



# Sing for Joy



CHRISTMAS AT FOREST HILLS

December 5, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude

Gathering Song: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*          Worship Book No. 178

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman, Kit and Dan Baker-Leaders

Kit Baker-Piano, Dan Baker-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

Welcome and Passing the Peace          Nina Harnish

Call to Worship and Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

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Congregational Singing

*Prince of Heaven*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

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

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Song: *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

Worship Book No. 189

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon: *I Wonder...*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *I Wonder as I Wander*

## 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:

- ☆ Those recovering from the COVID-19 virus.
- ☆ Toby Leaman preparing for reconstructive Achilles' tendon surgery.
- ☆ Those experience chronic pain and illness.
- ☆ Gratitude for those who provide hospitality for our congregation.
- ☆ College students completing semester course work and taking final exams.

**Toby Leaman** is scheduled for reconstructive Achilles' tendon surgery on December 10 at Lancaster General Hospital.

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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.

**Welcome Guests!** We are glad you are with us today. Let us know you're here by filling out the online form with the QR code:



**"Thank you!** Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Giving Project. Your generosity is overwhelming! We collected 84 gift cards, 6 rolls of tape, and 18 rolls of wrapping paper! We will make this Christmas extra special for a lot of people!" – Kathy Unangst

**A note of Thanks from Katie Reiff**, social worker at Conestoga Valley Schools, for the gift cards we collected: "I COULD CRY. Are you serious?!? Carla and I can't thank you enough. The commitment and heart your congregation has for CV is so inspiring and touching. Carla and I are so grateful for Forest Hills' continued commitment to helping us be able to serve our families day in and day out; your congregation single-handedly makes our lives easier to bless those who come to us in need."

**A Christmas Eve service**, celebrating the songs and scriptures of the season, will be held here on Friday, December 24, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and bring guests. An offering will be received for Mennonite Central Committee's Haiti Relief program following a large earthquake there last summer. Please make checks payable to Forest Hills.

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**Forest Hills has 30 folding chairs with desk arms** that we no longer need. If you would like some or know of an organization that could use them, please contact Lauren Krady in the church office.

**Forest Hills** has received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent donation of \$3,916 to be distributed among their various agencies including Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Education Agency, MennoMedia, and Racial Constituency Groups.

**We are looking** for a few people to setup, serve, and cleanup refreshments (apple cider and cookies) after our Christmas Eve service. If you would be willing to help that evening, please let a staff member know.

**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.

**Thank you** to Lisa Spangler and Beth Fenton for setting up all of the wonderful Christmas decorations around the church.

**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.

**On Saturday, 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.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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

## UPCOMING MYF EVENTS

- ☆ **December 12** - Game night at the Schlossers' house.
- ☆ **December 19** - Christmas party.
- ☆ **January 9** - Tacos and games at the Clappers' house.

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

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- ☆ Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- ☆ Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Rod Lefever, Collette Carlson, Micah Carlson
- ☆ Greeters: Anna & Kevin Nofziger
- ☆ Befrienders: Doris & Allon Lefever
- ☆ Coffee Fellowship: Leanne Beidler & Kevin Hersh

## 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).
- ☆ 4 p.m. - Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster concert at Forest Hills.
- ☆ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Bowling and laser tag at Rocky Springs.

## T H I S W E E K

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- ☆ Monday, 2 p.m. - Care Team meeting.
- ☆ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal.

## N E X T S U N D A Y

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- ☆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Pastor Jon will preach on Isaiah 9:2-7.
- ☆ MYF - Game night at the Schlossers' house.

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### WEEKLY REPORT:

**11/29** General Fund \$8,803

YTD Income: \$126,546; YTD Budget \$157,437 (-20%)

**Attendance : 110**

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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



**Forest Hills Mennonite Church**  
**Winter Bible School**  
**January 2022**

This January we will be organizing three weeks of small groups that will share meals and have guided conversations in people's homes. Staff will organize the groups and they will remain the same for all three weeks. Groups can be held on Sunday or Wednesday evenings the weeks of January 9, 16, and 23. Conversation guides will be tied to the prior Sunday's sermon. If you would like to participate, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or in the basket in the church office

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evening Preference:** Sunday \_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_

**Interest** (check as many as you are willing to do):

**Host:** Have guests in your home and either cook a meal or organize a potluck.  
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Number of guests are you willing to host \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to host guests with children \_\_\_\_\_

**Facilitate discussion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attend as a guest** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of participants from your family unit.

\_\_\_\_ # Adults (including young adults)

\_\_\_\_ # Children (Ages 0 to grade 6)

\_\_\_\_ # Youth (grade 7 to 12)

Please list any dietary restrictions: (Diabetic, celiac, heart, etc.)

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