

Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
 Wednesday Boy's & Girl's clubs—6:30 pm
 Jr High—Bible Study and Fun night —6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting—E203—7 pm
 Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6:00 am
 Sunday Parent—Child Dedication
 Baptism and New Member lunch (following the service)

This week

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2—Fall Congregational Meeting and Fellowship meal
 October 6 —Communion & Foot Washing (World Communion Sunday)
 October 9-30 Wednesday nights Bible Study and Fellowship meals



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



Today's staff

Infant SS —Ruth Detwiler
 Infant plus 2&3 Church— Anthony& Kara Detweiler

Next week's staff

Infant SS —Ben & Heidi Yoder
 Infant Church— Kelsie Landis, Sage & Tanya Frankenfield
 2&3 Church— Alicia Rodgers & Cheryl Shreiner



Tithes + Offerings

Sunday, August 18 Offering —15,049.00
 Sunday, August 25 Offering — 9,143.00

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code below)
- * Electronic Funds Transfer—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office



Sunday, August 18 attendance—Worship—308
 Sunday School—213
 Sunday, August 25 attendance—Worship — 352

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FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH



Sunday September 1, 2024

FOLLOWING
 THE LAMB

Lawsuits - "Do good to all people?"

Order of Worship

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Paul Veltre

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:38-48 — Jean Keener

Sermon—Lawsuits— Do good to all people?—Pastor Earl Anders

Closing Song

Sending

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...

- **Pastor Marc Hershberger's family** (from Grace Mennonite-see newsletter)
- **those considering baptism and church membership class** that begins on September 8th.
- **those** attending the **Sing!** conference in Nashville this week. Pastor Rob and Helen Eastburn will be out of the office until Thursday.

Student Prayer...

- Praying over our children to have good speech (Eph. 5:4)

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

- **Bev Landis** who is recovering at home. Pray for strength so that she can restart the cancer treatments. .
- **Mabel Widrick** who is having cochlear implant surgery on September 5th.
- **Floyd Reinford**, who continues to rehab at home.

Those enduring long-term suffering...

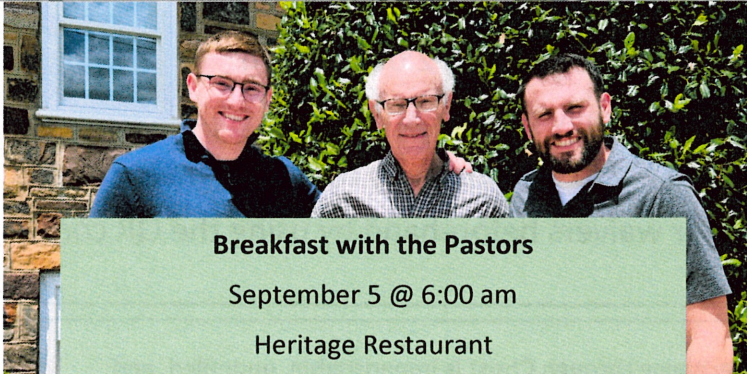
- **Bev Landis**—*Pancreatic cancer*
- **Tyler, Sara, and Nolan Bergey**—*Propionic acidemia (metabolic disorder)*
- **Elizabeth Miller**—*Pancreatic cancer*
- **Dave Cressman**—*Lung cancer*

FMC
LEADERSHIP
TEAM

Earl Anders, Interim Pastor
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

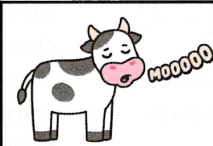
~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 ~



Breakfast with the Pastors
September 5 @ 6:00 am
Heritage Restaurant

Greater Church News/Prayer Request

Please pray for Pastor Marc Hershberger's family (from Grace Mennonite). Last week, Pastor Marc's son-in-law, Josh, fell 35 feet while working on a roof. Josh is on a ventilator and has already undergone surgeries to repair his spine. Josh still has other surgeries down the road. Pastor Marc's daughter, Mia, and Josh were joined together in marriage just 3 short weeks ago. Pastor Kyle is preaching at Grace Mennonite this morning to fill in for Pastor Marc. Please keep this family and the community at Grace Mennonite in your prayers. It will be a long journey ahead.



MOO-ving on UP!

New Children's Sunday School Classes begin Sunday, September 8th.

Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 4—Mini Golf & Ice Cream
Sept 18—Pool Party at Glenn Bergey's

Girl's Club Contact: Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 4—Pool Party at Glenn Bergey's
Sept 18

Boy's Club Contact:

General Info for Children's Ministry, Boy's & Girl's Clubs

Contact: Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

Jr High—6th-8th Grade

Sept 4—Bible Study and Fun Night—6:30-8pm
Sept 18—Bible Study and Fun Night—6:30-8pm
Sept 27-29—Hemlock Springs Retreat

Jr High Contact: Renita Leatherman, drleath5@verizon.net

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

September 8—Scavenger Hunt

Sr High Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



Reminder!

to submit the ballot emailed to church members on Wednesday, August 28, concerning the Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee who has called Anthony Detweiler to the Church Board Vice Chair position and the Church Board who is recommending Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries, for a renewed term of 5 years.



Mennonite Disaster Service

Al Driver and Willow Street Mennonite church along with Mennonite Disaster Service are looking for 4-6 persons to travel to Port Charlotte Florida November 10-16. Please contact Nate Leister @ 267-718-8538



Thank you kids, for your generous offering collected for Liberia school children. We were able to buy 30 pairs of new school shoes for our students that we support.

Young Adult Highlights

Young Adults—Ages 18-25 *INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!*

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



Please return the yard signs you took to promote our Worship in the Park.

