

# This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7 pm

Wednesday—Prayer Meeting E203—7pm

Next Sunday sermon — God's Enduring Love—Pastor Josh Meyer



## EVENTS

Sunday, January 10, 2021—Parent-Child Dedication

Saturday, March 6, 2021—Youth Frolic

### A PASTORAL WORD

At the end of this grinding, contentious, and isolating year, these words of Scripture ring with godly wisdom: *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition -- with thanksgiving -- present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:4-7)*

I have often been reminded this year of how the Israelites were tested in the wilderness. There was lots to complain about. But God always provided enough. How are we responding to the testing of 2020? There is lots to complain about; I've done my share.

The Apostle Paul, however, recommends a response to hardship that displays deep spiritual maturity: Rejoicing in the Lord; being gentle with each other; trusting and thanking God; receiving peace in Christ Jesus.

These are a simple recipe from God for passing the test of 2020 and stepping with hope into 2021. -- Pastor Mark Wenger

### Last Week's Attendance:

Christmas Eve—305

In-Person Worship—212

Online Worship—215

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CHURCH

January 3, 2021

Worship 10:15am

# Worship with Us

"[Nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39

**Prelude**—Monique Kratz

**Welcome & Opening**—Pastor Mark

**Singing and Worship**—Helen Eastburn and Music Team

**Congregational Prayer**—Lucy Landis

**Announcements**—Pastor Kyle

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading — Romans 8:35-39 —Louise Halteman

Message — Of This We Are Certain

Guest Pastor Dan Emr,

Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear

**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.



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

**Pray God's blessings upon...**

- ◆ students, teachers and school staff as they head back to school.
- ◆ persons struggling with addictions.
- ◆ leaders of our country in this time of civil unrest.
- ◆ individuals struggling with unanswered prayers.
- ◆ persons who are physically and/or emotionally distant from loved ones.
- ◆ persons struggling with terminal or long term illness and their caregivers.

**During this time of isolation and quarantine:**

At Franconia Mennonite Church we are blessed with an awesome Care Team, who have been very busy during the pandemic. Each of us can reach out to someone we have not had contact with during this pandemic, either by phone, email or card/letter. This will be a blessing to them and also to you.

**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**

As a temporary measure, everyone is required to wear a face-covering over nose & mouth at all times inside the church building, except for young children and physically distant leaders upfront.

**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

~ JANUARY 3, 2021 ~

## BOUNDLESS HOSEA

LOVE

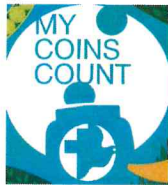
January 10 Inspired and Cohesive: God's Enduring Love  
January 17 Sin and Idolatry: Gods' Faithful Love  
January 24 Chastised and Restored: Gods' Redeeming Love  
January 31 Repentance and Healing: God's Boundless Love



Here is a sampling of the completed Children's Advent Project 2020.

*Thank you*

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, texts, and care for us as we walked a difficult journey with losing precious Hallie Joy. Your encouragement has been felt. We love our church family and are so thankful for all of you!  
-the Hunsberger family



**My Coins Count**— Starting Sunday January 10th, and the remainder of January, we invite everyone to bring coins to donate to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

## Youth Highlights

### Girls Club

January 20th—Bowling at Earl Bowl 6:30-8pm

**Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis**  
traybay1@yahoo.com

### Boys Club

January 13—Model Rocket build 6:30—8:00pm

**Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce**  
jordannyce@gmail.com

### Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

January 6th—Fun Night

January 10th—Earl Bowl

January 29-31—Winter Retreat

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

### Sr. High — 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 22—24—Winter Retreat

February 6th—Ski Trip Blue Mountain

**Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle**  
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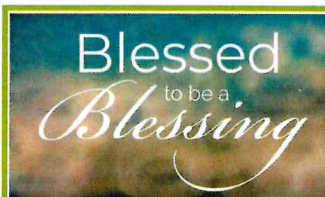
## Young Adult Highlights

### Stay Tuned

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



**February Bible Study -- Postponed:** The Leadership Team has decided to postpone the February Wednesday Evening Bible study until it is safe to eat the fellowship meal beforehand. Outreach Ministry Team has been planning a special study on sharing the gospel of Jesus in our community. This is an important topic and worthy of strong attendance which the meal encourages.



Applications are now being accepted to **The Barnabas Fund**. This fund provides financial support for programs and projects which serve to extend the mission and the ministries of the congregation.

Any individual member or committee within the church may make a request for a grant. Applications are available on the website under ministries, mid-week email, or by contacting the church office. Requests will be accepted through February 1, with approval for distributions made by March 1, 2021.\*

Barnabas Fund Committee: Mark Bergey-chair, Al Driver, Jeff Godshall, Jen Landis, Josh Meyer, Tricia Bergey.

\*New projects will take priority over previously funded projects.

## JAN 11: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY



## NIKKI'S STORY JOIN WORTHWHILE WEAR'S VIRTUAL AWARENESS EVENT

This January 11, we can't gather together in person, but we are inviting you to share Nikki's story on Facebook and Instagram to help others learn about human trafficking.

Human trafficking is an issue that reaches all corners of the world from bustling cities in India to the quiet suburbs of Philadelphia. By sharing Nikki's story, you can bring awareness to this important issue and remind others that there is hope for those affected and healing is possible.

*(Last year's awareness event included a film viewing and panel discussion)*



Did you know that because of the prayer and financial support we receive from churches like Franconia Mennonite and church members like you, Worthwhile Wear now provides the most comprehensive care for survivors in PA. This year we will be expanding our community empowerment program, Worth It, to offer a virtual option for survivors across the country. Thank you for supporting the women Worthwhile Wear serves!



Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit our website to learn more and to start sharing Nikki's story!

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