



# Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 27, 2022

## G A T H E R I N G

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Prelude

Gathering Song: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*      Worship Book No. 178  
Sandy and Tim Smoker, Don Nelson-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Nina Harnish

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Passing the Peace

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

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Congregational Singing

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Worship Book No. 172

*What Child is This*

Worship Book No. 215

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Children's Time

Jon Carlson

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

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Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon: *The Human One*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Infant Lowly, Infant Holy*

Worship Book No. 206

## 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:

- ❖ Those living with disabilities whether physical, emotional, or mental.
- ❖ Finding ways to be peacemakers in our relationships.
- ❖ Gratitude for our leaders and teachers of children, youth, and adults.
- ❖ Preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus throughout this Advent season.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

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**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:



Visitor Form

**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 picture directory.

**“It is so good to have** a church family for care and support. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food since my hip surgery. I would appreciate your continued prayer for healing as I need to keep using the walker for five more weeks.” - Becky Siegrist

**This Advent season we 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.

**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.”

**The Mennonite Church USA *Advent at Home*** worship guide is now available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly scriptures, background information, prayers, activities, and rituals around this year's theme from *Leader* magazine, *Restoration is Near*. Look for it on their website: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/advent-at-home/>.

**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 11% behind. Please consider how you can share generously with our church as we come to year end!

**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 is the last Sunday** to bring in gift cards for the CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT. As of November 20, we received 63 cards. Our goal is 84. Gift cards can be placed in the snowman basket by the ushers' room. THANK YOU for your generosity!

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## 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.
- ❖ December 11: Ice skating.
- ❖ December 18: Christmas party.

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

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- ❖ Head Usher: Larry McJunkin
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dan Baker, Dean Jantzen, Dana Shannon, Dylan Jantzen
- ❖ Greeters: Milt Stoltzfus
- ❖ Befrienders: Ruth Ann Martin & Becky Siegrist
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Lisa Spangler, Steve Spangler

## 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: [fhmc.church/youtube](http://fhmc.church/youtube) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite](http://www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite).
- ❖ MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) No event.

## T H I S W E E K

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- ❖ Monday – Church office closed.
- ❖ Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. –
  - KfC (Kids for Christ) for kids in PreK-Grade 5.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Jr. Youth for kids in grades 6-8.

## N E X T S U N D A Y

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- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Pastor Jon will preach: *A Vulnerable Human*.
- ❖ MYF – Grog.

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### WEEKLY REPORT

**11/20 Offering:** General Fund \$20,913; Refugee Education \$300;  
Sanctuary Update \$2,000  
YTD Income \$131,074; YTD Budget \$147,173 (-11%)

**Attendance : 189**

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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