



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

February 13, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/Blessing and Honor*

Worship Book No. 37/Grace Notes No. 34

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Opening

Craig Harnish

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing

Holy is the Lord (We Stand and Lift Up Our Hands)

Grace Notes No. 65

Lord, I Need You

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Worship Book No. 575

Children's Time

Becky Degan

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Sermon

Pastor Karl McKinney

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:

- ☆ Ruth Hooper receiving physical therapy and adjusting to a new home.
- ☆ Joyce Peifer recovering from surgery.
- ☆ Dale Gamber exploring treatment options for his lung cancer.
- ☆ Those grieving the loss of a spouse, family member, or friend.
- ☆ Gratitude for the members of church council and elders for the leadership and discernment they provide to our congregation.
- ☆ Gene and Doris Kreider as Gene is receiving hospice care.

Ruth Hooper has temporarily moved to Fairmount Homes to receive physical therapy in hopes of returning to her home.

Joyce Peifer had surgery last Friday and is recovering at home.

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. We hope that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us today and will find yourself renewed and challenged in your journey with God. Let us know you're here by scanning the QR code and filling out the online Visitor Form:



Today we welcome Karl McKinney to our pulpit. Karl is the Intercultural Leadership Minister for Lancaster Mennonite Conference. His role focuses on how followers of Christ can be in the pursuit of justice. He also helps leaders throughout LMC increase their skills to build intercultural relationships.

On Sunday, February 27, in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour, there will be further explanation and opportunity for congregational conversation and questions about the [proposed](#) Mennonite Church USA resolutions and statements. We had 55 congregants fill out our online survey about the proposed MCUSA resolutions and statements, but we welcome more responses: <https://fhmc.church/mcusa>.

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A Bridge of Hope support group is forming. If you would like to be part of a team to support a single mom and her family moving out of homelessness and into long-term stability, this is an opportunity for you. To express your interest or get answers to your questions, please contact Norma Stauffer.

The Agape Sunday school class will be using Mennonite Central Committee's *Peaceful Practices* curriculum for study and discussion in March, April, and May. Any adults who would like to join them on Sunday mornings for this topic are welcome to attend.

It is time to update our subscription list for *Anabaptist World*, a monthly Mennonite periodical. If you are actively involved in our congregational life and wish to subscribe to this magazine, we will be happy to include your name on the subscription list. Forest Hills is asking subscribers to pay a discounted rate of \$20 to join our group subscription. Renewal forms are located by the mailboxes and can be completed and put in the wooden box there or mailed to the church office along with your payment by Sunday, February 20. Checks should be made payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church and earmarked for *Anabaptist World*.

Forest Hills will have a Heartsaver CPR AED training from PA College of Health Sciences on Thursday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. This 2.5-hour training is open to church volunteers who need CPR renewal or new certifications. Please let Lauren Krady in the church office know if you would like to attend by Tuesday, March 1.

"Your love and care for Arlene Leatherman during her nine years in healthcare is remembered with much joy and appreciation. Thank You! And since her passing Jan. 21, thank you for the meaningful ways you have expressed your love and support for me. God bless you all." - Clara Landis

The winter issue of *Currents* is now available from Atlantic Coast Conference. This issue includes an article written by our international volunteer, Alex Kachkovskiy. You can read the issue online at www.acc-conf.link/Winter22 or find a printed version in the church library. Congregants can also share any photos, stories, or other content ideas for the Spring 2022 issue with currents@atlanticcoastconference.net by March 3.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ☆ **February 27** - Sunday School hour discussion in the fellowship hall about upcoming MCUSA delegate session issues.
- ☆ **March 20** - Jr. Youth Pinewood Derby and fundraiser meal.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ☆ **February 20** - Girls' and guys' night.

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, Dan Baker, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ☆ Greeter: Yvonne & Vernon Kauffman
- ☆ Befrienders: Donna & Cal Roggie
- ☆ Coffee Fellowship: Bonnie & Denny Sharp

T O D A Y

- ☆ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages. (No MYF class today.)
- ☆ 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) Skiing and tubing all day.

