

Monday—NO CR this week
Tuesday and Wednesday—Sewing Circle / signup requested
Next Sunday – New Series begins—Church and Politics



Saturday, September 19—Hope Festival 10 am— 2 pm

Tuesday, September 22—Women's Walk in the Park—7pm

Saturday, September 26—Men's Breakfast 7:30 am

Saturday, September 26—Simulcast Marriage Seminar

Sunday October 4th—Communion

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

MARRIAGE NIGHT

We're excited to host our first *Marriage Night* conference on September 26. Join thousands of couples in churches around the country for a one-

night livestream experience. Laugh and learn with your spouse as you hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God in your marriage. Featured speakers include:

Matt and Lauren Chandler, Conway and Jada Edwards, and Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. Cost is \$30 per couple. More info at MarriageNight.org. To register, visit:

events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/3455

Last Week's Attendance:

In Person Worship—290
Online Worship—184

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# FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

September 6, 2020

Worship 10:15am

# Worship With Ws

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess 1:3

**Prelude**—Paul Piepszowski, organ

Welcome—Pastor Larry

Worship in Song—Alicia Rodgers & Team

**Congregational Prayer**—Pastor Mark

**Announcements** 

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading—Taelyn Landis

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Meditation—Pastor Josh

Essential Workers, Essential Work

Testimonies of God's Grace at work during the Pandemic

Martha Detweiler

Kim Frederick

Kim Meyer

## **Song of Response**

**Sending**—Pastor Kyle



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 church leadership as we reopen Sunday School and BFG hour.
- the Hope Festival team as they prepare for the September 19 Festival.
- persons dealing with fear and anxiety that they may find peace and assurance in our Lord.
- the <u>organizers and attendees</u> of the simulcast Marriage Night on September 26.
- the renewed search for a <u>Director of Music and Worship</u>.

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

- Bob Yothers Sr. who is recovering at home from open heart surgery.
- Arlen Alderfer, whose health continues to decline and is now on Hospice at SMH.
- Linda Moyer (Sellersville) whose procedure is scheduled for Thursday September 10th.
- Gideon & Karen Youssef and family who were in a car accident last Saturday. Karen sustained a broken bone in her hand.

#### **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 ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 ~



From Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee -- The SGDC is recommending that David Mellinger be called to a two-year term as Church Board Vice-Chair. Following this term, David would move to the Chair position and serve for two years. Contact a member of the SGDC with any concerns or affirmations: Kalyn Gouldey, Reenie Hoover, or Mark Wenger. The affirmation ballot will be sent out Sunday, September 13, and will close on Sunday September 20

## **Discipling Highlights**

Restarting Inside Sunday School & BFGs: On Sept 13, adults and youth will begin meeting inside at 9am. Adults will meet in the auditorium; the Jr & Sr High in their youth rooms. The start of children's classes is dependent on having enough teachers. Take a look at the video from the Pastoral Team on the website, that gives an update to the written plan.

## Youth Highlights

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@gamail.com

Jr. High — 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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 — 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

September 18th—Devo Game Night

September 27th—Road Rally

October 17th—Sight and Sound

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle

KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org



## Happy Anniversary!

Sanford & Peggy Kiser ~ 60 years on September 10 ~

## **Outreach Highlights**





#### Hygiene Kits needed for Chosen 300 by September 13th

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Floss

Shampoo

Conditioner

Mouthwash

Lotion

Soap

Wash cloth

Deodorant (Women and Men) should be handed in separately.

Place all items in a clear bag and place them in the box marked "Chosen 300 Hygiene Kit" in the church foyer.

## **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

### Liberia Links #17

## September 6, 2020

## Where Do Things Stand?

## **Completed Projects**

<u>Bibles</u> – Gethsemane Church of Christ - \$6,282 Purchase of English and Bassa Bibles; completed in December, 2017

Facility for Bible Life International Ministries (BLIM) - \$50,000

Purchased in May, 2018 for a school, church, and living quarters

<u>Latrine</u> – Kaymah Town Youth Association - \$10,716

A convenient community latrine; completed in August, 2018

<u>Women's Conferences</u> – Christian Women of Life - \$9,000 Conferences in 2016, 2018, and 2019

School Building – Charles K. Wesley Memorial Academy - \$5,025

This facility for over 300 students has yet to be completed

Job Training for Women – Christian Women of Life - \$17,500

Classes in 1) soap making, 2) cosmetology, 3) tailoring, and 4) pastry

Approximately 25 women per class; completed in January, 2020

Many women are using these skills to help support their families

## **Temporarily On Hold**

<u>Church Building Completion Projects</u> – Bethel and Gethsemane

Two phases completed – \$36,000; need an additional \$16,000 to complete

## **Long-Range Projects**

<u>Christian Education</u> – approximately \$39,000/year

Abundant Life Christian Academy, and Charles K. Wesley Memorial Academy

Now in fourth year of five-year commitment

Full high school education for orphan children with Christian Women of Life 50 children in K2 through Grade 12

#### Coconut Farm

A truck recently purchased at a cost of \$28,000 to transport produce to market Need additional \$17,000 for farm maintenance by February, 2021



