

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery ~ 7pm

Wednesday—Prayer Group ~ 7pm

Next Sunday – A Special Labor Day Focus. Pastor Josh will preach, featuring testimonies of various frontline workers from within the congregation.



EVENTS

Saturday, September 19—Hope Festival

Saturday, September 26—Simulcast Marriage Seminar

October Bible Study—Philippians 1-4, no meal, held in auditorium

October 17th—MOM's market—to be held outside

Freed Up Financial Living online budgeting class, September 10, 17 and 24. 7-9 pm

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join us for this three-week online class—learn Biblical principles of money management and create a budget you can stick to. Cost is \$25/family for the required workbook. Class size is limited--Register by September 3. Learn more and register at www.everence.com/souderton or 215-703-0111.

Last Week's Attendance:

In Person Worship—225

Online Worship—230

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SPEAK OF THE



DEVIL

**FRANCONIA
MENNONITE
CHURCH**

August 30, 2020
Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

Prelude—Monique Kratz, piano

Welcome—Pastor Kyle

Congregational Singing—Quartet

Congregational Prayer—Paul Veltre

Announcements

Children's Lesson—Louise Halteman

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Mindy Stout

1 Chronicles 21:1-8

Children grades 1st—5th dismissed for special activity

Grades 1st—2nd Connecting Link

Grades 3rd—5th outside Fellowship Hall

2yr-K supervised on playground

Message—Pastor Josh

The Destroyer

Song of Response

Sending

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
AVAILABLE



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 preschool through college students for safety and protection.
- ♦ the Hope Festival team as they prepare for the September 19 Festival.
- ♦ the church as we ask for forgiveness for our human impatience, control, worry and anxiety.
- ♦ parents juggling work, family, and school challenges.
- ♦ our church leadership and committees as they continue to deal with tough issues through uncharted waters.
- ♦ those enduring violence and unrest in Wisconsin.
- ♦ those dealing with wildfires in California and Colorado.
- ♦ persons in Texas and Louisiana effected by the hurricane.

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

- ♦ **David Cressman**, as he recovers from heart catheterization.
- ♦ **Linda Moyer** (Sellersville) whose procedure has been postponed until September 10th; she continues to experience intense pain.
- ♦ **Bob Yothers Sr.** who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- ♦ **Mike Ford** as he recovers from serious injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Cards may be sent to LVH-CC: 1200 S Cedar Crest Blvd.

FMC PASTORAL TEAM

Larry Diener, Pastor of Community Life
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministry
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach & Youth

Scott Kratz, Young Adult Ministry Leader
Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching
Mark Wenger, Pastor of Administration &
Team Leader

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ AUGUST 30, 2020 ~

Church Board

Church Members will be receiving the Congregational Business Meeting packet Sunday August 30th via email.

Spiritual Gift Discernment

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Committee is happy to report that there was "strong affirmation for all nominees" to serve on the Ministry Teams for 2-year terms. SGDC is grateful for those willing to serve and for the positive support from the congregation.

Discipling Highlights

Details of the **Plan for the Fall Indoor Activities** are provided on back this Newsletter or see the church web-site.

Youth Highlights

Boys and Girls Club—Joint event

Wednesday, September 2nd 6:30-8 pm

Field Day / Church ball field

Boys Club—Tuesday, September 8th Disc Golf at Branchwood Park 6-8pm

Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis

traybay1@yahoo.com

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce

jordannyce@gmail.com

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

Wednesday, September 2nd—Fun night

September 11—13 Retreat at Spruce Lake

September 16—Bible Study 6:30—8:00 pm

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman

drleath5@verizon.net

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

September 18th—Devo Game Night

September 27th—Road Rally

October 17th—Sight and Sound

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle

KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

thank you

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for your support over the last few months and in the loss of my brother. And then the stay at home order. I want to thank the pastors and the sound team for all their hard work to make us feel more connected with the church. Thank you care team and everyone for the cards, prayers and phone calls. God Bless Each One! **Nancy Leatherman**

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, and meals during Karen's illness and treatments.

Gideon and Karen Youssef

To our church family....We want to thank you for all the prayers and many cards with caring sympathy, comforting words and shared memories of my dear sister Mary Anne, after her sudden and unexpected passing. Our hearts are broken and need healing so we appreciate your kindness in reaching out and remembering us, Abe, and the Kratz family with your loving ways. God bless you, **Linda and Larry Godshall**

Young Adult Highlights

Growing together in faith, fun & fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 20: Hiking Trip to Delaware Water Gap. Sunday School at the summit. Picnic Lunch. More details to follow.

October 4: Eagles Football Fun Night @ Joel & Renae's House 8:00

October 10: Service Weekend:

Men - Woodcutting at Spruce Lake

Women - Cookie Baking and Packing Care Packages for college friends

October 25 - Bonfire Night

Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz

215-803-2835 / sckratz@yahoo.com

Franconia Mennonite Church

Planning for Fall 2020

August 26, 2020

The Pastoral Team has developed the following plan for expanded in-person gatherings at the meetinghouse. The basic policy for all inside activities is that *non-related persons maintain physical separation of 6 ft or wear a face-covering over nose and mouth.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Continue the current practice – in-person & livestreaming; re-configure available benches for additional seating; prepare for overflow seating in the foyer.

YOUTH – JR & SR HIGH:

Sunday School – 9-10am, beginning Sept. 13

- Meet in the downstairs Jr. and Sr. High rooms.
- Wear masks for arrival & departure; may be removed while seated.
- Seating will be spread out; the Jr. and Sr. High rooms allow for this.

Events

- Jr. High and Sr. High are planning events for the Fall like normal. Some locations have restrictions (numbers, mask, etc). We will abide by the guidelines that locations ask of us.

ADULT BFGS:

One Large-group BFG class – 9-10am, beginning Sept. 13. This proposal is for Q1 (Sept, Oct, Nov), to be reevaluated for Q2 or if conditions change which merit reevaluation.

- Meet in the auditorium with the same precautions as Sunday morning service: physically-distanced seating, face-coverings when coming in, not while seated.
- The class will feature live instruction from an in-person teacher. The specific content is TBD, but it will be a Bible study of some kind.
- Exploring the option of live-streaming the class for those who want to join remotely.

Other options: If a BFG does not want to participate in the large-group option and would prefer meeting with their regular class:

- (a) *Online option.* Classes can continue to meeting via Zoom.
- (b) *UFH option.* Classes can meet in the UFH on a day/time agreed upon by the group (non-Sunday AM).
- (c) *House option.* Classes can meet in homes. Face-coverings and physical distancing recommended.
- (d) *Classroom option.* Classes can meet in regular BFG rooms. Face-coverings and physical distancing required.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: In process...

We are in the process of exploring ways in which we can safely offer children's Sunday school classes again. We have decided to move classrooms around and utilize rooms that have windows we can open. Singing time will be put on hold for the time being. In classrooms we will have hand sanitizer available for use before and after class. We also ask that both teachers and students wear masks since we are not able to practice social distancing. Classroom toys, tables and common areas will be wiped down with Clorox wipes at the end of class. Labeled individual supply bags will be made up for each student's use. Our main obstacle is finding enough teachers to cover our classes. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these new recommendations.

COMMITTEES, CLUBS, AND CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

CR has been meeting in-person since mid-July with basic safety protocols of distance, face-coverings and sanitation. No coffee. Committees and Clubs can gather in the meetinghouse in spaces large enough for physical distance or wearing facecoverings.

NURSERY, CHILD CARE & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Not available at present.