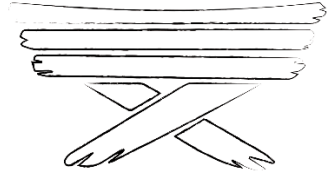


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December 4, 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Worship Book No. 195

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst, Sheila Snyder, Jonny Bishop-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Passing the Peace

C O N N E C T I N G

Song: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Worship Book No. 212

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings*

Children's Time

Becky Degan

Song: *Helpless and Hungry*

Grace Notes No. 26

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18

Sermon: *The Vulnerable One*

Response Song: *Holy Child*

Worship Team

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Worship Book No. 201

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

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

- ❖ The Bridge of Hope family and the Support Team navigating through joys and challenges.
- ❖ Andy and Alice Babikow celebrating the birth of their granddaughter.
- ❖ College students preparing for end of semester projects and finals.
- ❖ Brenda Verghese and her family recovering from various illnesses.
- ❖ Those being treated for cancer including Dale G, Brenda V, and Don B.

Brenda Verghese was discharged from Lancaster General Hospital on Tuesday and due to her family having COVID, she is recovering at a friend's home.

Congratulations to Andy and Alice Babikow on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Louise, born on November 22. She is the daughter of Erika and Joe of North Carolina.

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. Hearing assistance devices are available in the ushers' room near the sanctuary entrance. Let us know you're here by scanning the QR code and filling out the online 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.

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.

Witmer Heights Mennonite Church will hold a Blue Christmas service on Friday, December 16, at 7 p.m. for the community. This service is meant to reach those who have difficulty celebrating during this holiday season due to grief, loss, or other life struggles, and to offer hope, encouragement, and comfort.

It's sign-up time for greeters for January and February 2023. Look for the signup sheet in the lobby before and after church.

Thank you for your generosity! For our Christmas Giving Project we received 87 gift cards, 10 rolls of wrapping paper, 20 rolls of tape, and over 300 gift tags! Thank you to all who donated to the project!

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.

Mennonite Central Committee in partnership with Church World Service is looking for families to be part of a multi-church support team to welcome a large Syrian family to the area including help with local transportation. If interested, please contact Andrew Bodden boddenandrew@hotmail.com.

Save the date for Saturday March 11, 2023, in the late afternoon and evening for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* This is a fun way to meet new people and spend time with those you already know! More details will follow in the new year.

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. Church council and the property committee have approved this project, with an estimated cost of around \$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 4% behind. Please consider how you can share generously with our church as we come to year end!

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 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

- ❖ Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Dean Jantzen, Rod Lefever, Dana Shannon, Joseph Bodden, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: Doris & Clair Sauder
- ❖ Befrienders: Donna & Cal Roggie
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Norma & Bruce Stauffer

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfmc) or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6:30 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Grog.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. –
 - KfC (Kids for Christ) for kids in PreK-Grade 5.
 - Parent group with Nina Harnish.
- ❖ Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Jr. Youth for kids in grades 6-8.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Photos taken for church picture directory, see announcement for times.
- ❖ 3rd Sunday of Advent: Pastor Jon will preach: *A Broken Human*.
- ❖ MYF – Ice Skating at Park City.

WEEKLY REPORT

11/27 Offering: General Fund \$21,911; Refugee Education \$300;
Sanctuary Update \$2,000
YTD Income \$152,985; YTD Budget \$159,437 (-4%)

Attendance : 141

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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