T H I S W E E K

- ☆ Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ) for PreK - Grade 5 children.
- ☆ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8).

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ☆ Jon Carlson will preach on *Critical*, based on Ephesians 2:11-22.
- ☆ MYF Girls' / Guys' night.

WEEKLY REPORT (2/6)

General Fund \$7,580

YTD Income: \$311,764; YTD Budget \$278,543 (+12%)

Attendance : 150

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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

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 7, 2022

MC USA Resolutions: The Elders joined Council for a discussion of issues proposed for review and/or approval at the May Special Delegate Assembly. These include a resolution to amend MC USA membership guidelines, a decision regarding whether or not to vote on a proposed resolution for repentance and transformation submitted by the LGBTQIA community, an accessibility resolution, and a proposal for members – congregations and conferences – to address the injustice within the current US criminal justice system. In addition to feedback from the Elders, each Council member was asked to respond to these proposals. Feedback from the congregational survey was also reviewed; 55 Forest Hills congregants responded to Council’s online survey, and many provided additional comments or questions. Several dominant themes and questions emerged and will be part of the congregational discussion on February 27.

– Leadership Reports:

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon is preaching a series on how we approach, read, interpret and apply Scripture; began planning for the congregational process for reviewing MC USA resolutions; participated in a memorial service; working with Alex to review his internship to date and plan ahead for the second half of his term. New initiatives include preparing a sermon series on Scripture, reconciliation, and justice for February and a Lenten series focused on the Psalms and human emotions.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky led KFC that re-started the beginning of February with 16 kids participating. New initiatives include planning for a Lenten series on the Psalms; planning for Passing the Book with six 2nd graders receiving Bibles; and adjusting to decreasing worship leader volunteers and staff taking more responsibility in this role. (She has about one volunteer per month, and Nina is leading worship on most of the other Sundays.)

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina stayed connected with individuals experiencing health or personal crises; delivered almost 50 care bags to seniors in January with help from the Care Team; delivered meals of appreciation for nurses and doctors in our congregation who provide direct care; was involved in a viewing, memorial service and meal planning for a memorial service; and had increased worship leading responsibilities. Current initiatives include a Mennonite Central Committee hygiene kit service project for women and providing shared leadership for new young adult Sunday School class.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director – Becky reported that Junior Youth had a joint event with the MYF at Sky Zone, and Junior Youth also assembled the care bags for seniors. She held an MYF Council meeting to plan for the next three months; and began a Sunday School series on the basic tenets of faith. Young adults were invited to participate in MYF Sunday School over their Christmas break. Junior Youth has scheduled its annual Pinewood Derby for March 20. MYF is evaluating interest in starting a new baptism class, and a 4-year plan is being developed for MYF Sunday School to ensure critical content and topics are covered.

Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission – Andrew shared that at a recent Mission and Service Commission meeting, the Hospitality Advocate reported that it's been a challenge to find Greeters, and the Local Outreach and Service Advocate will be exploring a variety of NGOs in the community for ideas to involve the church in community outreach. A \$2,000 Flex Fund grant was approved for Shirati KMT Hospital.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – The following projects have been completed: foyer men's restroom mirrors were replaced, and shelves were built in the storage closet to move educational supplies out of the back wing. The Property Committee has chosen M&E Roofing to replace the roof on the sanctuary and Sunday School/garage portions of the building at a cost of \$46,705; this will be funded out of the Future Capital Project Fund.

- **Financial Review and Update:** Treasurer Sam Clement reported that contributions are ahead of budget for the year, and contributions to all outside ministries have been paid in full. Most expenses are trending close to budget. Worship Resources, however, had an increased need for funds due to purchases for a/v equipment. Under-spending in other areas of the budget is expected to compensate for this overage. With lack of fundraising opportunities in the last year or two, there is some concern about future funding for the Student Financial Aid Fund.

Complete meeting minutes are available in the church library.