

ALL THE FEELS

A LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS

Forest Hills Mennonite Church - Lent 2 - March 13, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *The Lord is My Light*

Grace Notes No. 15

Based on Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship and Invocation

Craig Harnish

C O N N E C T I N G

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Grace Notes No. 60

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Everywhere I Go*

Children's Time

Becky Degan

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: *By the Waters of Babylon*

Based on Psalm 137

"By the rivers of Babylon - there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion."

Scripture: Psalm 137

Sermon: *Angry Enough?*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Worship Book No.389

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:

- ❖ Those volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service this coming week.
- ❖ Don Nelson anticipating and recovering from abdominal surgery on Monday.
- ❖ For open hearts and minds during this Lenten season.
- ❖ The people of Ukraine seeking peace and safety.
- ❖ Dale Gamber exploring options for his lung cancer.

Don Nelson will be having surgery on Monday at Lancaster General Hospital and anticipates recovering there for a few days before returning 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:



Forest Hills Ladies are invited to a *Soup and Socks* evening of fellowship on Thursday, March 24, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (this is a change from the time listed on the church calendar). Sign up to bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084dafa92fa2fa7-march>. For any questions contact Nina Harnish.

Lauren Krady will be on vacation Saturday - Tuesday of this week (March 12-16) and will return to the office mid-day on Wednesday. The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

The Junior Youth will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition on Sunday, March 20. Everyone is invited to stay after church for a fundraiser lunch (chili and baked potato bar), hosted by Jr. Youth and the MYF, that will be followed by the derby. Proceeds support our Junior Youth program for 6th - 8th graders as well as our MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) service trip this summer. **There will also be a chili cook-off contest. If you are interested in competing,** send Becky Bathurst an email (bbathurst@foresthillschurch.org) and she will choose five entrants randomly. You will be notified by March 15th if you've been chosen to compete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Lancaster Mennonite School is once again offering a Partner Church Scholarship program for the upcoming 2022/23 school year. Through the program, LMS matches up to \$2,000 per student that Partner Churches sponsor to attend LMS. Forest Hills participates in the program through a designated fund separate from the Church's general fund and budget. Last year Forest Hills sponsored 20 LMS Students helping to make LMS more affordable for 11 Forest Hills families. To donate to the fund, make checks payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church and write LMS Partnership Fund on the memo line. If you have questions about the program or have children enrolled or considering enrollment at LMS, please contact Rod Lefever (rod@thefevers.com or 717-413-4553). The application deadline is April 1.

Mennonite Education Agency of Mennonite Church USA has released its free *Lent at Home* 2022 worship guide and calendar for download. The annual guide provides guided Scripture readings, prayers, and special activities for the Lenten season. You can download it from the MCUSA website: www.mennoniteusa.org/lentathome.

The My Coins Count jug has been placed in the church foyer. This year's donations will support Mennonite Central Committee's food programs. To contribute, place coins and dollars in the jug outside the ushers' room. The money will be delivered to the PA Relief Sale on April 1-2.

There is a box in the lobby to collect donations for health and relief kits to be sent to Ukraine through Mennonite Central Committee. Visit www.mcc.org for list of items needed. Please bring all donations to the church by March 27. Thank you to Nolt Dental Associates for collecting and transporting the donations to MCC.

Church council has discussed the results of the survey that was sent to Forest Hills congregants about the upcoming Mennonite Church USA delegate assembly. The feedback from this survey and from our recent Sunday school discussion will be shared with the delegates representing our congregation. If you have not yet filled out the survey, you can do so here: <https://fhmc.church/mcusa>. Please submit your responses prior to April 4. If you have already filled out the survey and had a significant change of opinion after the Sunday school discussion, please contact Jon Carlson or Jerry Lile to let them know.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ **March 20** - Jr. Youth Pinewood Derby and fundraiser meal.
- ❖ **April 17** - Easter - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, 10:30 a.m. Worship.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ **March 20** - Fundraiser meal after church.
- ❖ **March 25-27** - Spiritual retreat at Camp Eder.

