

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7 pm

Tuesday —Women's Walk in the Park—7 pm

Saturday —Men's Breakfast —7:30 am

Saturday—Simulcast Marriage Seminar—6:00-9:45 pm

Next Sunday—New Comers and Guests are invited to coffee with
the Pastoral Team—9:00 to 10:00 am

Next Sunday—Pastor Josh—The Way Forward When We Don't See
Eye-to-Eye

UPcoming EVENTS

Sunday October 4th—Communion

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

October 17th—Mom's Market—9 to noon—Outside

Sunday November 1st—An Evening with Mark Gregston 5-8:30 pm

Sunday November 8th—Child Dedication

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—216

Online Worship—328

Website: FranconiaMennonite.org

Email: Info1@Franconiamennonite.org Phone: 215-723-3220

From the Pastors: When we disagree politically...

Pray for Unity | Love Unconditionally

THE CHURCH AND POLITICS

FRANCONIA
MENNONITE
CHURCH

September 20, 2020

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, revere God, honor the emperor." 1 Peter 1:17

Prelude—Monique Kratz, piano

Welcome—Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship—Scott Kratz & Worship Team

Congregational Prayer—Phil Anders

Announcements

Special Music— Chris Bencsik & Monique Kratz

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading—Rod Hunsberger

1 Peter 2:9-17

Message—Pastor Mark

“The Kingdom of God and the Government”

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...

- ◆ Celebrate Recovery meeting on Monday night.
- ◆ the renewed search for a Director of Music and Worship.
- ◆ our church leadership as they guide persons with differing opinions during this season of conflict.
- ◆ the organizers and attendees of the simulcast Marriage Night on September 26.

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

- ◆ **Doris Diener** who is recovering from a dislocated shoulder.
- ◆ **Linda and Ray Moyer**. Linda had an appendectomy last Saturday, and was discharged from the hospital yesterday. Ray is at home and is very tired and weak.
- ◆ **Henry Bergey** who is at Grand View Hospital with pneumonia and heart failure.
- ◆ Pastor Mark’s father, **Chester Wenger** whose health continues to decline.



Reminder from the Pastoral Team

Please wear a face-covering over nose and mouth when standing or walking inside the meetinghouse. Masks may be removed when seated with family and/or separated from others by 6 feet or more.

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 20, 2020 ~

Outreach Highlights

Liberia



Saturday October 3rd

4:30—6:30 pm

Drive-Thru chicken dinner to benefit the Liberia Coconut Farm Project. By Donation

OUTDOOR Sat Oct 17
9:00 to noon

Children's clothes, books, toys and more
FREE ADMISSION ~ Bake Sale
\$10.00 tables available
contact: Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com
Franconia Mennonite Church

Discipling Highlights

Franconia Mennonite Church
Simulcast Event

September 26th
6:00 - 9:45pm

MARRIAGE NIGHT

ONE NIGHT LIVESTREAM EXPERIENCE
LEARN MORE AT MARRIAGENIGHT.ORG
Registration required (\$15/ticket). Register at FranconiaMennonite.org

Speakers



Matt & Lauren
Chandler



Conway & Jada
Edwards



Les & Leslie
Parrott



Michael Jr.,
Comedian

Spiritual Gift Discernment

The affirmation ballot for David Mellinger as Church Board Vice Chair needs to be returned by the end of Sunday, September 20.

Community Life Highlights

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

Men's Breakfast – All men and teenage sons are welcome to the men's breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 26 @ 7:30 a.m. in the church parking lot – by the maintenance garage. Please bring your own lawn chairs. The Café is preparing breakfast sandwiches and tater tots. Pastor Josh will share on "Men of Faith in Troubled Times."

Youth Highlights

October Wednesday evening Bible Study activities

Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis

traybay1@yahoo.com

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce

jordannyce@gamail.com

Stay tuned for upcoming events

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman

drleath5@verizon.net

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

September 27th—Road Rally

October 17th—Sight and Sound

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle

KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

Young Adult Highlights

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

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



Happy Anniversary!

Dave and Sharon Landis

~ 55 years on September 25 ~

The Kingdom of God and the Government

September 20, 2020

I. Introduction

- A. An imaginary BFG discussion.
- B. My _____ Certificate and my Passport.
- C. So many Questions... So many considerations...

II. Six Truths 1 Peter 2:9-17

1. (In the background) **The proclamation of the gospel by Jesus is the proclamation of a _____.**
1 Peter 1:3,11, 2:4,6; Isaiah 9:1-7; Luke 1:30-33; Mark 1:14-14; Acts 28:30-31
2. **The proclamation of Jesus Christ created a unique and visible community called the _____.** 1 Peter 2:9-10; Acts 2-4.
3. **The Kingdom of God/Heaven, inaugurated by Jesus Christ is _____ than the kingdoms of this world.**
1 Peter 2:11-12; Luke 23:3; John 18:36-37; Romans 10:9-13
4. **All human governance belongs to God and is delegated by God. Followers of Jesus are _____ citizens of government and _____ agents of God.**
1 Peter 2:13-14, 16, Romans 13, Titus 3.
5. **Christians have dual citizenship. Allegiance to Jesus as King take priority over allegiance to one's government and may require _____ to the government.**
1 Peter 2:17; Acts 5:27; 2 Samuel 12,
6. (Future vision) **Human governments are exceedingly imperfect and _____; the perfect government of God is coming into this world and will _____.**
1 Peter 1:3-4; Revelation 11:15; 17; 21:1

III. Show and Tell

1. The People of God – A Nation-State
2. A Colony in Pagan Territory
3. Two Opposites
4. The Opposites Get Married
5. Ambassadors for Christ

IV. Practical Applications

1. Keep our _____ on King Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2
2. Let King Jesus inform our political _____ and convictions.
3. Let us pray about _____.
4. Let us be a "lighted city on a hill" calling governments to live up to the own _____.
5. Let us live boldly, _____ the gospel of Jesus Christ among all people.

V. Conclusion: Story of the Meserete Kristos Church

Micah 6:8 *"God has told you, o mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Matthew 6:10 *"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*