



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 21, 2021

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Blessed Assurance*

Worship Book No. 332

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jim Fenton

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

You Are Holy (You Are Whole)

Grace Notes No. 47

Give Us Clean Hands

Grace Notes No. 25

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *God, Whose Giving*

Worship Book No. 383

Children's Time

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: John 8:2-11

Sermon: *Commonality and Conflict*

Jon Carlson

Response Song

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 completing a year of immunotherapy and waiting for upcoming tests to determine effectiveness.
- 🍁 The Shannon family adjusting to Christian completing and returning from Bald Eagle Boys Camp on Tuesday.
- 🍁 Mabel Stoltzfus undergoing various tests in the hospital.
- 🍁 Individuals and families traveling and gathering for Thanksgiving celebrations.
- 🍁 Those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, family member or a friend which can be especially challenging during holiday celebrations and traditions.

Mabel Stoltzfus was hospitalized on Monday at Lancaster General Hospital for various concerns and remained a patient at bulletin publication time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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

The bulletin will be published on Wednesday of this coming week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All announcements will need to be in the church office by early Wednesday morning, November 24, to be included in the bulletin for November 28.

The church office will be closed Thursday-Monday, November 25-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Feel free to reach out to staff via email or phone as needed.

Mennonite Church USA is once again offering its free Advent at Home devotional. Written by Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor of Christian Formation at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, the 2021 guide follows the theme of *Leader* magazine and is appropriate for all ages. Download your copy here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventathome>

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) invites you to ring in Christmas with them here at Forest Hills on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m. Several of our elementary children sing in this choir. Masks are required. Tickets are not required; a free-will offering will be taken.

Forest Hills received a letter of thanks from Eastern Mennonite Missions for our recent Flex Fund donation of \$2,000 to their missionaries in Central Asia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

A heads-up for parents! On November 21, the worship services will focus on faith and sexuality. While nothing in the sermons will be explicit, they will acknowledge the existence and complexity of sex. Kids' Church will be available for students up through 5th grade. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Pastor Jon.

A Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 7 p.m. at Faith Church, 2124 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. You can also participate via Zoom at <https://fhmc.church/thanksgiving>.

If your class, commission, or committee has meetings or activities planned for December, please submit these dates to the church office by Tuesday of this coming week, November 22, so that they can be included on the December church calendar.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) food bank is currently in need of pop-top soups, ravioli, and pasta. Their clothing bank is in need of underwear in all sizes for both adults and children. Donations can be left in the shopping cart by the front door in the church lobby.

It's great to see new people attending our worship services here at Forest Hills. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet these newcomers, learn a bit about them by checking out our newcomers' bulletin board outside the ushers' room.

Nursery volunteers needed! Caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this small but important class. Volunteers should be aware that children of this age cannot wear masks, so volunteers should be properly masked while in the nursery. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or contact Liz Clapper as soon as possible.

On Sunday, December 11, at 7 p.m., the Pennsylvania Relief Sale will host an in-person and online fundraising concert, *Singing Light*, at Stumptown Mennonite Church. The Walking Roots band will perform for the hour-long concert. The event is in support of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). While it is free to attend, the event will include opportunities to financially support the programs and missions of the MCC around the world. You can join online at the PA Relief Sale's YouTube Channel.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🔥 **Friday, December 24, 7 p.m.** - Christmas Eve service.
- 🔥 **Sunday, December 26** - No Sunday School.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Ron Weaver
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Janette & Jerry Lile
- ❖ Befrienders: Ann & Byron Zimmerman
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin



T O D A Y

- ❖ 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 or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Friendsgiving potluck dinner.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ No Wednesday evening activities.
- ❖ Thursday - Monday – Church office closed.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ 1st Sunday of Advent – Celebration of Carols.

WEEKLY REPORT:

11/14 General Fund \$14,583

YTD Income: \$111,441; YTD Budget \$133,216 (-16%)

Attendance : 166

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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

It's Complicated

Ten Agreements?

1. _____ are created in the _____ and _____ of _____.
2. _____ desires all _____ to live with _____ and in _____.
3. _____ and _____ have no place in _____ life.
4. Sexual _____ are a matter of _____.
5. _____ outside of healthy _____ causes _____.
6. _____ is an essential boundary for healthy _____.
7. _____ social change can be _____.
(So it's _____ to be _____.)
8. Individual _____ should be _____.
9. _____, as interpreted by _____, is _____ for faith and life.
10. _____ of us value our _____ with one another.