



# Sing for Joy



CHRISTMAS AT FOREST HILLS

November 28, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude

Gathering Song: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Worship Book No. 201

Worship Book No. 212

Willie Hurst, Tim Smoker, Becky Degan - Singers, Jonny Bishop - Guitar

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship and Invocation

Evanna Hess

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song: *Silent Night*

Worship Book No. 193

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

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Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Holy Child*

Children's Time

Becky Degan

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

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Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-23

Celebration of Carols

## S E N D I N G

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Congregational Sharing

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:

- ☆ Beth and Jim Fenton mourning the sudden loss of Beth's sister-in-law.
- ☆ Donna and Lloyd Mast dealing with Lloyd's recent lung cancer diagnosis.
- ☆ Mabel and Dan Stoltzfus recovering from hospitalizations.
- ☆ Don and Jackie Nelson and Rob and Becky Bathurst celebrating the birth of their granddaughter and niece.
- ☆ Advent season and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

**We extend our condolences** to Beth and Jim Fenton on the sudden passing of Beth's sister-in-law, Joan Diehm.

**Mabel Stoltzfus** was discharged from the hospital on Monday and is recovering at home. Dan was hospitalized on Sunday with pneumonia and is expected to be discharged on Wednesday to recover at home as well.

**Congratulations** to Don and Jackie Nelson and Rob and Becky Bathurst on the birth of their granddaughter and niece on Tuesday, November 23. Cecelia is the daughter of Don and Katherine of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**Lloyd Mast** has been diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Donna and Lloyd were long term members Forest Hills who moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia to be near family. They have started a Caring Bridge site if you would like to follow along in their journey:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/lloydmast/journal](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lloydmast/journal)

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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.

**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.

**"Dear Church Family,** The prayers, encouragement, and support extended to me these past weeks are appreciated. Thank you!" – Marty Peifer

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**Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, December 1, for the Christmas worship service on Sunday, December 19. Choir, directed by Becky Degan, will rehearse from 7-8:15 p.m. for three Wednesdays. All adults who love to sing are invited to participate. If you have questions, please contact Becky.

**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.

**Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is now called Mennonite Life.** Same mission, new name and look. Learn more at [bit.ly/IntroMennoniteLife](https://bit.ly/IntroMennoniteLife) or look for the article in the upcoming December edition of *Mirror*.

**Mennonite Life presents *What the Amish Teach Us***, with Donald B. Kraybill in our Community Room at 2215 Millstream Road on Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Complimentary admission. Livestream will be available on the Mennonite Life Facebook page. A book signing follows the presentation.

**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.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

- ☆ **Friday, December 24, 7 p.m.** - Christmas Eve service.
- ☆ **Sunday, December 26 & January 2** - No Sunday School.

# 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: Jim Shannon, Scott Hertzog, Dan Baker
- ☆ Greeters: Bodden Family
- ☆ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer
- ☆ 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).
- ☆ No MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12).

## T H I S   W E E K

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- ☆ Monday - Church office closed.
- ☆ Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - KFC (Kids for Christ) for Preschool - Grade 5 children.
- ☆ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8) and Adult Choir rehearsal.

## N E X T   S U N D A Y

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- ☆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Pastor Jon will preach on Luke 1:26-38.

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### WEEKLY REPORT:

**11/21** General Fund \$6,302

YTD Income: \$117,743; YTD Budget \$157,437 (-25%)

**Attendance : 145**

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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