



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 1, 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song

Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar,
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums,
Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Vocals

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Reflection Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Congregational Vote Announcement

Congregational Prayer

Passing the Peace

Song

Children's Time

Joan Krause

Dismissal for Kids Church (Preschool-2nd grade)

Proclaiming

Scripture: Romans 14:1-22

Sermon: *Open the Box*

Jon Carlson

The Bread and the Cup

Response Song

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

THE VOTING PERIOD for our 2020-21 church budget has ended and the proposed budget has been approved. Thank you to all of those who gave feedback and voted.

ALL BAPTIZED BELIEVERS are invited to partake in communion this Sunday during our worship service. Individual communion elements in disposable cups are available outside of the sanctuary doors for you to pick-up before entering the service. If you will not be joining us in-person, please feel free to join us online and use supplies from your home.

ALL ARE WELCOME to interact with prayers stations set up throughout church. These prayer stations are interactive experiences with scripture and activities to help us focus on the different promises that Jesus made in scripture. 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.

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, IS THE LAST DAY to make changes to your church directory information. Please complete the forms in church mailboxes and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the tray in the church office. 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.

WE ARE IN NEED OF more people to help with our Sunday morning sound and audio-visual needs. Training will be provided! Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer in this area.

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, is the last day to return filled Mennonite Central Committee grocery boxes, or you can drop them off directly to the Materials Resource Center in Ephrata. For more information on this project visit www.mcc.org/stories/groceries.

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

- Brenda Verghese and family grieving the loss of Tom.
- Mary Schlabach recovering from a leg infection.
- Marty Peifer recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Les and Cheryl Wagner returning to their California home this week.
- Larry and Eileen Wenger and family grieving the loss of Larry's father.
- Christian and Kieren Shannon and their parents Dana and Jim continuing to adapt to the boys living at wilderness camp.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Brenda Verghese and her children, Sam and Sheila, and grandsons, Anthony and Isaiah, on the sudden passing of Tom on Monday, October 26.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Larry and Eileen Wenger and their children and grandchildren on the loss of Larry's father, Arthur Wenger, on Tuesday, October 27. Arthur was a resident at Landis Homes.

MARTY PEIFER had pacemaker surgery on Friday, October 23 at LGH and was discharged on Saturday to recover at home.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP meets once a month here at the church for conversation, to knit, and to bless the shawls we have created. Several persons are moving out of the area or are no longer able to knit because of health-related issues. We would welcome anyone who enjoys knitting to join the group. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Becky Siegrist at beckster@comcast.net.

DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY have a cherished Christmas tradition? Would you be willing to let the congregation take a peek inside it as part of our Advent worship services? If so, reach out to Pastor Jon by phone or email.

Report from the Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly

The Atlantic Coast Conference was a virtual event this fall which was unfortunate because it was devoid of the rich dialogue that takes place with in-person gatherings, but activities of the conference continued.

- Nickel for Neighbors gave \$4,000 to the Philadelphia Mennonite school for a Gaga ball court.
- Grace and Peace Church of New York City requested membership in ACC.
- Ron and Judy Zook and Laurel Street Mennonite Church received the peace mug for their response within the community following the police shooting in Lancaster. Along with other congregations, their involvement allowed the community to work towards healing and reconciliation.
- Financially, ACC ended the year with a \$36,000 surplus which included some one-time help and careful expense management. Next year's budget was revised to reflect current Covid-19 concerns to a \$20,000 deficit.
- The African Community Church announced the purchase of a building in Manheim.
- The Congregational Leadership Fund yielded \$4,000 for various leadership building projects and projected \$7,000 for next year. The fund is currently at \$260,000 with a goal of \$500,000.
- Persons nominated for various positions of ACC included Jon Carlson for a third and final term as Assistant Moderator of the Executive Committee.

-ACC Delegate, Herb Hoover

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Larry McJunkin

Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Micah Carlson, Dean Jantzen,
Davin Esbenshade

Greeters: Dana Shannon

TODAY

- 9 a.m. - Sunday book study group meeting.
- 9:30 a.m. - Adelphian & Diakonia Sunday School meetings.
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship service in-person and open to everyone. It will also be online on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> and Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) leaf-raking.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, 7 p.m. - Church council meeting.
- Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Tuesday book study group meeting.
- Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ)
- Wednesday, 7 - 8 p.m. - Jr. Youth
- Thursday, 9 a.m. - Mennonite Women comforter knotting.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. - Thursday book study group meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Preschool-5th grade and Jr. Youth Sunday School classes will meet.
- Pastor Jon will preach.
- MYF hiking.

REPORT: (10/25) Worship 95

General Fund \$4,945

YTD Giving \$59,039; YTD Budget \$104,538 (-44%)

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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

Louetta Hurst, Toby Leaman, Joyce Martin,

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