

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7pm

Wednesday—Prayer Meeting—7pm

Next Sunday BFG—Mike Ford's testimony

Next Sunday — Advent Series—SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Advent 2 "Incarnation"—Pastor Kyle Rodgers



EVENTS

Friday, December 18—Live Nativity 6:30—8:30 pm

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service—6:30 pm

From the Leadership Team

The Book of Lamentations is full of tears and complaints; God seems far away and his people feel abandoned. But sprinkled throughout the bleak verses are shining words of thanksgiving and faith. *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* (Lam 3:22-23)

We on the Leadership Team gratefully testify to the enduring truth of these words – God's mercies are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness. We also thank you, brothers and sisters in Christ at Franconia Church, for your partnership in the gospel. Every time we think of you, we give thanks to God!

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG—118

In-Person Worship—136

Online Worship—247

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Sounds of the Season

What do the songs we sing during this season teach us about the key biblical themes of the Christmas story?

Anticipation

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November 29, 2020

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." Isaiah 11:1

Prelude—Paul Piepszowski, Organ

Opening & Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE—Kathy and Mark Wenger

Singing and Worship—Laura and Alana Bergey & Music team

Congregational Prayer—John Weaver

Announcements —Bronwen Leister
Church Board

Children's Lesson

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading— Isaiah 11:1-11—Jerry & Ruthann Nyce

Message—Pastor Josh—Anticipation

Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Song of Response

Closing—Sending

Postlude

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12*

Pray God's blessings upon...

- ◆ healthcare workers in crisis response as communities across the country are affected by the surge in COVID cases.
- ◆ our school students, teachers and parents as they deal with school closures.
- ◆ our senior saints living in isolation and in retirement communities.
- ◆ persons dealing with loneliness and sorrow during the upcoming Christmas season.

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

- **Jean Anders** having shoulder replacement surgery on Tues, Dec 1.
- **Nancy Leatherman**, who has moved from Dock Woods to the personal care unit at Souderton Mennonite Homes, and has tested positive for Covid.
- **The Hunsberger family**. Rod and Lisa Hunsberger's granddaughter Hallie Joy was born prematurely to Jamison and Annie Hunsberger on Tuesday November 24th and passed away. Please pray for God's consolation in this terrible loss.
- **Lorraine Zook** recovering nicely from surgery last week.

NURSERY MINISTRY

The Nursery for two-year-olds and under is open for parents to use at their discretion. At this time there is no staffing for the Nursery, so parents must remain with their children during their time there.



From the Leadership Team

Everyone is required to wear a face-covering over nose & mouth when walking or standing inside the building; masks are encouraged at all times, but may be removed when seated with family and/or separated by 6 feet or more.

FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Larry Diener, Pastor of Community Life
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministry
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach & Youth
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music and Worship

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

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~



"The Church Office is preparing **gift bags** to be personally delivered to those persons we would normally go caroling to. We are looking for volunteers to make 3-5 deliveries of Christmas cheer and goodwill on Sunday December 13. Interested? Contact the Church Office".



Christmas Giving: Please wrap and label your gift with only the person's name and number. Gifts need to be brought to the church by December 6.



Attention Student Prayer Partners: During the holiday season it becomes more difficult for all students to focus not matter where their learning is taking place. For the next 2 weeks our local school system has decided to go virtual. This may be a good time to remind your students that you are praying for them with a little note of encouragement or a treat.

Youth Highlights

Girls Club

December 2nd—Gingerbread Houses

Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis
traybay1@yahoo.com

Boys Club

December 9—Game Night 6:30-8:00 pm

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce
jordannyce@gmail.com

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

December 2—Bible Study—6:30 to 8:00 pm

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

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

December 6th —7 to 8 pm Worship Night

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle
KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

Young Adult Highlights

Stay Tuned

Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz
215-803-2835 / sckratz@yahoo.com

COMING SOON – LIVE NATIVITY – December 18th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.



Volunteers are needed for this outreach event! While we are celebrating the birth of Christ, the real story of Jesus involves violence, betrayal, miracles, and redemption. Is this the story you want our community to know? This is our hope and salvation because God told it through the life, death, and resurrection of His one and only Son, Jesus. **We need to be a light in a hurting world this Christmas season and spread the Good News of the Gospel in our community!**

Rather than distributing Marketing Post Cards this year, in the coming week, an image will be distributed to the congregation that can be uploaded to your social media account as a way to invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

We would love to have everyone in the congregation participate in this outreach event!

Sign-up for the Live Nativity on November 29th, and December 6th, 13th. For more details call Kathie Gray at 215-570-3971, Doug Gray at 215-799-0368, or Kyle Rodgers at 215-723-3220.



