

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7pm *This week*
 Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
 Wednesday Congregational meeting—UFH—6:30 pm (No Meal)
 Sunday “Come to the Table” - Pastors Kyle, Rob and Earl
 Fall Communion & Foot Washing

Oct 9 thru Oct 30—Bible Study & Fellowship meal on Wednesday Nights
 Oct 27—Baptism Sunday and Church Membership Sunday

UPCOMING
EVENTS



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



Today's staff
 Infant SS —Becky Derstine & Ruth Detwiler
 Infant Church— Randy & Tammy Landis
 2&3 Church— Kendall & Gail Reinford
 Next week's staff
 Infant SS —John & Ruth Ann Kulp
 Infant Church— Shirley Geiser & Linda Godshall
 2&3 Church— Paul & Charity Veltre



Tithes + Offerings Last Week's Offering —\$50,895

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
- * Mail to Church Office



Last Sunday Attendance
 Sunday School—208
 Worship — 277

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FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday September 29, 2024

**FOLLOWING
THE LAMB**

*“Alcohol-A Most Widely
Used and Abused Drug”*

Order of Worship

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Randy Derstein

Scripture Reading—Romans 13:8-14 — Cathy Derstine

Sermon—"Alcohol—A Most Widely Used and Abused Drug"
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...

- our congregational meeting on Wednesday night at 6:30.
- Bryce and Lakelyn Kauffman who were married last Sunday. May their lives be examples of true love and commitment.

Student Prayer...

- Praying over our children to not have FEAR (Isaiah 41:10)

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

- **Jay Landis and his family** as they mourn the passing of wife and mother Bev.
- **Floyd Reinford** who is now on hospice at Souderton Mennonite Home.
- **Curt Kratz** who is recovering from a blood infection. He hopes to be transferred to Health Care at Dock soon.
- **Missy**, who regularly attends CR and is beginning another round of chemotherapy on October 1.

Those enduring long-term suffering...

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

*Pastor Rob is teaching this weekend at the Jr High Fall Retreat at Hemlock Springs
Pastor Kyle participated in the Bike MS: City to Shore Ride yesterday.*

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 29, 2024 ~

CONGREGATIONAL - MEETING -

October 2nd—6:30 pm



Would you have interest in a service trip to Guatemala to help Esteban Arango, one of our **Partners in Missions**? Pastor Kyle will be leading an information session on Sunday, October 6th, following the morning service to give out information and explore the interest of participation.

**LET'S PRAY
FOR OUR
STUDENTS!**



If you need a little encouragement to send to your Student Prayer Partner, check out the Welcome Table. Create a custom Bible verse Backpack tag to encourage them.

October is Leadership Appreciation Month

The Congregational Life Ministry Team is inviting the congregation to submit personal expressions of appreciation for our Leaders, including, Kyle, Rob, Earl, Bronwen, Helen and Scott. There will be a card box at the Welcome Center or you can give it to the team member directly. Thank you for your Leadership and Faithfulness

October 20th— 6-7 pm
Parking lot by pavilion

**FIRESIDE
Worship**



S'mores and hot drinks provided.

Bring chairs and a snack to share.

Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

October—We Like Sheep practice

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

October—We Like Sheep practice

Boy's Club Contact: Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

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

Contact: Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

Jr High—6th-8th Grade

Sept 27-29—Hemlock Springs Retreat

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

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

September 29—Devo Game Night

October 18—Barn Party

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

Young Adult Highlights

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

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

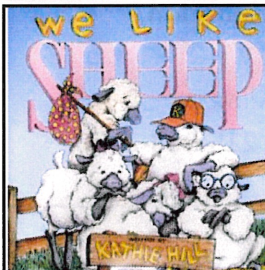
October 27—Mauch Chunk Lake

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Happy Anniversary

Clyde & Doris Hunsberger—October 5—61 years

Merlin & Mary Hartman—October 5—56 years



October Wednesday Nights



All children age 4yrs through 5th grade will be meeting together to practice for the **"We Like Sheep"** musical.

Oct 2 is the kick-off in the Sr High room to watch a video performance. You can begin learning the songs by listening to them on Spotify by using this [link](#) or the QR Code here. CD's are also available.

"We Like Sheep" will be performed on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 9:00am during a combined Sunday School hour.

*The nursery will be staffed during the October Wed Night Bible Studies for children 3 and under.



Children's Ministry will be collecting offering for Liz's Birthday Closet, a non-profit ministry in Souderton. Help us provide birthday toolkits to families in need in our local area. Offerings will be collected in the children's singing room.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Annual Fundraising Dinner

(Brisket & Oyster)

Saturday, October 19, 2024

6:00 pm

Franconia Heritage Banquet
& Conference Center
508 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA

Tickets - \$38 per person

**Together, We Carry on
The Legacy.....**

Join us for this enjoyable evening
that brings us together to support
our shared mission of spreading
God's love and compassion.



DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU

CHICKEN BBQ

Friday, October 11th

4:00 - 7:00 pm



50 E. Paletown Rd, Quakertown

215-536-6970

QuakertownChristian.org

**Bakers
Needed!**



**Outdoor Mom's Market is
looking for items to sell at**

their bake sale on

Sat., October 12.

Email: FranconiaMomsmarket@gmail.com



Call To Make Your Reservation
267-203-8074



**MCC Material
Resource Center**
of Harleysville

www.mcc-harleysville.org



JAARS

LEARN HOW JAARS COVERS
THE LAST MILE OF MISSIONS!

Please remember
to bring your
donated food
items for

JAARS to the CHURCH PAVILION THIS WEDS,
OCT 2. THANK YOU for your support. Here is
how you can participate and PRAY this coming
week.

Thursday Oct 3rd, Banquet, 6pm at the Heritage
Downtown Scoop Fundraiser

11 West Chestnut Street Souderton PA

Friday October 4th 6 to 8pm

Enjoy some IC and support JAARS at the same
time!

Sat 5th and Sun 6th 10am to 6pm Fall Festival
and Helicopter Rides! \$45pp.

Franconia Community Park!

Come early as we sell out quickly.

Monday Oct 7-Helicopter visit and chapel at
Dock High School

We're so thankful for your support and prayers
this year!

Adam and Martha, Cole and Lizzie

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

⇒ Friday October 18, 6PM

⇒ Towamencin Mennonite
Church

⇒ Caz Russell, outdoor enthusiast will share
stories and pictures from a bow hunting trip
for elk in Montana.

⇒ Enjoy good food, fellowship and inspiration.

⇒ Cost \$15.00 per person.

⇒ Register by Monday October 14 online at
towamencinmennonite.org Or call 215-368-2450



SIGN UP TO HELP OUT AT OUR

SEPTEMBER Games



SCAN ME

SEPTEMBER 21
SEPTEMBER 27
SEPTEMBER 28

OCTOBER Games



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OCTOBER 1
OCTOBER 3
OCTOBER 12
OCTOBER 19
OCTOBER 26

NOVEMBER Games



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NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER 9



COME JOIN THE FUN BY BEING A VOLUNTEER!

JOIN THE GRILL Team



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