



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

January 7, 2018

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 Alex and Thomas Schlosser-Piano

Gathering Song: *God of wonders* Worship Team

Congregational Song: *This is my Father's world*
Worship Book No. 154

Call to Worship and Invocation Jim Fenton

Praising and Adoring

Congregational Singing

Janette Lile, Becky Degan, Tim Smoker, Cal Roggie-Leaders
Sandy Smoker-Piano, Michael Degan-Guitar
Jimmy Kreider-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

*Great are you Lord
Mighty to save
Just as I am*

Offering Our Tithes and Ourselves

Children's Time Jon Carlson

Offertory Alex and Thomas Schlosser-Piano, Erik Schlosser-Guitar

Proclaiming

Song: *Blessed assurance* Worship Book No. 332

Scripture: Genesis 4:17-26

Sermon: *This is our story* Jon Carlson

Response Song

Sending

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

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.

TODAY'S PULPIT FLOWERS have been lovingly placed by the family of Jake Kreider who passed away on December 31, 2016.

AT BULLETIN PUBLICATION TIME, MARTY PEIFER remained a patient at Lancaster General Hospital where he is recovering from heart surgery.

CHERYL WAGNER is recovering from knee surgery that she had in California this past Wednesday. She developed a post-surgery infection and will need to have IV antibiotics treatments for the next six weeks.

DAVID MOSEMANN will be traveling to Kenya with a team of ten students and two professors from Messiah College for a cross-cultural experience that will be both educational and service-oriented. He will be gone from January 5-January 26.

JENNA LILE will be experiencing a cross-cultural semester through Eastern Mennonite University. She will be traveling to Mexico, Guatemala and Cuba to study Spanish while living with a host family. She will be spending more of her time in Guatemala learning about their culture and interacting with the community. Her semester will be from January 11 through April 29.

IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING for our annual Vacation Bible School, and committee members are needed. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Janette Lile. VBS dates will be confirmed after the committee is established.

ONE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED to help with preschool childcare during our Wednesday evening Winter Bible School series in January. Time served could be as a volunteer or paid time. If you are willing to help out one or more evenings, please let Norma Stauffer know ASAP.

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:

- Marty Peifer continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- Cheryl Wagner recovering from knee surgery.
- Ben Schnabel adjusting to a new medication to prevent seizures.
- Ruth Stoltzfus dealing with a slow recovery from foot surgery.
- Erma Mast expecting to have a procedure to reduce facial nerve pain.
- Gene and Doris Kreider dealing with many decisions due to Gene's recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.
- Families mourning the loss of loved ones and missing their presence.
- All students returning to school to begin a new semester of classes.
- Jenna Lile and David Mosemann on cross-cultural study experiences.

"THANK YOU ALL for your generous end of year contributions! God has continued to provide for our congregation. Your ongoing faithful generosity will allow us to continue to support the important ministries of our congregation, conference, and denomination. At the present time, our giving for the 2017-18 fiscal year is current. May we continue to be a blessing to each other in the coming year!" – Sam Clement, Treasurer

START THE NEW YEAR with a thoughtful and convenient plan for your charitable giving. Contributions can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account and transferred into the church's account. This electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write checks, and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will provide the church with consistent income on an uninterrupted basis. Request an enrollment form and a Frequently Asked Questions flyer from Norma Stauffer in the church office.

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL is holding an open house at all five of its campuses on Thursday, January 25, from 6-8:30 p.m. Schools include Lancaster Campus (grades 6-12), New Danville Campus (PreK-5), Locust Grove Campus in Smoketown (PreK-8), Kraybill Campus in Mount Joy (PreK-8), and Hershey Campus in Hummelstown (K-12). More information can be found at www.lancastermennonite.org/flourish.

LOOKING AHEAD

- * Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 – 6 p.m., Shared Supper; 7 p.m., Children's Programming and Winter Bible School for all adults. (See bulletin insert for more details.)
- * Sunday, January 21, Noon – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Fundraiser Lunch.
- * Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.

MYF CORNER – Youth Group, Grades 9-12

- * Today, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.
- * Today, 6-8 p.m. – Girls and Guys Night at Hersheys'; bring a snack to share.
- * Next Sunday, January 14 – Football / Game Night at Yoders'.
- * Sunday, January 21, Noon – Fundraiser Lunch; please sign up to donate supplies.
- * Sunday, February 11 – Babysitting for young families.
- * February 23-25 – Winter Retreat.
- * Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday.
- * Sunday, April 29, Noon – Meal fundraiser and Auction.



LYN CARLSON will be chaperoning a group of Lancaster Mennonite students on a mission trip to France this coming summer. Jon will also be accompanying the team for part of the trip. A fundraiser has been planned at Oregon Dairy on Tuesday, January 23, from 3-8 p.m. Mention LMS and 20% of your bill will be donated to this group. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting its Annual Music Night on Saturday, January 27, at 7 p.m., at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Performers include Ministers of Music, organist Gregory Gehman, the Radiettes, and Lancaster Mennonite School's alumni male ensemble. Tickets are \$22 for individuals, \$15 per person for households of three or more. Register at lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745. Further details are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

**2018 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 10, 2018**

Winter Bible School provides exciting learning opportunities for children and adults plus food for both body and soul.

6-6:30 P.M. – SUPPER

Empanadas
Rice
Beans
Stroopies and Ice Cream



There is no charge for the meal, but donations to cover the costs (\$5/person) will be gratefully accepted.

7 P.M. - ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

- **ADULTS: *Fruit of the poisonous tree: Conversations on race, faith and reconciliation.***
Session One: *The dividing wall of hostility* – Exploring the Biblical witness regarding race and reconciliation led by Jon Carlson.
- **KFC (KIDS FOR CHRIST)** for Boys and Girls in Grades K-5: *Jesus heals a lame man.*
- **JUNIOR YOUTH** for Boys and Girls in Grades 6-8: *The dark side of humor.*
- **NOTE: MYF (Youth Group: Grades 9-12)** is now meeting on Sunday evenings rather than Wednesday evenings.



MEAL RESERVATIONS – Please place this form in the offering plate today or call the church office **before noon on Monday, January 8.**

I/We plan to attend the meal on Wednesday, January 10.

Name(s) _____ # _____

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY HELPERS

Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
Sound Technicians: Bruce Stauffer, Alden Southwick-Assistant
Befrienders: Arleta and Ken Martin
Greeters: Evanna and Dan Hess
Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Donna and Cal Roggie
Nursery (Ages 0-3): (SS) Vanessa Bunting, _____
(W) Vanessa Bunting, Joan Krause

TODAY

- * 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- * Monthly Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings after the service in Adelpian Room #17.
- * 6 p.m. – MYF (Youth Group: Gr. 9-12): Girls and Guys Night at Hersheys'.

THIS COMING WEEK

- * Monday, 7 p.m. – Worship Commission.
- * Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – MOMS (Morning Out for Mothers): *Nourishing your mind and body* led by Elsbeth West.
- * Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Mission and Service Commission.
- * Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Supper; 7 p.m. - Winter Bible School. (Details on bulletin insert.)
- * Friday-Sunday – Rest for the Weary Sunday School Class Retreat.

NEXT SUNDAY

- * Nina Harnish will be delivering the message.
- * Rest for the Weary Class returns home from retreat.

REPORT: (12/31) General Fund \$58,881;
Refugee Education Fund \$500; Student Aid Fund \$100
YTD Giving \$240,684; YTD Budget \$210,583 (+14.3%)
Sunday School 122; Worship 162

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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 Children and Youth Programming
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