



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 20, 2022

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude	Phyllis Stuckey-Organ
Gathering Song: <i>I Owe the Lord a Morning Song</i>	Worship Book No. 651
	Kit and Dan Baker, Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman - Worship Team
Call to Worship and Invocation	Ruth Ann Martin
Passing the Peace	

C O N N E C T I N G

Congregational Singing	
<i>Lift Your Glad Voices</i>	Worship Book No. 275
<i>All Hail the Power</i>	Worship Book No. 106 and No. 285
<i>Nothing But the Blood/I'll Fly Away</i>	
Offering Prayer	
Offertory	
Children's Time	Nina Harnish and Marlene Kaufman

R E F L E C T I N G

Song: <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Worship Book No. 349
Scripture: Luke 1:11-17	
Sermon: <i>Snapshot – Builders</i>	Jon Carlson
Response Song: <i>When We Walk with the Lord</i>	Worship Book No. 544

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer	
Sung Benediction: <i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	Bulletin Insert
Postlude	

CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- 🔥 Mary Schroeder recuperating from a recent fall and surgery.
- 🔥 Individuals and families traveling and gathering for Thanksgiving celebrations.
- 🔥 Those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, family member or a friend which can be especially challenging during holiday celebrations and traditions.
- 🔥 Phyllis and Dale Gamber and their family mourning the passing of Phyllis' father.
- 🔥 Gratitude for families and individuals who have joined the Forest Hills community over this past year.

Mary Schroeder experienced a fall last Friday and was admitted to Ephrata Community Hospital. She had surgery on Saturday to repair a broken hip and was discharged to her room at Landis Homes, Lancaster House, on Tuesday where she will continue to heal.

We extend our condolences to Phyllis and Dale on the passing of Phyllis' father, Norman Graham, on Wednesday. He was also the grandfather of Dana Shannon and great grandfather of Christian and Kieren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Welcome Guests! We're glad you are with us today. We hope that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us 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:



The bulletin will be published on Wednesday, November 23, this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Any announcements should be sent into the church office by 9 a.m. that day.

The church office will be closed Thursday-Monday, November 24- 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Feel free to reach out to staff via email or cell phone if needed.

On Sunday December 11 and 18, we will be taking pictures for our new church photo directory. Our photographer will be taking family and individual pictures at a backdrop near the kitchen from 9 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. and again after worship until 12:30 p.m. No sign up is needed. If you cannot make either of these dates, you can email the office a recent picture to be included in our upcoming directory.

There will be no Prayer Shawl ministry this month. This group will resume meeting in January.

Our sanctuary was built in 1990 and it is time to refresh our meeting space! Planned updates include recovering the pew cushions, installing new carpet, replacing the wallpaper behind the cross, painting, and expanding our sound booth to better meet our current technical needs, such as livestreaming and projection. Church council and the property committee have approved this project, with an estimated cost of \$90,000 – \$110,000. Some of the Future Capital Project Fund will go toward this project, and Council is hoping to raise \$30,000 to kickstart the renovations. As you consider year-end donations remember this project. If you would like to donate towards it, please mark “sanctuary update” on your check. We also hope to collect sufficient year end contributions to reach our budget goals for the first four months of our church year. We are currently 18% behind. Please consider how you can share generously with our church as we come to year end!

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

For our Christmas Giving Project this year we will again be supporting families in need in the Conestoga Valley School District. We are collecting \$50 gift cards from TARGET or WALMART. Please bring the cards to church by Sunday, November 27. Cards should be placed in the snowman basket by the ushers' room. New rolls of holiday wrapping paper, clear tape, and gift tags are also needed and may be placed in the silver box by the snowman basket. Let's share our abundance with those who are less fortunate. Please contact Kathy Unangst with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

The Conestoga Valley Ministerium Thanksgiving service will be held at Conestoga Church of the Brethren, 141 E Main Street, Leola. The service time is at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening November 20, and all are welcome. Rev. Jon Barrett from Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services will be giving a meditation during the worship service.

All Retirees – those living in retirement communities and those living in their own private homes – are invited to a Christmas luncheon here at the church on Monday, December 12, at 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to attend. To attend, please RSVP to the church office no later than Sunday, December 4. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

This Advent season we will have a Remembrance Tree in the foyer to honor our loved ones who have passed away. Throughout this Advent season you are invited to bring an ornament from home or take an ornament by the tree and personalize it and then hang it on the tree.

Grants are available through our Flex Fund for nonprofit organizations that fits the vision, character, and theology of our church. Priority is given to projects that align with our vision and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. Guidelines and applications are available on the bulletin board near the kitchen or contact the church office. Submit completed applications to Andrew Bodden, Mission and Service Commission Director.

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) invites you to experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through song and scripture at their 2022 Christmas concert series. Several well-loved selections from Handel's *The Messiah* – including a congregational sing-along of the *Hallelujah Chorus* – are interspersed throughout a varied program of familiar favorites, multicultural songs, and bluegrass-infused selections from Tim Sharp's Angel Band. No tickets required. A freewill offering will be received. Aerie Lapp, Collette, Micah, and Ady Carlson from our congregation will be singing in these concerts and they would be glad to see you there!

- Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m., Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster, PA.
- Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA.
- Wednesday, December 7 at 7 p.m., Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA.

The Refugee Education Fund is a special project of Forest Hills designed to make excellent middle and high school education accessible to students who have recently experienced war and conflict. The fund was established in 2016 with commitments through the 2023-24 school year, and is entirely funded by designated gifts, not the general operating budget of the church. Several generous donors have stepped forward with an offer to match every donation made toward this fund between now and the Dec. 31, 2022, up to \$10,000. If you feel inspired to support this work, you can contribute to Forest Hills and designate it on the envelope or on the memo line "Refugee Education Support."

Forest Hills received a letter of thanks for our recent Flex Fund donation of \$1,000 to the Humanitarian Aid Response Teams to go towards the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary as well as a letter from Atlantic Coast Conference for our recent donation of \$11,000.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 🔥 December 11 & 18: Photos will be taken for our 2023 picture directory.
- 🔥 December 12: Retiree luncheon at Forest Hills.
- 🔥 December 24: 7p.m., Christmas Eve Service.
- 🔥 December 25: Worship service at normal 10:30 start time. No Sunday School, kids' church, or staffed nursery.
- 🔥 January 1: No in-person Sunday school or worship service; online only.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- 🔥 December 4: Grog.

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

- ❖ Head Usher: Troy Hurst
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Cheryl & Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Befrienders: Donna & Cal Roggie
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Jeanette & Vernon Rice

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: fhmc.church/youtube or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6:30 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Friendsgiving.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Tuesday – Doris Kreider funeral – 5 p.m. visitation, 6 p.m. service.
- ❖ Thursday – Monday – Church office closed for Thanksgiving.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ 1st Sunday of Advent: Pastor Jon will preach: *The Human One*.

WEEKLY REPORT

11/13 Offering: General Fund \$14,680; Refugee Education \$1,350;
Student Aid Fund \$100

YTD Income \$110,161; YTD Budget \$134,908 (-18%)

Attendance : 167

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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

Kay Hurst, Allon Lefever, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Matthew Degan, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE 620

Habakkuk 2:20

George Frederick Root, d. 1895

The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple, The Lord is in His ho - ly
tem - ple, Let all the earth keep si - lence, Let all the earth keep
si - lence be - fore Him, Keep si - lence, keep si - lence be - fore Him. A - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.