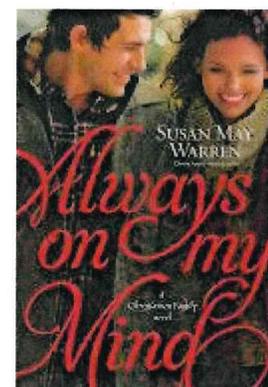
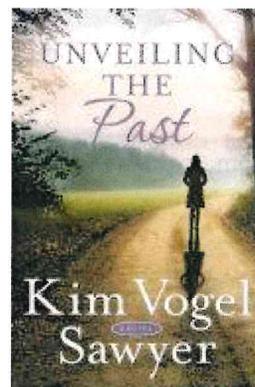
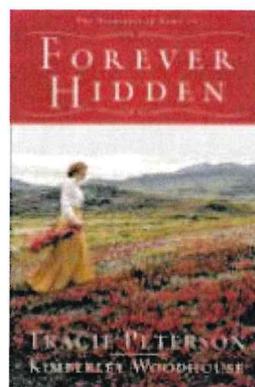
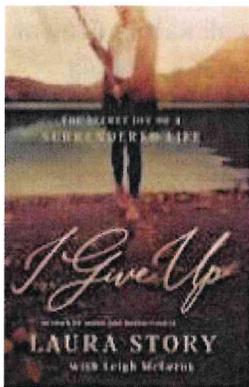
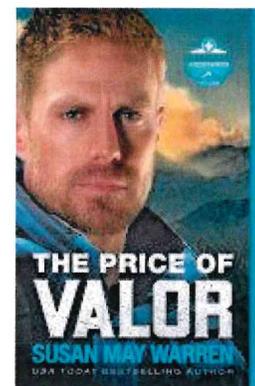
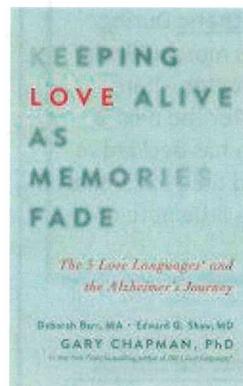
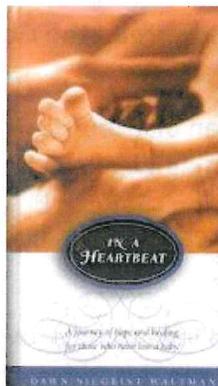
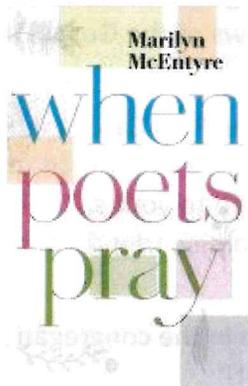
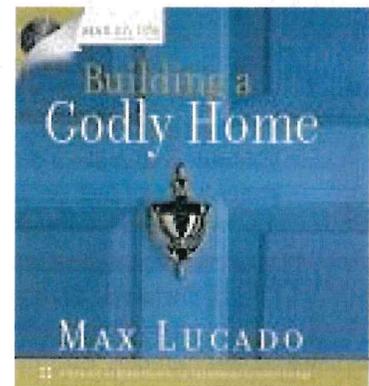
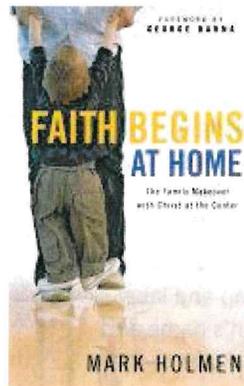
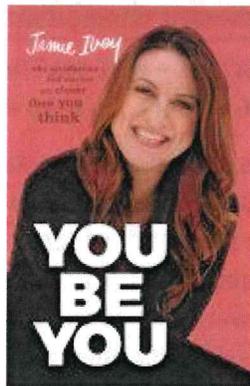
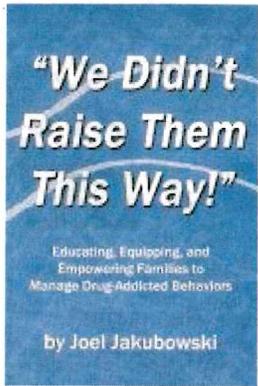
**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Parts of Pennsylvania experienced a drought this summer which left many farmers in counties like Juniata and Perry without corn, silage and hay to feed their animals. Now, through MDS, drought-stricken small farmers are receiving funds or silage that will help them through the winter.

MDS has created a fund to assist with the purchase of silage, shelled corn and hay to support farmers facing drought. The funds will also be used to help pay the trucking costs of transporting silage to those farms in need. If you would like to donate to "PA Drought 2020" and help small farmers in PA please use your blue offering envelopes or send donations to:

MDS P.O. Box 64794 Souderton, PA 18964

New Books available in the Library



New Video purchases

