



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 19, 2017

Called to be followers of Jesus Christ,
Forest Hills Mennonite Church desires to be a
welcoming community of grace, love, joy and
peace, so that through the power of the
Holy Spirit, God's reconciling love will flow
through us in healing and hope to all people.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Hour

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song: *God of our strength/ Awesome God*

Becky Degan, Norma Stauffer, Willie Hurst-Leaders

Call to Worship

Allon Lefever

Invocation

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing Becky Degan-Piano, Dean Jantzen-Guitar
Dan Nagy-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

I will come to you in the silence

Mighty to save

We are one in the Spirit

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

Offering

Proclaiming

Song: *I am thine, O Lord*

Worship Book No. 505

Scripture: James 4

Sermon: *Outlier: Humble club*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *God is here among us*

Worship Book No. 16

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude with quiet reflection time before dismissal

Coffee Fellowship: Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation following today's worship service.

Welcome Guests! We trust 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. So that we might record your attendance, please complete a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Feel free to join us for Coffee Fellowship after the service, and please do come back and worship with us again.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miriam Umble and Ann and Byron Zimmerman on the birth of a shared great-grandson, Paul Byron Smucker, born last Sunday, November 12, to Kate and Hans Smucker. The Smucker family resides in New York City.

THE BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED on Wednesday of this coming week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All announcements will need to be in the church office by early **Wednesday** morning, November 22, in order to be included in the November 26 bulletin.

THE LEOLA MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) group has extended an invitation for everyone to join them for a Christmas Cookie Concert featuring the talented Spare Parts men's quartet on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. (Daryl Eshleman is one of the vocalists in this quartet.) The evening will include an opportunity to purchase homemade Christmas cookies, frozen cookie dough, and cookie mixes with proceeds supporting the MOMS ministry. Join the MOMS for an enjoyable evening of beautiful Christmas music and light refreshments!

THE DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE has an open position. This Committee attempts to match the gifts and talents of individuals in the congregation with open positions on various commissions and committees. If you are interested in serving on this committee or have someone you would like to nominate to fill this role, please contact Ryan Nolt, Discernment Committee Chair. Remember, you matter, and you are what makes Forest Hills a wonderful place to worship!

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 21, so that they can be included on the December church calendar.

AS THE JOYS AND CARES AND CONCERNS of our congregation come to mind, please lift them to the Lord in prayer. Pray specifically for the activities that are happening at our church this week and for the work of the broader church agencies and ministries. Pray also for the following:

- Ruth Stoltzfus dealing with a health issue with her leg.
- Harry Bressler, Sandy Rock's father and Becky Degan's grandfather, dealing with stomach cancer.
- Those who struggle with unspoken personal cares and concerns.
- Families traveling and gathering for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Those who grieve the loss of relationships and the physical loss of loved ones during this holiday season.
- Church staff balancing many tasks and working to serve the congregation.

CHURCH COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED the formation of an exploratory committee to gather information on installing a children's playground area – product details, costs, location, installation, liability, etc. – on our property. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact Janette Lile at your earliest convenience.

FLEX FUNDS are available for special projects and financial assistance requests that arise during the church year. Priority is given to projects that fit the vision, character and theology of our church and those in which Forest Hills people are involved. If you would like to apply for a grant for a ministry that you are involved in, contact the church office for Flex Fund guidelines and an application. Submit completed applications to Tom Verghese, Mission and Service Commission Director.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE has an urgent need for a Canner Operator (service worker). This person will travel with the mobile cannery and needs to have CDL truck driving eligibility. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada canning meat which is then sent around the world. For more information or to submit an application, call 717-859-1151 and ask for the HR Department.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE will once again have a Quilter's Attic at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on April 6-7, 2018. If you have quilt supplies or used, unused, or unfinished quilts in your linen closet that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the Quilter's Attic. Old and damaged quilts, other linens, quilt books, patterns, and magazines, notions, and fabric will also be accepted. Donations, clearly marked for Quilter's Attic, may be taken to the New Holland Re-uzit Shop at any time. Further information, including a detailed list of accepted items, is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 🌸 Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. – MOMS Christmas Cookie Concert, a fundraiser featuring the Spare Parts Quartet.
- 🌸 Monday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. – Forest Hills Seniors Christmas Lunch.
- 🌸 Sunday, December 17, 10 a.m. – Christmas Celebration Sunday.
- 🌸 Sunday, December 24, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. – Worship; 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service.
- 🌸 Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 – 6 p.m. Shared Supper; 7 p.m. – Winter Bible School for all ages.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- 🌸 Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 🌸 Today, 6-8 p.m. – Girls and Guys Night with the Hersheys; bring a snack to share and any unpaid \$50 service trip deposits.
- 🌸 Wednesday, November 29, 7-8:30 p.m. – Night of worship with other area youth at Carpenter Community Church, Brownstown.



MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER will present their Christmas concert series at 7 p.m., on Thursday, November 30, at Neffsville Mennonite Church; at 4 p.m., on Saturday, December 2, at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster; and at 4 p.m., on Sunday, December 3, at Highland Presbyterian Church. A freewill offering will be received.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE's annual Voices of Hope concert will be held at the Trust Performing Arts Center in Lancaster on Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m. Madeline Bender will once again team up with pianist and emcee Timothy Long, both of whom are amazingly talented opera stars, along with a delightful troupe of young children to bring an unforgettable night of holiday music and laughter. This concert provides an opportunity to support Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family Program, providing life-changing education for children and young adults worldwide. For tickets or more information visit <http://VoicesOfHopeOpera.org>.

THE FRANCONIA-LANCASTER Choral Singers and Orchestra, under the direction of Ralph Alderfer, will present Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* along with selected Christmas carols on Sunday, December 3, at Lititz Church of the Brethren, at 3 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$12 and tickets at the door will cost \$15. Further information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Lee Charles

Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Yvonne Kauffman-Assistant

Befrienders: Anita Beidler, Marty Peifer

Greeters: Ernestine and Keith Lehman

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie

Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Alice Babikow, Joan Krause;

(W) Tracy Esch, Joan Krause

TODAY

🌿 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

🌿 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr.9-12): Guys and Girls Night with the Hersheys.

THIS COMING WEEK

🌿 Tuesday – No MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers) this week.

🌿 Wednesday – No Wednesday Evening Activities this week.

🌿 Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving! Church office will be closed.

NEXT SUNDAY

🌿 Pastor Jon Carlson will conclude a sermon series on the book of James – *Outlier* based on James 5.

REPORT: (11/12) General Fund \$7,947

Sunday School 185; Worship 243

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Jon Carlson - Lead Pastor

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Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders

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