

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm  
Tuesday Sewing Circle —8 am  
Shine—UFH—4 pm  
Thursday Women's Bible Studies—9:30 am—E200/Conversation Corner  
Women's Bible Study—E200—7pm  
Sunday Worship—10:15 am —Dock Choir—Meditation—Chris Bencsik

April 20—Mom's Market

May 19— Coffee with the Leadership team for newcomers

June 2—Church picnic

June 10-13—Kidzblast

July 14-18—Vacation Bible School

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*



**Visitors**, feel free to use our nursery.  
Download the free KidCheck app for a secure checkin.

### Today's staff

Infant BFG— Chris & Gayle Bencsik  
Infant Church— Nate & Kelsy Weaver  
2&3 Church—Sophia & Olivia Veltre

### Next week's staff

Infant BFG— Ben & Heidi Yoder  
Infant Church— Paul & Charity Veltre  
2&3 Church—Darren & Jennie Leatherman



## ***Tithes & Offerings***

Last Week's Offering —\$35,948

### Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 181

Worship — 421

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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 7, 2024**

*What's  
Standing in  
Your Way?*

**FROM BONDAGE TO PROMISE**



# Order of Worship

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you by my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

**Prelude**—CR Worship Team

**Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship**—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

**Worship in Song**— Michael and Worship Team

**Congregational Prayer**—Rich and Steve

**Scripture Reading**—Exodus 5:1-9, 5:22-6:8 —Jeff

**Sermon**—"From bondage to Promise"— Scott Kratz

**Testimonies**— Scott R

**Song of Response**—I Speak Jesus

**Sending**—Pastor Earl Anders

*Led by the Holy Spirit, we are an Anabaptist congregation committed to following Jesus in all things, so that God's love flows through us to our community and the world.*



***Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.***

**Romans 12:12**

Pray God's blessings upon...

- the **pastoral search committee**, for powerful unity and oneness in spirit.
- **Pastor Rob, Emilie and Daniel** as they travel to visit Emilie's family in France.
- the **participants and volunteers** who support Celebrate Recovery each week.
- **individuals** struggling with unanswered prayers. Pray for strength and encouragement as they wait for God's timing in answering their prayers.

Student Prayer...

- Praying over our children to have discernment (*James 1:5*)

Pray God's grace, comfort and healing for...

- **Emilie and Daniel Presthus**, as they recover from a car accident yesterday. Daniel appears fine, but Emilie has a concussion and some bruising from the impact.
- **Lois Linsinbigler**, who was hospitalized for an abscess.
- **Jay Landis**, recovering from surgery on his torn quadruplex tendon.

Those enduring long-term suffering

- **Tyler, Sara, and Nolan Bergey**—Propionic acidemia (metabolic disorder)
- **Elizabeth Miller**—Pancreatic cancer
- **Jill Kaercher**—Cancerous tumor
- **Bill Gotwals**— Hospice care

**Offering—Ways to Give**

- \* Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter or exit the auditorium
- \* Online at [franconiamennonite.org](http://franconiamennonite.org) thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code)
- \* **Electronic Funds Transfer**—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- \* Mail to Church Office



**FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care  
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults  
Earl Anders, Interim Pastor

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship  
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries



# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ APRIL 7, 2024 ~


## YTD Finance Report as of March 31, 2024:

**Income:** \$316,260  
**Expenses:** \$370,008  
**(Short)/Over Expenses:** (\$53,748)  
**Budget:** \$389,440



*thank you*

Dear Church,  
I just wanted to "Thank Everyone" for all the prayers, rides, cards, visits, food and phone calls. In Christ **Peter Zimmerli**

 **Join Everence for a Medicare and Social Security seminar on April 15.** Plan to join us Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Souderton Mennonite Church to gain clarity and confidence in retirement. You'll find a comfortable and informative session with the goal to help you take the next clear and confidence steps in retirement. RSVP today or learn more at: [everence.com/Souderton](http://everence.com/Souderton) or call **215-703-0111**.

## Group Activities For Students

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

April 17—Family worship night  
June 10-13—Kidz Blast

**Girls Club Contact:** Jess Landis, [jess.landis17@gmail.com](mailto:jess.landis17@gmail.com)

### Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

April 17—Family worship night  
June 10-13—Kidz Blast

**Boys Club Contact:** Jordan Nyce, [jordannyce@gmail.com](mailto:jordannyce@gmail.com)

### Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

April 17—Family worship night  
April 27—Spruce Lake Work Day

**Jr. High Contact:** Renita Leatherman, [drleath5@verizon.net](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

### Sr. High—9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 21—DEVO night

**Sr. High Contact:** Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25

**\*\*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!\*\***

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm  
April 14—Progressive Dinner  
April 26-28—Spruce Lake Work Weekend

**YA Contact:** Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)

PASTOR SEARCH

### Pastoral Search—Job Posting

Franconia Mennonite Church, a congregation of 450 members in southeastern Pennsylvania, is seeking a pastor who loves teaching the Bible, has strong Biblical convictions, and is committed to proclaiming the Gospel. This full-time pastor will join our existing team of two pastors and two ministry directors and his role will include preaching, equipping and serving the congregation. To express interest or request further information please contact the Pastoral Search Team via email: [pastoral-search-24@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:pastoral-search-24@franconiamennonite.org).



Thank you to everyone that participated in the extra knotting's in the sewing building last month. We completed 46 covers for persons that need warmth and to know that someone is remembering their plight. The comforters go "In the name of Christ" with the hope and prayer that those who receive them will come to know Jesus as their Savior. I spoke with a representative in Ephrata's MCC headquarters and she said most of the comforters are being shipped to Ukraine and Zambia right now. There is a great need for covers in these places, so thanks again to the faithful knotters!



The 2024 fastpitch softball season will begin April 29th. If you or anyone you know has interest in playing or coaching, please see Shane Landis or Derek Cassel.



## Outdoor Mom's Market

Sat April 20th 9 to noon

Rain or Shine

Children's clothes, books, toys and more

Soup and Bake Sale to Benefit



\$10.00 tables available

contact: [Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com](mailto:Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com)



**Baked items needed for the Moms Market**

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

May drop off items Friday or early Saturday morning

Proceeds to benefit Guatemala Mission Network – Estaban Arango



## Family Worship Night

Our second **Family Worship Night** will be Wednesday, April 17th. All families are invited to come and join this time of fellowship and worshipping the Lord together.

Pastor Dimas will be bringing the message and Logan and Tyler Hunsberger will be leading music. All are from Covenant Community Fellowship. We are also inviting families from Covenant to fellowship with us!

Dinner will be served at 6pm—Worship will start at 6:45pm.



Dock Touring Choir will be leading us in a time of worship next Sunday, April 14. "Led with Love"



**Global Disciples Breakfast,**  
Thursday, May 2, 2024  
The Persecuted Church,  
with Brother Tefera from  
Ethiopia

Hear about Global Disciples' mission to the least-reached in some of the most difficult and restricted areas of the world. Although in many places sharing the gospel is becoming more and more dangerous, through business and innovation, the gospel is nonetheless spreading dramatically.

Despite imprisonments and severe opposition, **Brother Tefera** planted 37 fellowships of believers in northern Ethiopia before joining Global Disciples in 2007. He gives oversight to training for all aspects of the Global Disciples Alliance Team.

Franconia Heritage Restaurant, 508 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969-2216

Breakfast from 6am, Program 6:45am – 7:30am



# Mennonite Disaster Service

Kentucky, March 2024