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, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Dylan Jantzen, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeter: Janette & Jerry Lile
- ❖ Befrienders: Kathy Unangst, Marty Peifer
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Leanne Beidler & Kevin Hersh

T O D A Y

- ❖ 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 or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Movie night at church.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday & Tuesday - Church office closed.
- ❖ Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - KfC (Kids for Christ) for PreK - Grade 5 children.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Jr. Youth (Gr. 6-8).
- ❖ Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - Adelpian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Lent 3; Pastor Jon will preach.
- ❖ After the service - Jr. Youth fundraiser lunch and Pinewood Derby.

WEEKLY REPORT (3/6)

General Fund \$16,071

YTD Income: \$354,704; YTD Budget \$326,985 (+9%)

Attendance : 172

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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

March 7, 2022

- **MC USA RESOLUTIONS:** A survey was distributed to the congregation regarding four resolutions proposed for review and/or approval at this year's Assembly. A congregational meeting was held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, February 27, to explain in greater detail what these resolutions will mean to our congregation. Appreciation was expressed for the good explanations and the respectful way people interacted. Council needs to address the next steps and how we can assist our delegates in preparing for this vote.

Several Council members reported that after the meeting numerous persons asked why we still participate in MC USA. It seems there is more loyalty to the Atlantic Coast Conference than to the denomination. The question was raised about the appropriateness of abstaining.

Appointed delegates will be brought into the discussion at the next Council meeting to discern what would be most helpful in preparing them for Assembly. It's difficult to be definitive when the congregation is so divided. Council will give guidance to the delegates but trust them to respond as the Spirit leads when they are asked to vote. Written communication explaining the process, the survey results, and how delegates were chosen will be distributed to the congregation.

- **LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**

Jon Carlson, Lead Pastor – Jon facilitated congregational processing of MC USA resolutions; delivered a sermon series on Scripture, reconciliation, and justice in February; worked with Becky on Lent sermon series focused on the Psalms and human emotion. New initiatives include leading two workshops for AMBS' Pastors and Leaders week. Jon also noted that demands on his time as Moderator-Elect are becoming more intense as the May MC USA Assembly approaches.

Becky Degan, Associate Pastor of Worship and Christian Education – Becky has been writing and coordinating content (calls to worship, prayers, children's time, music, etc.) for our Lenten series on the Psalms and organized Passing the Book for six 2nd-graders.

Looking ahead, Becky has been planning for choir and other group participants in the Easter service; will be writing a column for the Leader magazine twice a year; accepted position as Worship Coordinator for MennoCon23; and is continuing seminary classes.

Nina Harnish, Minister of Care and Visitation – Nina connected with an increasing number of individuals having health or personal crises this past month; started a new Sunday School class; and is supporting two individuals receiving Hospice care and assisting with one funeral. New initiatives include helping a group plan a women's activity for March 24 and preparing input for the MYF Retreat.

Becky Bathurst, Youth and Young Adult Director –MYF spent a day skiing at Blue Mountain and moved items from the music room and education closet to their new spaces upstairs. Junior Youth will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition on March 20; this will include a fundraiser meal co-hosted with the MYF. The MYF Spiritual Retreat is scheduled for March 25-27. Their service week will be a time of partnering with Brooklyn Peace Center in New York City on July 10-16.

Andrew Boddan, Mission and Service Commission – Andrew reported that a Flex Fund request was approved to cover the cost of shipping a collection of the Mennonite Encyclopedia and other resources to the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary. A Mission and Service Investment Fund grant was also approved for the team serving at a Mennonite Disaster Service project in Paradise, California.

Lauren Krady, Property Committee – On behalf of the Property Committee, Lauren reported that a hearing assistance device was purchased for the worship service; work is continuing in the area Atlantic Coast Conference plans to rent for office space (needs to be completed by May 31); and estimates are being gathered for pew recovering and new floor coverings in the sanctuary (to be included in 2022-23 budget).

- **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE:** Treasurer Sam Clement reported that we are in a strong cash position. As of the end of February, contributions are ahead of budget; this can largely be attributed to the adjustments we made to our current year's budget to align it more closely with our giving. Upcoming roof replacement on the sanctuary will be funded out of the Future Capital Projects Fund.