

COMFORT & JOY

Our Traditions of Christmas

Forest Hills Mennonite Church

December 6, 2020 - 2nd 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

Jerry Lile

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Offertory

Pass the Peace

Children's Time

Song

Proclaiming

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: *One of These Things Just Doesn't Belong* Jon Carlson

Response Song

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. So far this church year we have sent donations to: Nickels for Neighbors, Camp Deerpark, Friends of Shirati, Frederick Living, Fairmount Homes, Love Inc. - Homes of Hope, and New Holland Early Learning Center. Contact the church office for guidelines and an application. Submit completed applications to Erin Hershey, Mission and Service Commission Director.

WE THANK GOD for the on-going faithful generosity of this congregation! Your giving supports important ministries such as missions and outreach, church and conference-wide initiatives, and our own worship and education programs. It also helps pay for the costs of maintaining our facility. At the present time, our giving for the 2020-21 fiscal year is 32% behind budget. We need \$107,332 in the next four weeks to bring our giving up to budget by year-end. Please prayerfully consider what you might give between now and year-end. If you wish to have your contributions recorded in 2020 for tax purposes, they will need to be in the church office or post-marked by December 31, 2020.

– Sam Clement, Treasurer

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

- Cal and Donna Roggie mourning the loss of Cal's father.
- Marcia and Dean Stoesz celebrating the birth of their grandson.
- Brenda Verghese and her family recovering from COVID-19.
- Those dealing with challenging family relationships.
- Leaders and health care providers making decisions on behalf of the health and wellbeing of our community.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Cal and Donna Roggie on the recent passing of Cal's father, Wilburn Roggie. Prior to his death Wilburn lived in Lowville, NY.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marcia and Dean Stoesz as they recently welcomed a new grandson, Wesley Edgar Stoesz Nagy. His parents are Becca (Stoesz) and Jon Nagy and big brother is Hudson.

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.

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.

OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS can be automatically debited from your bank account and transferred into the church account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write or mail checks, and when travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with income on an uninterrupted basis. Contact the church office for more information.

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

- * Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ)
- * Wednesday, 7 - 8:15 p.m. - Jr. Youth

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent – Online Service - Pastor Jon will preach.

REPORT: (11/29)

General Fund \$15,129

YTD Giving \$114,812; YTD Budget \$169,875 (- 32%)

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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