we first started budgeting for them and going forward we will need to use the Future Capital Projects Fund to pay for them.

Lancaster Mennonite School Church Partnership Program - Council authorized our participation in this program again for the next school year. Jerry Lile will find his replacement to coordinate this program for our church since he will no longer have children in the school.