



# Sing for Joy



CHRISTMAS AT FOREST HILLS

December 19, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude	Sandy Smoker -Organ
Gathering Song: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Worship Book No. 197
Welcome and Passing the Peace	Jon Carlson
Call to Worship and Invocation	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	

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

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Song: <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Worship Book No. 191
Special Music: <i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	Handbell Ensemble
Children's Time	Janette Lile
Offering Prayer	
Sung Offertory: <i>Oh How Joyfully</i>	Worship Book No. 209
Special Music: <i>Ding Dong Merrily on High</i>	
<i>Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?</i>	Sheila Snyder-Percussion
<i>Welcome to Our World</i>	Sandy Smoker-Piano, Becky Degan-Director
Song: <i>What Child is This</i>	Worship Book No. 215

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

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Scripture: Luke 1:39-56	Jerry Lile
Song: <i>O Holy Night</i>	Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman
Sermon: <i>Chains Shall He Break</i>	
Response Song: <i>Helpless and Hungry</i>	Grace Notes No. 26

## 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:

- ☆ Jay Groff recovering from a broken hip.
- ☆ Those experiencing on-going health concerns and for their caretakers.
- ☆ Those experiencing challenging and broken relationships.
- ☆ Individuals and families traveling and gathering for Christmas celebrations.

**Jay Groff** fell and broke his hip last Friday. He had surgery on Saturday at Lancaster General and returned to Landis Homes, Ephrata House, for recovery.

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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:



**If you would like to host or attend** our Winter Bible School sessions in January, please fill out the bulletin insert or use this link to fill out the online response form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/70ELXYj6vJ>.

**The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster invites** children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12 to join their spring 2022 semester. They offer auditioned choirs for singers in grades 2-12 and non-auditioned classes for singers in grades 2-8. Each semester, singers learn music from around the world and across time. Their mission is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. To learn more, visit [www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org](http://www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org).

**Oranges will be given out** to everyone at the close of today's service. Thank you to Willie Hurst for keeping alive a tradition started long ago by Harold Rohrer, deceased husband of Erma Rohrer Mast.

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

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**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. MCC has been providing relief following a large earthquake there last summer. Please make checks payable to Forest Hills. Following the service we will have cookies, punch, tea, and coffee.

**Households attending** the Christmas Eve Service are asked to bring a small plate of cookies to share for the fellowship time that will follow the service. If possible, please bring your cookies to the church by Thursday, December 23, and label them for Christmas Eve.

**"We Thank God** for the on-going faithful generosity of this congregation! Your giving supports important ministries such as missions and outreach, church and conference-wide initiatives, and our own worship and education programs. It also helps pay for the costs of maintaining our facility. At the present time, our giving for the 2021-22 fiscal year is 9% behind budget. We need \$40,389 in the next two weeks to bring our giving up to budget by year-end. Expenses have been running close to budget. Please prayerfully consider what you might give between now and year-end. If you wish to have your contributions recorded in 2021 for tax purposes, they will need to be in the church office or post-marked by December 31, 2021."  
– Sam Clement, Treasurer

**The December edition of *On the Level* is now available** from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue, MDS responds to the deadly tornadoes in the Midwest and parts of the South, and MDS Canada needs volunteers to help survivors recover from extensive flooding in British Columbia. Visit their website to read more: <https://conta.cc/3GORUmS>.

**Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture** program will have a hands-on learning experience next summer that explores the history of civil rights and other justice issues. All are welcome: youth groups, mentor/mentee pairs, or grandparents with their grandchildren. Locations include Hopi Land, a borderlands learning-tour, and a learning-tour to Civil Rights locations in the American south, as well as potential international locations. Contact Eric Frey Martin at [EricFM@MMNWorld.net](mailto:EricFM@MMNWorld.net) for more information.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

☆ **Sunday, December 26 & January 2** - No Sunday School.

## UPCOMING MYF EVENTS

☆ **January 2** - Grub and Grog.

☆ **January 9** - Tacos and games at the Clappers' house.

☆ **January 14 -15** - Lock-in at church.

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

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- ☆ Head Usher: Ron Weaver
- ☆ Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ☆ Greeters: Pat & Randy Ranck
- ☆ Befrienders: Linda & Warren Tyson
- ☆ 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).
- ☆ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Christmas party.

## T H I S   W E E K

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- ☆ Friday, 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve service.

## N E X T   S U N D A Y

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- ☆ No scheduled Sunday School.
- ☆ Pastor Jon will preach.

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### WEEKLY REPORT (12/12):

General Fund \$17,358

YTD Income: \$165,490; YTD Budget \$181,658 (-9%)

**Attendance : 180**

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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 have 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)

**I would like to attend but need transportation** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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