

COMFORT & JOY

Our Traditions of Christmas

Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 29, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Singing

Nina Harnish

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Offertory

Pass the Peace

Children's Time

Proclaiming

Song

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Response Song

Jon Carlson

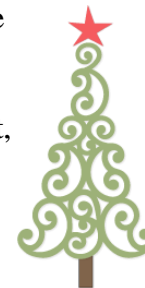
Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT this year, we will again be supporting families in need in the Conestoga Valley School District. We are collecting gift cards in the amounts of \$25 and \$50 from Sharp Shopper, Giant, Target, Walmart, and Sheetz. Cards can be dropped off at the church and put in the snowman basket by the ushers' room or mailed to the church. The deadline is December 20. Many thanks for your generosity.



CHURCH STAFF will begin working from home as much as possible in compliance with state COVID-19 mitigation efforts. If you need to get into the building and don't have an access card, please call ahead or email fhmc@foresthillschurch.org to set up a time.

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.

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.

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.

THERE ARE EXTRA copies of the *Rejoice!* devotional and an Advent devotional, *Praying the Jesse Tree*, in front of the church mailboxes. Please help yourself to a copy to take home.

A CONDENSED VERSION of the prayer stations is available in the Prayer Room as well as an Advent themed labyrinth in the back classroom. If you would like to take part in these stations and do not have a building key, please contact Nina Harnish or Lauren Krady to set up a time.

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

- Mary Schlabach recovering from a leg infection.
- Andy Ebersole recuperating from a recent fall.
- Joyce Peifer recovering from COVID-19.
- That we would prepare our hearts during this Advent season.
- College students completing fall classes and preparing for finals.

ANDY EBERSOLE was hospitalized on Wednesday after falling in his apartment. He was then transferred to Mennonite Home on Friday and Irene moved there as well. Andy is receiving physical therapy with the hopes of them returning to their apartment.

“WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our thanks for the many wonderful cards, visits, phone calls, food, prayers, and loving friendship given by you during the time of Tom’s death and my recent hospitalization. It is a privilege to worship with all of you and have you as friends. Blessings to you all.” - Brenda, Sam, Sheila, Anthony and Isaiah

FAMILY UNITS are invited to pick a time to come and knot comforters at church. There are several tops sewn and ready to be knotted; if you are interested in volunteering in this way please contact Eileen Wenger at sprinklesqs@comcast.net.

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, it is designed for all ages—children through adults.

HANS HERR HOUSE & MUSEUM will host Christmas Candlelight Tours on the evenings of December 3, 4, & 5. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$7 for children aged 7-12, and complimentary for children under 7. Choose a 6 p.m. or 7:15 p.m. start time. Guests must wear a mask and observe social distancing. A limited number of tickets are available.

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.

THIS WEEK

- * Monday - Church office closed.
- * Wednesday - No Evening Activities.

NEXT SUNDAY

- * 2nd Sunday of Advent - Pastor Jon will preach.

REPORT: (11/22)

General Fund \$13,296

YTD Giving \$99,389; YTD Budget \$156,807 (- 37%)

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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