

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 21, 2021 | Lent 5

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Cheryl Eshleman, Willie Hurst, Cal Roggie-Singers
Becky Degan-Piano, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder Drums

Call to Worship and Invocation

Warren Tyson

Song: *Holy Is the Lord*

C O N N E C T I N G

Passing the Peace

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

R E F L E C T I N G

Children's Time

Song: *The Lord Is My Light*

Scripture: Luke 8:49-56

Sermon: *People Are Like Onions*

Nina Harnish

Response Song: *There Is a Hope*

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ❖ Dale Gamber celebrating the positive results from a recent scan.
- ❖ Those experiencing chronic pain.
- ❖ Sharon and Dennis Harnish mourning the loss of Sharon's mother.
- ❖ Church leaders and staff continuing to decipher how to regather safely.
- ❖ Those living in care facilities where visiting policies are opening and they can be reunited with family and friends.

We extend our condolences to Sharon and Dennis Harnish as they grieve the loss of Sharon's mother, Esther Nissley on March 16. Esther was 91 years old and lived in Lewisburg, PA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

For Sunday worship services in the month of March and April, we will be inviting Sunday School groups to attend Sunday morning in-person worship services on a rotating basis. If you are not currently connected with a Sunday School class, feel free to pick any Sunday morning and drop in for a worship service.

March 21, April 11 & 25 – Adelpian, Diakonia, Agape, Gemeinschaft

March 28, April 18 – Salt 'n' Light, Rest for the Weary, Grounded

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have **identical two worship services** so that everyone can have a chance to worship in-person at Forest Hills. Please register for the service you are planning to attend - either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. The 9 a.m. service will also be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Nursery and Kids' church will be provided at the 11 a.m. service only. Please wear your masks and maintain physical distancing. No physical tickets will be needed at the door, but please RSVP through the link below so that we can keep sanctuary capacity at comfortable levels: <https://fhmc.church/easter>.

We have enjoyed seeing pictures of our Forest Hills family during the pre-service slide shows on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to send in pictures of you or your family in their daily activities over the last year by emailing them to fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

If your class, commission, or committee has meetings or activities planned for the month of April, please submit these dates to the church office by Wednesday of this coming week, March 24, so that they can be included on the next church calendar.

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The Eby Cemetery Association, our church cemetery committee, needs two individuals to serve on the board of directors. The President presides over the annual meeting of board of directors, signs all legal documents, and does general supervision of the affairs of the association. We also need a Property Committee Chairman. This person has general responsibility for the appearance of the cemetery, including landscaping, mulching, trimming, raking leaves, and maintenance of the fence around cemetery with the assistance of other committee members. They also, in preparation for a burial, verify the correct plot and stake out the exact location of the burial site on the plot. They also stake out proper location for the headstone after the burial. Neither of these positions require a lot of time but it is important to maintain the cemetery and provide an attractive final resting place for our members. Please contact Ken Martin if you have any questions or interest.

Nursery volunteers are needed. Caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this small but important class. This ministry makes it possible for young families to join our service. Volunteers should be aware that children of this age cannot wear masks, so it is very important that volunteers be properly masked while in the nursery. This would be a great place for those that are already vaccinated to serve. Please contact Liz Clapper as soon as possible to sign up or if you have any questions.

As a way to foster connections during the season of Lent, Forest Hills is running a *Wilderness Hotline*. Just call, listen to the prompt, and briefly share your story. Each week will have a different prompt. This week, tell us: What have been some bright spots in the past year? Some stories will be shared during future Sunday worship services. You can reach the automated line by calling 717-456-0674.

Mennonite Church USA recently announced the nomination of our pastor, Jon Carlson, to serve as Moderator-Elect of the denomination. If affirmed by MC USA delegates, Jon will serve as Moderator-Elect from July 2021-23 and as Moderator from 2023-25. This volunteer position would deepen Jon's current involvement in the MC USA Executive Board. In discerning whether to accept this call, Jon processed with Forest Hills' Staff Relations Committee and Church Council, both of whom affirmed Jon's service to the broader church. While this role may require some additional travel over the next four years, the Forest Hills congregation remains Jon's highest ministry priority and full-time vocation. Staff Relations Committee invites the congregation to commit to praying for Jon, our church, and Mennonite Church USA. You can learn more about Jon's nomination at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/carlson-moderator-elect/>

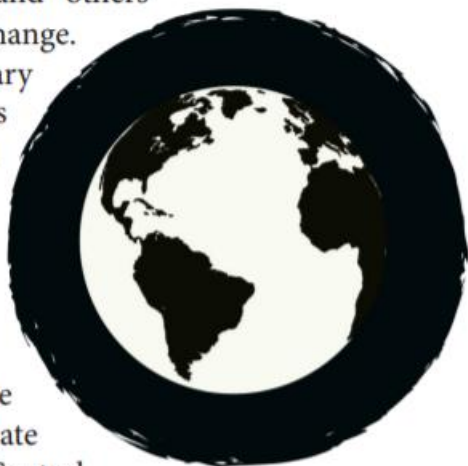
CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH

a hopeful response to the climate crisis

Friday - Saturday \ May 7 - 8, 2021

This two-day event with both virtual and in-person components will equip and give hope to current and developing church leaders and others concerned about climate change.

The day includes online plenary sessions and workshops as well as inspiring in-person field trips to explore climate action work being done in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area.



This event is offered by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, and the Peace & Justice Committee of Atlantic Coast Conference.

Cost: virtual session: free \ fieldtrip & lunch: \$5

Info and registration (required) at:

AtlanticCoastConference.net/Gods-Earth



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Committee

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ❖ Head Usher: Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen, Scott Hertzog, Joseph Bodden, Davin Esbenshade, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeter: Louetta Hurst

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for Diakonia, Adelpian, Gemeinschaft, and Agape.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. - The worship service will be open to Diakonia, Adelpian, 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 (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) - Games at the Bathursts'.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Tuesday, 7pm - Discernment Committee meeting.
- ❖ 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).

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Palm Sunday - Pastor Jon will preach and we will have baby dedications for Caleb Baker, Dawkins Bunting, and Oliver Bathurst.
- ❖ Sunday School - Grounded, RFTW, Preschool -5th, Jr. Youth, and MYF will meet.
- ❖ Worship - Salt n' Light, Grounded, RFTW and their families are invited.
- ❖ MYF - Movie night at the Clappers' house.

MARCH 14 REPORT:

Weekly Giving: General Fund \$15,044; Refugee Education \$400
YTD Giving \$344,999; YTD Budget \$365,884 (-6%)

ATTENDANCE: 51

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