



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song

Call to Worship and Invocation

Passing the Peace

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Songs

13-Year-Old Milestone

Proclaiming

Song

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: *Whose Justice is Served?*

Zac Hummel

Response Song

Sending

Offering/Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY WE WELCOME Jeff Raught who will be participating on our worship team. Jeff is a local pianist, composer, and theatrical storyteller. THE BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED on Wednesday of next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All announcements will need to be in the church office by early Wednesday morning, November 25, in order to be included in the November 29 bulletin.

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.

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.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA HAS AN ADVENT guide available to download on their [website](#). *We Wait for Jesus* is an at home worship guide for all ages and runs Advent through Epiphany. Written by Talashia Keim Yoder, Pastor of Christian Formation at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana. Designed for all ages—children through adults.

NEW UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are in church mailboxes. Extra copies are available on the counter below the mailboxes. If you would like a PDF version emailed to you to save on your computer, email the church office at fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

CHET AND RUTH ANN MARTIN would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy they received in the passing of Chet's sister, Esther E. Weaver. They are very thankful for a supportive church family.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE NONPROFIT organization that fits the vision, character, and theology of our church? Grants up to \$2,500 per organization are available this church year through our Flex Fund. Priority is given to projects that align with our vision and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. Contact the church office for guidelines and an application. Submit completed applications to Erin Hershey, Mission and Service Commission Director.

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

- Brenda Verghese recovering from a partial bowel obstruction.
- Karen Hertzler anticipating and then recovering from ear surgery.
- Health care providers working exceptionally hard during the recent surge of COVID cases.
- Educators, parents, and students adapting to new learning environments.
- Peace and patience to all as we adjust to new the suggestions from health care officials and leaders in response to the increase of COVID cases in the area.

Church Financial Update - As of November 16, our year-to-date giving totals \$86,093, while our year-to-date budget is \$143,740, a shortfall of 40%. Please consider being generous as you contribute to the mission and ministries of our church.

“THANK YOU for prayers, cards, phone calls, and expressions of encouragement as Byron recovered from a CVA (Cerebrovascular accident). We are so thankful for a good recovery and for our Forest Hills Church family. The gift bags so many people spent time preparing for us were a bright spot each month. We also appreciate the musicians, the sermons, and all who contribute to the online services. We never imagined we could worship in front of a laptop.” - Byron and Ann Zimmerman

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday, November 26-Monday, November 30, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Feel free to reach out to staff via email or cell phone as needed.

BRENDA VERGHESE was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital on Monday for a partial bowel obstruction. She remained a patient at bulletin publication time.

KAREN HERTZLER is scheduled for a cochlear implant surgery on November 20, at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, with the hopes of improving her hearing. If you wish to contact her, please text, email, or send a card. It is and will continue to be difficult for her to have conversations over the phone.

TODAY

- 10:30 a.m. - The worship service will be online only, you can watch it on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- Financial contributions can be mailed to the church office. You can also donate via credit card through our Forest Hills Facebook page.
- MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Road Rally.

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday - No Evening Activities.
- Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving; church office closed through Monday, November 30.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 1st Sunday of Advent - Online service - Pastor Jon will preach on *I Love to Tell the Story* based on Matthew 1:1-17.

REPORT: (11/15) Worship 48
General Fund \$6,715

YTD Giving \$86,093; YTD Budget \$143,740 (- 40%)

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Staff and Leadership Teams

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Randy Esch, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Toby Leaman, Joyce Martin,

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