



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

November 26, 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

Call to Worship

Becky Degan, Willie Hurst-Leaders

David Bontrager

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Becky Degan-Piano, Don Nelson-Guitar

Caleb Harnish-Bass, Sheila Snyder- Drums

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time

Offering

Jon Carlson

Proclaiming

Song

Scripture: James 5

Sermon: *Wisdom and its discontents*

Response Song

Jon Carlson

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Sam Spangler who passed away last Saturday, November 18. Sam's parents are Lisa and Steve Spangler, and his siblings are Olivia and Luke Spangler. A private family memorial service was held here at the church yesterday.

JAKE BARE was hospitalized at Lancaster General Hospital for an infection this past week. At bulletin publication time, he remained a patient at LGH.

"THANK YOU so much for all the beautiful birthday cards you sent to me celebrating my 91st birthday. I felt so touched and blessed. May God bless each one of you for your love and kindness." – Miriam Umble

ALL SENIORS – 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 11, at 11:30 a.m. There will be no cost to participate. To attend, please RSVP to the church office no later than next Sunday, December 3. When making your reservation, please indicate any dietary restrictions.

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 acappella 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. If you are unable to attend the concert but would like to support the program by baking cookies to sell, please email Lori at [blessings_51@hotmail.com](mailto: blessings_51@hotmail.com). Also, next Sunday, December 3, there will be a sign-up for pre-ordering cookies and an angel tree for financial donations.

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!

FOREST HILLS has received a letter of thanks from Eastern Mennonite Missions for our recent \$1,000 Flex Fund grant supporting the work of Ryan and Bethany Umble in Cambodia.

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:

- Jake Bare dealing with an infection.
- Ruth Stoltzfus and her family making decisions about treatment options.
- Steve, Lisa, Luke and Olivia grieving the loss of Sam, their son and brother.
- Puerto Rico and other disaster afflicted areas continuing to recover and heal.
- Preparing for the Advent season.

NOTE FROM ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE: "Thank you to all who volunteered last week to pack food parcels at Mennonite Central Committee's Material Resource Center and to those who generously contributed toward the cost of these boxes. We had over 100 volunteers at the three nights of packing and are well on our way toward raising the \$40,000 to cover the cost of all 2,000 boxes. No additional packing nights are being planned currently. However, our hope is to offer several dates for teams made up of members from various ACC congregations to help with Mennonite Disaster Service led rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico. Look for more information on this in the coming months."

EPHRATA RE-UZIT STORE is seeking a part-time volunteer coordinator for approximately 20 hours per week. Office location would be at its South State Street furniture and Booksavers location in Ephrata. The volunteer coordinator assists in recruitment and development of a volunteer team. To request a full job description or apply for the position, contact Lowell Detweiler at 717-733-4934 or agm@reuzit.org. Further information 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
- 🌿 Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. – Night of worship with other area youth at Carpenter Community Church, Brownstown.
- 🌿 Next Sunday, December 3, 6-8 p.m. – Cookie baking at Hursts'. Bring a batch of cookie dough and directions for baking.
- 🌿 Sunday, December 10 – Deliver Christmas cookies to Fairmount Homes.
- 🌿 Sunday, December 17 – Christmas Scavenger Hunt.
- 🌿 Friday-Saturday, December 29-30 – New Year's Lock In.



THE LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS, directed by Jay Risser, will present *This Christmastide* on Saturday, December 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Edward Episcopal Church in Lancaster; on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m., at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Lititz; and on Sunday, December 10, at 3 p.m., at Harvest Bible Church in Lancaster. Herb Hoover is a vocalist in this choir. Advanced tickets for adults are \$10 and \$15 at the door. Ages 18 and under are free. Purchase tickets online at www.LancsterChamberSingers.org. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting candlelight Christmas tours of the historic Hans Herr House on Thursday through Saturday, December 7-9, with starting times at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Learn about the art of weaving by the Native American and Pennsylvania Germans followed by the Christmas story read in German by candlelight. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 7-12. Advance registration is required. To learn more, check out the flyer posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board or visit www.hansherr.org.

WOODCREST RETREAT in Ephrata is hosting *Journey to Bethlehem* on Fridays and Saturdays, December 8 and 9, and December 15 and 16. Arrive between 6-8:30 p.m., on Fridays and 5-8:30 p.m., on Saturdays. Guests will be welcomed by 300 luminaries. The Christmas story will come alive as you travel with the biblical characters to Bethlehem. Meet the shepherds around a campfire and experience the wonder of finding baby Jesus in the manger. Immerse your family in the wonder of Christmas. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-16 with a \$40 immediate family maximum. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Marlin Miller
Sound Technicians: Alden Southwick, Yvonne Kauffman-Assistant
Befrienders: Irene and Andrew Ebersole
Greeters: Linda and Warren Tyson
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Jeanette and Vernon Rice
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Liz Clapper, Beth Schnabel
(W) Liz Clapper, Joanne Martin

THIS COMING WEEK

- 🌿 Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Garden Spot Village Senior Lunch.
- 🌿 Monday, 7 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- 🌿 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): Christmas Wreath and Card Making.
- 🌿 Wednesday, 7-8:15 p.m. ~WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES
All are welcome. Childcare provided for children up through Pre-K.
 - KfC (Kids for Christ, Gr. K-5): *A miraculous catch of fish.*
 - Junior Youth (Gr. 6-8): *Taking what you want.*
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal.
 - Adult Men's and Women's Bible Study.
- 🌿 Saturday, 5-8 p.m. – Rest for the Weary Class Potluck /Game Night.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 🌿 1st Sunday of Advent: Jon Carlson will be preaching on *[Don't] let it be* based on Luke 1:26-38.
- 🌿 Blood Pressure Screenings in Adelpian Room #17 after the service.
- 🌿 Noon – Grounded Class Lunch at Stuckeys'.
- 🌿 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Cookie Baking at the Hursts'.

REPORT: (11/19) General Fund \$11,539; Student Aid \$100;
Refugee Education \$300
Sunday School 173; Worship 227

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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
Janette Lile - Director of Community Life
Norma Stauffer - Administrator
Keith Lehman, Ruth Ann Martin, Keith Stuckey - Elders
Louetta Hurst, Joyce Martin, Rose Mosemann,
Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team