Thank you



Fall Family Event

Come out for a fun afternoon on the farm!

Enjoy an obstacle course,
wagon ride, corn maze & more!

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-4:00pm

\$20 per family payable the day of

\$5 extra per a person if you choose to do the silo climbing wall

Please complete your waivers beforehand by using the QR code



Women's Bible Studies

Explore what it looks like to live generously in all aspects of life because of all we've been given in Christ.

- Video study - No homework
- Facilitated by Julie Kratz
- Thursday evenings
Oct 10th-Nov 21st
- 7:00-8:00 pm
- No cost
- Please sign up by **Oct 6th** at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer, or by emailing jskratz@gmail.com



Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In *1 Peter*, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. He shares his concerns on big picture issues for the early church, describes believers' true identity in Christ, and ultimately helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ.

- Video study
- Facilitated by Helen Eastburn
- Thursday mornings
Sept 19th-Nov 21st
- 9:30-11:00 am
- Childcare will be provided
- Books: \$10
- Please sign up by **Sept 8th** at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer, or by emailing heastburn@franconiamennonite.org



LIBERIA EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025 school year

Back to school! Children in Liberia are getting ready to start a new school year in September. Our sponsorship for the 2024/2025 school year includes:

\$18,600 Charles K. Wesley Academy: tuition assistance and teacher/staff salaries

\$10,575 Orphan sponsorship program: tuition, school uniform, and basic school supplies for 35 orphan children

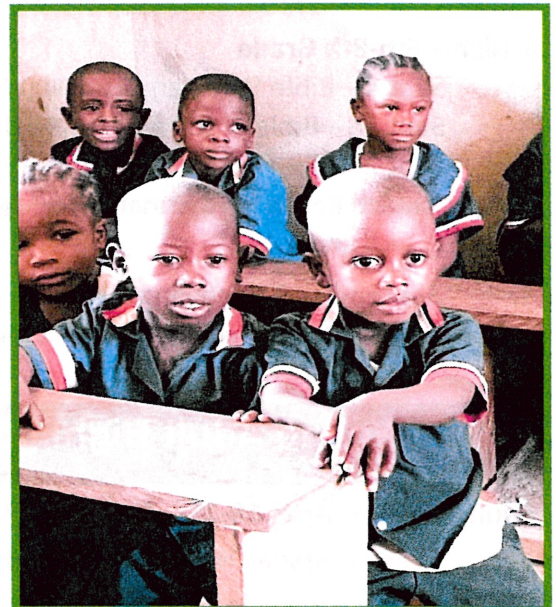
\$29,175 **TOTAL needed to meet our commitment**

\$16,035—amount needed by September 1st

\$8,070—received as of August 27

MANY THANKS to each of you that has faithfully supported this important ministry. Your generosity is changing the lives of children in Liberia!

Gifts can be given through our offering options and marked as designated for the Liberia Education Program.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

There's a place for you. Join one today.

Abundant Life E105—An intergenerational group of singles and couples. The class spends time sharing and praying for one another, followed by a study in the book of Hebrews. **Contact Tricia Bergey:** bergeyfamily@msn.com

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
2 Timothy 3:16

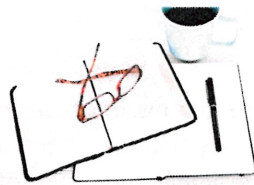
Life's Journey Upper Fellowship Hall—

Couples and singles who gather for fellowship, discussion and Biblical teaching along with topical studies and DVD series.

Contact Paul Veltre: veltapa@centennialisd.org

New Creations E203—A mixed group of married couples and singles, age 40 to 60. Lesson based on David C. Cook Bible Study.

Contact John Weaver: cajofam@comcast.net



Living Stones E100—A class of couples and singles age 60 to 80 years. Lessons based in David C. Cook Bible Study taught by members of the class. **Contact Ron Nice:** nicepa@yahoo.com

Helping Hands A101—A class of couples and singles age 60 to 90. After a bit of singing the class moves into a lesson based in David C. Cook Bible Study. **Contact Randy Derstein:** rdderstein@yahoo.com

God Own's it All—A Biblical View of Personal Finance. This Elective Class begins Sept 8 and meets in A102. In this twelve-week study, we will examine a biblical worldview as it relates to money and how it should be used, assess the relationship between money and contentment, and develop confidence in the use of finances. The objective is to help individuals and couples improve the clarity of their communication regarding finances and demonstrate consistency of behavior that is pleasing to God.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Contact Bronwen Leister:

4kids@franconiamennonite.org

Children age 2 & 3 use Gospel Light curriculum and meet in the nursery area. Children age 4 years to 5th grade use Answers in Genesis. Sunday School time is a fun time to teach children in age-appropriate ways about Jesus and his love. These Biblically based curriculums cover the entire Bible in chronological order teaching children to know, obey and love God's Word.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Contact Kyle Rodgers: krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Junior High: Lower Fellowship Hall E112

For students in grades 6 to 8. A mix of guys and girls that spend time each Sunday building their foundation on Jesus Christ. Teachers for this class are interactive with students, helping them engage in each lesson.

Senior High: Lower Fellowship Hall E111

For students in grades 9 to 12. A mix of guys and girls that spend time each Sunday learning what it means to be grounded in their faith. We have built our foundation on Jesus Christ, so what do we do with it now? Teachers help students engage in the Word and give them a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Young Adults E200

For college-age students through age 25. Guys and girls who spend each Sunday learning what they should be doing with the gifts God has given them. The main focus of Young Adults is to help answer the questions of how to relate to and connect with the church and beyond. How can they use the gifts God has given them to serve Christ, the community, and the world?