



# Forest Hills Mennonite Church

October 31, 2021

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude

Gathering Song: *God Is Here Among Us*

Call to Worship and Invocation

Passing the Peace

Worship Book No. 16

Allon Lefever

## C O N N E C T I N G

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Congregational Singing

*How Can We Be Silent*

*Cornerstone*

Children's Time

Dismissal for Kids Church

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Grace Notes No. 13

Janette Lile

(Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Grace Notes No. 10

## R E F L E C T I N G

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Scripture: James 4:13-17

Sermon: *Some Glad Morning*

Response Song: *How Great Thou Art*

Jon Carlson

Grace Notes No. 4

## S E N D I N G

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Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



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## CARES & CONCERNS >>>

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

- 🍁 Kori Jantzen recovering from knee surgery.
- 🍁 Michael Degan recovering from pneumonia.
- 🍁 Jess Rieger anticipating surgery.
- 🍁 Families and their children dealing with the additional stresses due to COVID.

**Michael Degan** was hospitalized on Monday for double pneumonia and was still a patient at bulletin publication time.

**Kori Jantzen** is scheduled for knee surgery on Thursday, October 28, and will recover at home.

**Jess Rieger** is scheduled for surgery on November 1, in North Carolina and will recover at home.

**Vernon Schroeder** returned to his cottage on Wednesday and is continuing his recovery there.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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**Coffee Fellowship:** Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

**Sunday, October 31, is the last** day to turn in church directory information update forms. There are extras in front of the church mailboxes, or you can email the office. Please complete these forms and return them to Lauren Krady's mailbox or the tray in the office.

**For those that ordered soup from Liz Clapper,** pickup will be after church this Sunday, October 31. Thank you for your support!

**Forest Hills will be hosting a community blood drive** with Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health on Thursday, November 4, from 2-7 p.m. Please wear a mask, eat a substantial meal within four hours of donating, drink plenty of water the day before and day of donation, and bring ID. Please share this event with friends and sign up on the Signup Genius that can be found on the church website or here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8ac2ca6fec61-blood7>.

**Forest Hills** received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent donations totaling \$8,916 to be distributed among their various agencies.

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**This is the last Sunday to sign up for the MYF yard work fundraiser.** They are offering their services on November 6 & 7 and will be accepting donations for their work. There will be a table in the foyer for you to sign up, or you can email Becky at [bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org) with details of the job and preference for day and time.



**The MYF is hosting a Fall Party** for our church families, their children, and grandchildren this Sunday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. There will be fun, games, and activities for our toddlers up through those in 5th grade. Please RSVP to Becky Bathurst if you plan to attend: [bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org).

**The church nursery** wallpaper removal and painting are now completed. Thank you to Les Siegrist and Alex Kachkovsky for all of the time they spent scraping wallpaper and painting. If you haven't seen this updated space, stop by and check it out.

**"The Staff Relations Committee** invites you to express appreciation to the members of our staff at Forest Hills. You're welcome to do this on your own or join with others in saying thanks to those who faithfully serve the congregation each week. Cards, meals, and gift cards are just a few suggestions of ways to say "thank you"--use your creativity!"

- Sandy Smoker, Staff Relations Committee Chair

**Volunteers are needed** in our Sunday morning Kids' Church. Helpers and teachers are needed during the sermon to supervise this small group of children ages Preschool-2nd grade. Please contact Becky Degan if you are willing to help in this area in November or December.

**Funds are available** to help meet expenses for persons participating in mission and service projects this coming winter or next spring. The Mission and Service Investment Fund will pay up to half of an individual's costs, not to exceed \$2,000. Contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms should be submitted to Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission Director.

**Recordings from last weekend's** Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church are available. Recordings of both the delegate session and Drew Strait's sessions on *The Bible and Christian Nationalism* are available on the Assembly webpage: <https://atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly/>. There is also a video on the MC USA Membership Guidelines and the upcoming delegate conversation on their retirement, available at [www.atlanticcoastconference.net/mcusa-delegate-resources/](http://www.atlanticcoastconference.net/mcusa-delegate-resources/).

## **Atlantic Coast Conference Fall Assembly**

Blossom Hill Mennonite Church

October 23, 2021

By Keith Stuckey

The delegates from congregations in the Atlantic Coast Conference of the Mennonite Church met for their fall assembly at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 23. Participation was in person and remote (I participated remotely.)

The morning session began with a half hour of worship via singing and prayer. The morning session involved various business items for the delegates to enact. Included (among other items) were:

- Nickels for Neighbors grant to New York Mennonite Immigration Service.
- Conference financial update, including review of the new budget.
- Approval of some clarifying wording changes to the ACC bylaws.
- Approval of the 2021 ACC leadership slate.
- Introducing a recommendation from MC USA that the denomination (within its conferences) drop the membership guidelines for limiting ordaining of pastors based on sexual orient/practice. The question will be processed in multiple settings in coming months.

The remainder of the morning session and the afternoon session was a presentation and interaction around the topic of *The Bible and Christian Nationalism* by Drew Strait, a professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, IN.

Strait illustrated and defined Christian Nationalism and invited discussion in multiple break out groups on how we formulate strategies of resistance to Christian Nationalism. He encouraged us to make Christian Nationalism visible in our congregations and families, to make clearer what political idolatry is, and to reclaim the Bible as literature of resistance to idolatry.

# Forest Hills Christmas Giving Project

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This year we will again be supporting families in need in the Conestoga Valley School District.



We are collecting \$50 gift cards to Target or Walmart. Please bring the cards to church by Sunday, November 28. Cards can be placed in the snowman basket by the ushers' room.

New rolls of Christmas wrapping paper and clear tape are also needed and may be placed in the silver box by the snowman basket.

Please contact Kathy Unangst with any questions.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

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- ❖ Head Usher: Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Rod Lefever, Dean Jantzen, Dana Shannon
- ❖ Greeters: Herb Hoover
- ❖ Befrienders: Les & Becky Siegrist
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler



## T O D A Y

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- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. - Worship in-person or online. The service can be streamed on YouTube: [www.fhmc.church/youtube](http://www.fhmc.church/youtube) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite](http://www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite).
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Fall Party for Forest Hills families.

## T H I S   W E E K

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- ❖ Monday, 7 p.m. - Church Council meeting.
- ❖ Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ) for Preschool - Grade 5 children.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8).
- ❖ Thursday, 2-7 p.m. - Forest Hills Blood Drive.
- ❖ Saturday - MYF yard cleanup fundraiser.

## N E X T   S U N D A Y

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- ❖ Pastor Jon will preach on *Right Here, Right Now*.
- ❖ MYF Fall yard cleanup fundraiser.

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### WEEKLY REPORT:

**10/24:** General Fund \$16,454

YTD Income: \$79,792; YTD Budget \$96,884 (-18%)

**Attendance :** 151

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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 ~ Lauren Krady - Administrator

Becky Bathurst - Youth and Young Adult Director ~ Lesley Wenger - Custodian

Randy Esch, Kay Hurst, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team