



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 3, 2021

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.

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### Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Reflection Song:

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Offering Prayer

Passing the Peace

Children's Time

### Proclaiming

Song

Scripture: Romans 1:16-25

Sermon: *It's My First Day*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

### Sending

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

TUITION GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE from the Student Financial Aid Fund for the school year beginning Fall 2021. Grants are available to Forest Hills Mennonite Church members or their dependents who are planning to enroll as full-time students at an eligible institution – Bethel College, Bluffton College, Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, Hesston College, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, or Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The grant amount for the academic year 2021-22 will be \$1,550 per student per semester. Applications can be requested from a committee member – Nina Harnish, Janette Lile, Andrew Bodden or Craig Harnish – and should be submitted to Craig at [ninacraig@comcast.net](mailto:ninacraig@comcast.net) by February 15.

“A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all Forest Hillers who blessed me with Christmas cards and even a few birthday cards. I treasure each one of them. I can't tell you how much I miss all of you and our church services and I haven't been very successful in viewing it online. Thank you too for the goody bags that I receive periodically. They helped me to feel connected when I couldn't be. And a special thank you to Jon and all those involved in attempting to keep church alive. I am doing quite well still dealing with a bad knee but being in lockdown for these 300 days has become beyond difficult. Any reason to leave the building is strongly discouraged including doctor appointments and then, if we do go, we are rewarded by two weeks in quarantine – no leaving your room and no visitors even from the room next door. It has taken its toll. Having said all this, I know I am not alone, and the Lord is with me always. Blessings to each of you as we keep on keeping on.”  
-Marian Rohrer

IF YOU ARE PART OF OUR GROUP subscription to *Anabaptist World*, the monthly magazine that merged *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*, you may get a bill in the mail soon. You do not need to pay this bill if you are going to continue with our group subscription. Subscription updates will be in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks.

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

- Jim and Beth Fenton celebrating the wedding of their son Matthew and new wife, Julie.
- Those who are recovering from COVID.
- Medical professionals caring for people who are experiencing symptoms from COVID.
- Our seniors and others receiving extra care in long-term care facilities or at home- Esther Zook, Mary Schlabach and Eleanor Glick (Fairmount), John Smoker (Garden Spot Village), Arlene Leatherman, Geneva Martin, Lila Neufeld, Mary Schroeder, Gene Siegrist (Landis Homes), Marian Rohrer (Pleasant View), Lucy Rudy (Oak Leaf Manor).
- Those who are grieving.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Beth Fenton on the marriage of their son Matthew to Julie Cline on December 31.

VERNON AND MARY SCHROEDER would like to thank all of the people who mailed them Christmas cards. Vernon read them all to Mary and it brought them much joy during this holiday season!

THE CHURCH OFFICE has ten free tickets to Stone Gables Estate's drive-thru *Celebration of the Birth of Christ*, located at 1160 North Market Street in Elizabethtown. This event celebrates the birth and life of Christ, beautifully illustrated with lights and signage, shows the origins of Christmas traditions, has a restored 1934 Lancaster City fire engine cab with a trailer, a new life-sized Nativity scene, drive-thru enchanted Moravian Star Forest, and many other displays. These tickets are good for January 5-9, from 5p.m. - 9 p.m. For more information visit [www.stonegablesestate.com](http://www.stonegablesestate.com). Each ticket is good for up to 8 people in one vehicle. Please contact Lauren Krady in the church office to arrange a time to pick up tickets.

## 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](http://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, 7 p.m. - Church Council meeting.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- \* Pastor Jon will preach.

REPORT: (12/27)

General Fund \$26,890

Student Aid Fund \$100; Refugee Education Fund \$1,250

YTD Giving \$200,579; YTD Budget \$222,144 (- 10%)

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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