



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 2, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have heard on High*

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Jon Carlson

Call to Worship and Invocation

C O N N E C T I N G

Song: *Morning Star, O Cheering Sight*

Worship Book No. 214

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Handbells

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

R E F L E C T I N G

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

Grace Notes No. 10

Scripture:

Looking Back Sharing

Holly Donovan, Herb Hoover

Response Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Worship Book No. 327

S E N D I N G

Congregational Sharing

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:

- ☆ Milt Stoltzfus recovering from wrist surgery.
- ☆ Dan and Mabel Stoltzfus supporting their son who is having significant health issues.
- ☆ Those who are experiencing memory loss and their care providers.
- ☆ For renewal in our faith.

Congratulations to Paul and Karen Eckert on the birth of their first great-grandchild. Andrew and Jenny Burkholder had a boy, Clark James, on November 30. The family lives in Lancaster.

"Thank you for the prayers and Get Well and Christmas cards. Please pray for our son, Dennis, who because of a tumor on his spine is not able to walk. He had surgery and will have physical therapy with hopes of improving his mobility." - Dan and Mabel Stoltzfus

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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 all for your generous end of year contributions! God has continued to provide for our congregation, and we are beginning the new year in a strong financial position. Your ongoing faithful generosity will allow us to continue to support the important ministries of our congregation, conference, and denomination. At the present time, our giving for the 2021-22 fiscal year has caught up to our budgeted goal. May we continue to be a blessing to each other in the coming year!" - Sam Clement, Treasurer

Forest Hills received letters of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent gift of \$3,916 and from Frederick Living for our recent Flex Fund donation of \$1,000.

If you would like to host or attend one of our Winter Bible School groups in January, please fill out a form in the church office or use this link to fill out the online response form before January 3: <https://forms.office.com/r/70ELXYj6vj>.

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Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Are you interested in exploring this question further? Forest Hills is inviting people to wrestle with who Jesus was and what it might mean to follow him. This group will be for people in their twenties through forties, married and single. The group starts on Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. We envision this as an opportunity to ask questions, share honestly, and build relationships with others. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Nina Harnish (nharnish@foresthillschurch.org) or Jon Carlson (jcarlson@foresthillschurch.org).

Thank you for your generosity towards our Christmas Eve giving project. The total amount brought in for Mennonite Central Committee Haiti relief was \$3,229.

Tuition grants are available from the Student Financial Aid Fund for the school year beginning Fall 2022. Grants are available to Forest Hills Mennonite Church members or their dependents who are planning to enroll as full-time students at an eligible institution – Bethel College, Bluffton College, Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, Hesston College, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, or Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The grant amount for the academic year 2022-23 will be \$1,550 per student per semester. Applications can be requested from a committee member – Nina Harnish, Janette Lile, Andrew Bodden, or Craig Harnish – and should be submitted to Craig at ninacraig@comcast.net by February 15.

From Mennonite Church USA:

In his blog, *Transformation Through Proximity*, Thomas Dunn, one of the newest Mennonite Church USA Executive Board members, reflects on how he has been transformed by the relationships he has built. Read his story on the website: www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/proximity.

If you or someone you know is looking for a way to live out God’s call to service, drop in on Mennonite Mission Network on January 18, at 7 p.m. to talk with directors and learn all about service opportunities - U.S. and international, for the young and not-as-young. Contact EricFM@MMNWorld.net for the Zoom invitation.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS

- ☆ **January 9** - Tacos and games at the Clappers’ house.
- ☆ **January 14-15** - Lock-in at church.
- ☆ **January 23** - Bible study.
- ☆ **January 30** - Skyzone.

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

- ☆ Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- ☆ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Jim Shannon, Dana Shannon
- ☆ Greeters: Louetta Hurst, Paul Hurst
- ☆ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Ruth Ann Martin
- ☆ Coffee Fellowship: Bonnie & Denny Sharp

T O D A Y

- ☆ No scheduled Sunday School.
- ☆ 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.
- ☆ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Evening activity cancelled.

T H I S W E E K

- ☆ Monday, 7 p.m. - Church council meeting.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ☆ Jon Carlson will preach.
- ☆ MYF - Tacos and games at the Clappers' house.

WEEKLY REPORT (12/26):

General Fund \$28,397

YTD Income: \$222,084; YTD Budget \$205,879 (+8%)

Attendance : 136

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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