

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7pm

Tuesday—Chosen 300— meet at the UFH @ 4:30 pm

Friday—NationsWorship “Watch Party” 7:30-9:00 pm

Next Sunday — Mission Sunday — Pastor Aldo Siahaan



EVENTS

Wednesday, November 25—Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 pm

Friday, December 18—Live Nativity

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS—Thanksgiving Eve Service

Join us for an evening of songs and testimonies at 6:30 pm November 25th



Signs of God's Faithfulness, Captured by the Congregation — Do you have photos or paintings to share in the Thanksgiving Eve service, Nov. 25? We are looking for pieces by attenders that represent or point to God's faithfulness. Please limit your submissions to 4 per person and email them by November 20th to peter.brubaker@gmail.com.

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG—197

In Person Worship—290

Online Worship—227

Website: FranconiaMennonite.org

Walk the Walk

Fall Sermon Series

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CHURCH

November 15, 2020

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, will be with us in truth and love” 2 John 3

Prelude—Pastor Larry, piano

Welcome—Pastor Kyle

Singing and Worship—Scott Kratz

Congregational Prayer— Kevin Landis

Announcements—Pastor Mark

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading—Bronwen Leister

2 John

Message—Pastor Josh

Walk the Walk: “Practice the Truth; Protect the Truth”

Song of Response

Benediction



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

Pray God’s blessings upon...

- ◆ Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.
- ◆ persons feeling disconnected during this pandemic.
- ◆ our country as we strive for unity and peace after the recent elections.
- ◆ the persons dealing with Covid 19 as cases in Montgomery County rise.
- ◆ the recipients of the shoeboxes and coats collected.
- ◆ the Leadership Team as they work through difficult decisions.

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

- **Pastor Mark and Kathy** as they recover from Covid 19.
- **Linda Moyer** (Sellersville) who is recovering nicely from back surgery.

ASSISTIVE



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.

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

Practice the Truth, Protect the Truth

2-3 John / November 15, 2020

2 John

PRACTICE THE TRUTH (v4-6)

> Truth is most clearly demonstrated through _____ (v5-6)

> When things are _____,
the light of Christ _____.

Martin Luther King, Jr – “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Madeleine L’Engle – “We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”

PROTECT THE TRUTH (7-11)

> The danger of going _____ (v8)

> The danger of going _____ (v9)

C.S. Lewis – “Progress means getting nearer to the place you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turn, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; and in that case the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man.”

> The danger of going _____ (v10-11)

Practice the Truth, Protect the Truth

2-3 John / November 15, 2020

3 John

GAIUS – a beloved believer (v1-8)

- Spiritual _____ (v1-2)

- Respected _____ (v3-4)

- Practical _____ (v5-8)

DIOTREPES – a selfish believer (v9-10)

- Pride and _____ (v9)

- Malicious _____ (v10)

- Created _____ (v10)

DEMETRIUS – an exemplary believer (v11-12)

- Respected witness from _____ (v12)

- Respected witness from _____ (v12)

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ NOVEMBER 15, 2020 ~



On behalf of Ryan and Amanda Nice and Jamy and Lisa Landis and families serving at Big Sky Bible Camp, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who took part in the bake sale. We were truly blessed by your generosity and continue to praise the Lord for all your thoughtfulness and love!

NATIONS WORSHIP
GLOBAL DISCIPLES
Friday November 20, 7:30 pm "Watch Party" in the church auditorium.
No fee or registration needed.



New or gently used coats for **Chosen 300** can be dropped off in the box outside the church office for distribution by November 17th.



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Thank you
Dear Church Family, Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and phone calls that I received during my recovery from eye surgery.
Paul Piepszowski

Indian Creek FOUNDATION **Christmas Giving: Call the Church Office for your gift tags/requests.** You choose the gift to purchase from the list, or gift cards to Walmart are also appreciated. 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.

Youth Highlights

- Girls Club**
December 2nd—Gingerbread Houses
Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis
traybay1@yahoo.com
- Boys Club**
November 18—Strategic Game Night—Upper Fellowship Hall
Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce
jordannyce@gmail.com
- Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade**
November 18—Bible Study—6:30 to 8:00 pm
Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman
drleath5@verizon.net
- Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade**
November 20 —Devo Game Night—Rodger's House
Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle
KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

Happy Anniversary
Earl and Janis Derstine
November 21st—50 years




Return you packed shoebox to the box outside the church office today, November 15th.



Dear Congregation & Community Life Ministry Team. Thank you for the many kind cards, words and gifts for Pastors Appreciation! We have been warmed by your trust and generosity of spirit. "Every time we think of you, we give thanks to God."
The Pastors and Ministry Directors

Young Adult Highlights

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

 **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 send donations to:
MDS P.O. Box 64794 Souderton, PA 18964

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 22nd, 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.

Fourth Quarter BFG hour schedule for the Auditorium

Optional BFG session / November 29 / Liberia Mission Team

Earlier this year, we sent another mission team to Liberia. The group returned just before the pandemic shutdown, so hasn't yet been able to share with the congregation about their trip. The team will be sharing about their experience during the BFG hour in the auditorium on November 29. All are welcome to join, either in-person or via livestream.

Special testimony time / December 6 / Mike Ford

Mike Ford, a former pastor at Franconia, was recently in a serious, life-threatening motorcycle accident. His life was miraculously spared, and he's now in a long and difficult recovery process. In addition to physical healing, Mike has been learning more about what it means to maintain faith in the midst of suffering, hardship, and loss. He's offered to share with us some of what he's learning about God in the midst of pain and difficulty. We encourage all classes to join in the auditorium for this special time of testimony and sharing. This will serve as the kick-off to our *Connections Class*.

New large-group BFG class option for Quarter 2

For the past 3 months, we've offered a class in the auditorium studying through the book of John together. That will continue for the next two weeks (Nov 15 and Nov 22). Then beginning on Dec 6, we'll switch to a new large-group BFG offering: the *Connections Class*. We ran this *Connections Class* last year and it was extremely meaningful. Each week, you'll hear from a different person or couple from the congregation: their faith story, their testimony, how they've seen and experienced God in their lives. We have a team of interviewers who will facilitate these sessions. Hearing these stories is a great way to get to know one another more deeply and to be inspired by the work of God in the lives of our church family. All are welcome to join, either in-person or via livestream.

Meeting in your regular BFGs

If any classes would like to meet again in your regular BFGs, you have a number of options: (1) Zoom, (2) physically-distanced in the Upper Fellowship Hall (would need to coordinate with church office on times/availability), or (3) in your classrooms with face-coverings. If your group decides to gather again in person, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.