



## Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 24, 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.

### Gathering

#### Prelude

#### Gathering Song: *In Christ Alone*

Becky Degan-Piano, Willie Hurst,  
Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Singers  
Dean Jantzen-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass,  
Sheila Snyder-Drums

#### Call to Worship and Invocation

Zac Hummel

#### Reflection Song: *Amazing Love*

### Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

#### Passing the Peace

#### Offertory

#### Children's Time

Janette Lile

### Proclaiming

**Song:** *O Praise the Name*

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:11-24

**Sermon:** *For Us and For Our Salvation*

Jon Carlson

#### Response Song

### Sending

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART of our group subscription to *Anabaptist World*, the publication that merged *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*, please let the church office know by January 24. Checks can be made out to Forest Hills for \$20 and mailed to the office.

AS WE CONTINUE TO TRY to stay connected during this time of distancing, we encourage you to send a picture to the church office of yourself or your family participating in your daily activities. We will compile them as a slideshow for use on a Sunday morning. Pictures can be sent to [fhmc@foresthillchurch.org](mailto:fhmc@foresthillchurch.org).

A NEW ISSUE of Atlantic Coast Conference *Currents* is now available on their website under "Resources". Use the zoom buttons to increase the size and click and drag to view different parts of the spread. If you are reading this bulletin online, you can [click here](#).

IF YOUR CLASS, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE has meetings or activities planned for the month of February, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, January 27, so that they can be included on the next church calendar.

THE FAMILY OF ESTHER ZOOK is throwing a card shower for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 27. Birthday cards can be mailed to Esther at Fairmount Homes, 333 Wheat Ridge Dr, Ephrata, PA, 17522.

BYRON AND ANN ZIMMERMAN are pleased to announce the birth of their third great-grandchild. Oran Eric Smucker was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on January 18th. His parents are Hans and Kate Umble Smucker, and his older brother is Paul Byron Smucker. His grandparents are John and Merna Smucker and Ron and Diane Umble.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, we will be having a Forest Hills Mennonite Church Zoom call after the service. This will be an informal time of connection and small breakout rooms like we had in the spring. A link will be provided in that Sunday's bulletin. We hope you can join us!

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

- Clair Hunsecker undergoing pacemaker surgery on Monday.
- Larry Wenger and others recovering from COVID-19.
- Mary Schlabach dealing with heart and fluid concerns.
- Holly and CJ Donovan supporting Holly's parents as Holly's father has been hospitalized and critically ill from COVID-19 for 2 months.

LARRY WENGER was discharged on Saturday from Lancaster General Hospital and is recovering at home.

CLAIR HUNSECKER is scheduled for a pacemaker surgery on Monday, January 25.

MARY SCHLABACH continues to be hospitalized at Ephrata Community Hospital for heart and fluid issues. She remained a patient at bulletin publication time to receive the necessary care.

THE JANUARY EDITION of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In this issue they invite all to participate in the MDS Annual Celebration, there's a deeper look at the challenges of scheduling volunteers during a pandemic, and they share how the Lancaster, PA unit is collaborating with the community to repair fire damage at a house for homeless families. Find more information at: <https://conta.cc/35XumvX>.

JOIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE for their annual celebration on February 6, at 2 p.m. as they celebrate the work of their many volunteers in 2020 and look ahead to what God has in store for MDS in 2021. Through the theme of *Unexpected Opportunities, Unexpected Blessings*, they will tell stories of hope and restoration during the pandemic as they helped survivors of natural disasters get back into their homes. Find more information at: <https://mds.mennonite.net/annual-celebration/>.

## 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- \* Pastor Jon will preach on *Where are the People?* It will be based on Ephesians 4:1-16.
- \* Zoom fellowship time after the service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* February 1 - Church council meeting.
- \* February 10 - KfC and Jr. Youth resume.
- \* February 14 - Communion Sunday.
- \* February 17 - Lent begins.

REPORT: (1/17) General Fund \$8,046  
YTD Giving \$253,415; YTD Budget \$261,346 (-3%)

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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