



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 11, 2020

ONLINE ONLY

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.

This morning's pre-recorded worship service is a celebration of baptism through testimony and song. Congratulations to Kate Lefever, Camden Clapper, Declan Hersh, Faith McGowan, and Brittany Shoemaker as they are baptized and share with us this morning.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, October 18, we will be holding in-person worship services that are open to everyone. We will continue to wear masks and physical distance and we ask that if you have any respiratory symptoms that you stay home and join our online service instead. Sunday school hour will be held on a rotating basis so that classes can use our larger spaces like the fellowship hall and solar lounge for these gatherings. The schedule for Sunday school hour will be:

Salt and Light & Grounded: October 18, November 15

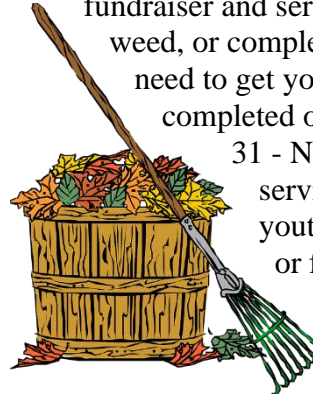
Agape & Gemeinschaft: October 25, November 22

Adelphian & Diakonia: November 1, December 6

Rest for the Weary: November 8, December 13

ALL ARE WELCOME to interact with prayers stations starting Monday, October 12. These prayer stations are interactive experiences with scripture and activities to help us focus on the different promises that Jesus made in scripture. *I AM the True Vine, I AM the Bread of Life, I AM the Door, I AM the Light of the World, I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life, I AM the Resurrection and the Life, and I AM the Good Shepherd.* In the midst of these stressful and complex times, these simple, creative experiences can help us to slow down and listen for what God reveals to us. The drop-in hours are Monday and Wednesday 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and Sunday after church until 5 p.m. They will be available through November. Thank you to Bonnie Sharp, Anna Nofziger, Phyllis Gamber, Beth Fenton, and Kristen Lapp for their creative contributions to this experience.

THIS FALL, THE MYF IS OFFERING yardwork cleanup as a fundraiser and service to our church family. They can rake leaves, weed, or complete a variety of other outdoor tasks you might need to get your yard ready for winter. The yardwork will be completed over the weekends of October 24 - 25 and October 31 - November 1. A suggested donation for their services is \$100/yard. If you would like to hire the youth to work in your yard, or if you have a neighbor or friend who you would like to gift a yard cleanup to, please contact Zac Hummel at zhummel@foresthillschurch.org to set up a time.



CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE forms for all Forest Hills attendees have been placed in church mailboxes. A new church directory will be published in November. Please complete these forms and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the box in the church office by November 1. If you are not at church before then, you can email changes to the office. 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.

LUCY RUDY moved to the memory care unit at Oakleaf Manor last week to help provide the additional care that she needs. She no longer has her cell phone, but mail can be sent to her at the address listed in the directory.

ELEANOR GLICK was moved to skilled care at Fairmount Homes for additional support this past week. Mail can be sent to her address as listed in the directory.

GROCERY BOXES ARE HERE! Atlantic Coast Conference's 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, along with a suggested list of contents, and return it by Sunday, November 1. For more information on this project visit www.mcc.org/stories/groceries.

ALDEN SOUTHWICK had back surgery on Thursday, October 8 at Ephrata Community Hospital.

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind, please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- Lucy Rudy and Eleanor Glick adjusting to their new living arrangements.
- Alden Southwick recovering from back surgery.
- Vanessa and Ryan Bunting celebrating the birth of their son.
- Those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation.

“THANK YOU to each of you who responded with feedback and questions about our budget and the proposed use of the year-end surplus. In light of the feedback received, and our congregation’s continued strong financial position, council has decided to amend the proposal for use of our surplus. Our desire is to share our blessings with the community at large, and impact organizations where you, our congregation, are involved. As such, we are proposing the setup of a restricted fund in the amount of \$15,000 that will be dispersed by the Missions and Service Commission according to the Flex Fund guidelines. If you are involved in a deserving organization, contact the church office for an application! The balance of the surplus, or \$18,089 will be allocated to the Future Capital Projects Fund. This amount covers the streaming equipment we purchased to better enable our virtual services and leaves a small amount in the fund for our upcoming, larger projects. Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity with your congregation!” - Sam Clement, Church Treasurer

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING our Annual Meeting in-person this year. However, we do ask church members to vote on the proposed budget that was emailed out a few weeks ago as well as the amendment listed above. Please enter your vote online before October 25 using this link: <https://fhmc.church/budget> or submit a paper ballot located in front of the church mailboxes. Contact Council Chair Jerry Lile with any questions at jerry1@fairmounthomes.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vanessa and Ryan Bunting on the birth of their son, Dawkin Scott, who was born October 1. He was welcomed by big sister, Grace, and grandparents, Jeanette and Vernon Rice and the entire Rice family.

Looking Ahead:

- 🍁 October 23-25 - Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly Online.
- 🍁 Sunday, November 1 - Communion Sunday.

TODAY

- 9 a.m. - Sunday book study group meeting.
- 10:30 a.m. - Baptism Sunday - Our service will only be online streaming on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Barn party at the Harnishes’.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Tuesday book study group meeting.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m. - KFC (Kids for Christ, Age 4-Gr. 5) & Jr. Youth.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. - Thursday book study group meeting.
- Saturday, 8 a.m. - Adelphian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

NEXT SUNDAY

- All are welcome to attend our in-person worship service.
- Pastor Jon will preach on *The Box*.
- MYF pumpkin carving at church.

REPORT: (10/04) General Fund \$5,640
Worship 40 (Rest for the Weary Class)

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Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst, Dana Shannon - Care Team