



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

February 14, 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 Janice Southwick-Guitar, Becky Degan-Piano

Gathering Song

Tim Smoker, Becky Degan-Singers,
Sandy Smoker- Piano, Jonny Bishop-Guitar,
Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation Zac Hummel
Song

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Passing the Peace

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering

Offertory

Children's Time Becky Degan

Proclaiming

Song

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:6-21

Sermon: *It's My Last Day*

The Bread and the Cup

Song

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS and their families have opportunity to worship together in-person in the sanctuary. If you are not currently connected with a Sunday School class, feel free to pick a Sunday morning and drop in for a worship service. All worship services will continue to be available via livestream for everyone.

February 14: Gemeinschaft & Agape

February 21: Salt 'n Light, Grounded

February 28: Rest for the Weary

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE in our *40 Days of Kindness Paper Chain Project* this Lent. Lent begins this Wednesday, February 17 – this is when our 40 days begins. On Wednesday, start your paper chain following the directions below.

- Cut 40 one-inch-wide strips out of any paper you have at home.
- Each day write *Today I showed kindness by...*, or *Today I prayed for...*, fill in your answer, and add the link to your chain.
- At the end of 40 days, drop your paper chain off at the church to be used in our Easter Service on April 4.



THE CHURCH PHONE lines are in the process of being switched to a different provider and system over the next few weeks. If you need to reach Becky Degan or Zac Hummel please call their cell phone numbers or send them an email.

A CONDENSED VERSION of the prayer stations is available in the Prayer Room as well as a Lent themed labyrinth in the back classroom near the garage. 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.

ELEANOR GLICK would like to thank everyone who sent her cards and notes for her birthday, she was grateful to receive them.

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

- Vernon Schroeder recovering from hernia surgery.
- Diane and Dennis Myers grieving the loss of Dennis' mother.
- Youth beginning baptism preparation classes.
- For open hearts and minds during the Lenten Season.
- The children and youth and their leaders beginning to regather for in-person church activities.

VERNON SCHROEDER had double hernia surgery on Tuesday at Lancaster General Hospital and was discharged to his home on Wednesday.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES to Diane and Dennis Myers on the passing of Dennis' mother, Martha Myers, on February 3.

WEATHER CANCELLATION PROCEDURES ~ Church staff and our Property Committee Chair will make a decision as to whether or not Sunday morning worship or Wednesday Evening Activities should be cancelled when it snows. In case of cancellation, the office will send out an email, and the change will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on WGAL.com (website, not on the TV listing).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA's (MCUSA) 2021 Lent at Home worship guide is now available for free viewing and [download](#) on their website under "Resources." The annual guide for home-based worship provides daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers, and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent, the period of prayer and reflection from Ash Wednesday, February 17 to Easter, April 4, 2021.

MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Upcoming Events:

- February 21 - Bowling at Dutch Lanes
- February 28 - Yard Games in the Fellowship Hall
- March 7 - Road Rally

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Ron Weaver

Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen, Micah Carlson, Collette Carlson

Greeters: Yvonne and Vernon Kauffman

TODAY

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Gemeinschaft and Agape classes meet.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. - The worship service will be open to Gemeinschaft and Agape classes. The service can be streamed on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF Care and Share.
- ❖ 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 Evening Activities
 - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ, Age 3 - Gr. 5).
 - 7 - 8:15 p.m. - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8).

NEXT SUNDAY

- ❖ Lent I - Pastor Jon will preach. Salt 'n Light & Grounded classes are invited to worship in-person.

REPORT: (2/7) General Fund \$7,420
YTD Giving \$274,975; YTD Budget \$300,548 (-9%)

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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

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 1, 2021

Leadership Reports:

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon has been sustaining virtual worship services throughout the month of January; balancing the importance of slow, steady Christian discipleship with a seemingly urgent need to respond to unfolding current events; working with Dan Baker and others to continue developing technical capacity for livestreaming services. He’s also been looking ahead to Lent and Easter worship planning, and along with Elders and Council, looking at how we will re-establish a sense of momentum and connection with those on the fringes when we return to in-person worship. Jon reported that 5,699 facebook users saw a Forest Hills Mennonite Church post in January.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky reported that she had a great response from volunteers when scheduling KFC activities for February and March. She is planning a virtual choir for Easter and reaching out to other musicians to record pieces for Lent and Easter. The church has received several copies of the new hymnal, and Becky has been reaching out to individuals to solicit feedback.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina coordinated assembly of 45 gift bags that were delivered by Care Team members to our seniors. She is continuing to connect with persons having health or personal crises; making connections through phone calls and window visits with people who are not in crisis; monitoring the facebook chat when not involved in leading worship; and working with Becky to create an intergenerational Lenten experience of prayer and acts of kindness.

Zac Hummel, Youth and Young Adult Pastor – Zac reported that he and MYF and Junior Youth leaders decided to resume in-person activities in February, and he met with MYF Council to plan activities for the upcoming months. When not involved in Sunday worship services, he has been monitoring the facebook livestream feed. He is planning to start a new Baptism Class in February and is waiting for a response from Camp Deerpark about our young adults designing a disc golf

course for the Camp. Discussion has also begun about whether or not our MYF will participate in the Mennonite Youth Convention this summer or pursue an alternative activity.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – Lauren reported that Lee Charles and Bruce Stauffer have begun construction on the family restroom with Flow Mechanical doing the plumbing work. A new battery and defibrillation pads were installed in the AED equipment; this is done every five years. Les Siegrist is painting the lobby and hallways, and plans are in process to replace the landline with an internet phone line.

Financial Report: Treasurer Sam Clement submitted the following report of our current financial situation:

- Year-end contributions were generous and put us ahead of budget as of December 31, 2020.
- Progress was made on the Refugee Education Fund deficit prior to year-end. We still need one or two more contributions to this Fund and the LMS Partnership Fund to move them into positive balances.
- Expenses are trending lower than budget.
- All year-to-date contributions have been made to external organizations.

In-person Worship Services: Based on the declining positivity rates Council approved that one or two Sunday School classes would be invited to meet in the church at 9:30 a.m. and then stay for the worship service. This rotation would continue until the March Council meeting when the plan will be re-evaluated.