

# This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7pm

Tuesday & Wednesday—Sewing Circle— 8am

Next Sunday — Advent Series—SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

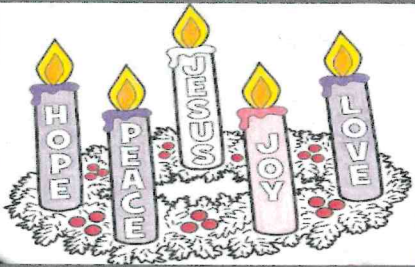
Advent 3 “Invitation” — Pastor Josh Meyer



## EVENTS

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

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



### ADVENT 2020

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the darkening of the winter season and the return of the light. The Church adapted that practice into the lighting of the Advent Wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is

coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ’s coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, love, and joy, and remembering the promises of God.

### Last Week’s Attendance:

BFG—132

In-Person Worship—176

Online Worship—311

Website: [FranconiaMennonite.org](http://FranconiaMennonite.org)

Email: [Info1@Franconiamennonite.org](mailto:Info1@Franconiamennonite.org) Phone: 215-723-3220

# Sounds of the Season

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

## Incarnation

FRANCONIA

MENNONITE CHURCH

December 6, 2020

Worship 10:15am

# Worship with us

"When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4

**Prelude**—Jenna Moyer\*, Piano

**Opening & Call to Worship**—Pastor Mark

**Second Sunday of Advent: Peace**—Devin & Ashley Bergey

**Singing and Worship**—Scott Kratz & Music team

**Congregational Prayer**—Elmer Gerber

**Announcements**—Pastor Larry

**Children's Lesson**—Janet Crawford

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading— Matthew 1:18-23 —Evan Alderfer

Message—Pastor Kyle—Incarnation—"Is Jesus Enough"

Song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

**Song of Response**

**Closing—Sending**

\* Guest pianist—granddaughter of Bob and Fern Yothers

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...**

- ◆ our guests who visit our live nativity, that they may see hope and joy in Jesus.
- ◆ our school students teachers and parents as they deal with school changes & closures.
- ◆ our church family as we seek to love each other like Christ loves us.
- ◆ our marriages and for family solidarity.
- ◆ visitors and guests at Franconia Mennonite Church, that they may feel welcome and cared for.

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

- **Jean Anders** as she recovers from shoulder replacement surgery.
- **Nancy Leatherman** who has moved to Silver Stream Nursing Home, Lower Gwynedd.
- **Dave Cressman** who is scheduled for Lasik eye surgery on Thursday.
- **Rod and Lisa Hunsberger's** son and daughter-in-law Jamison and Annie Hunsberger. Their address is 1210 Belfast Road, Sparks, MD 21152.

**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

## ~ DECEMBER 6, 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.

### Liberia Partnership Projects End of Year Donations

Coconut Farm—\$ 5,000  
Christian Education—\$10,000  
Church Building Completion—\$12,500



## Youth Highlights

#### Girls Club

See you in January

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

#### Boys Club

December 9—Game Night 6:30-8:00 pm  
January 13—Model Rocket build 6:30—8:00pm

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

#### Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

December 18 —Christmas Party—7:30 to 10:00 pm

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

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

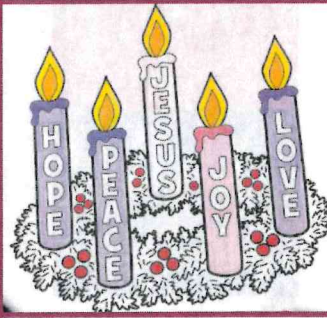
December 6th —7 to 8 pm Worship Night  
December 16th—Ginger Bread competition 6:30-9pm

**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



#### ADVENT 2020

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the darkening of the winter season and the return of the light. The Church adapted that practice into the lighting of the Advent Wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, love, and joy, and remembering the promises of God.

#### LIVE NATIVITY – December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 December 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>.** For more details call Kathie Gray at 215-570-3971, Doug Gray at 215-799-0368, or Kyle Rodgers at 215-723-3220.

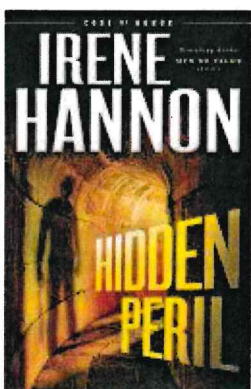
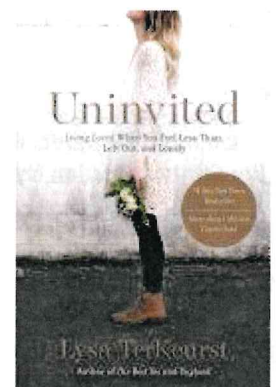
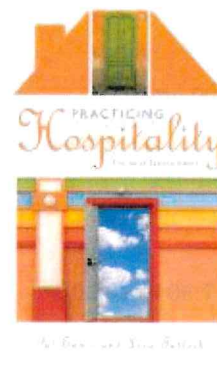
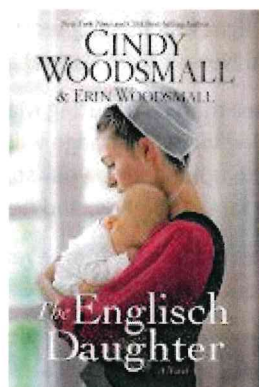
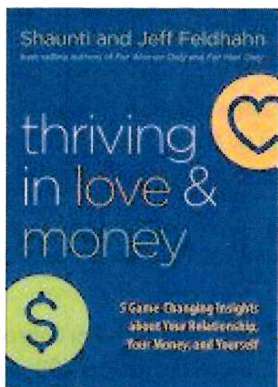
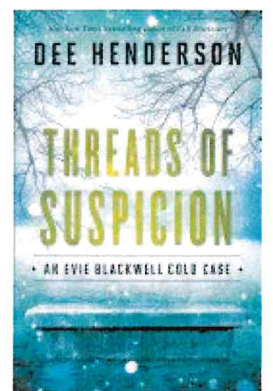
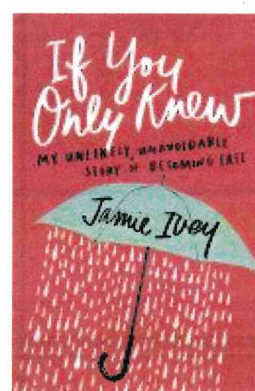
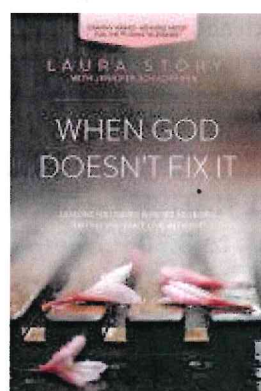
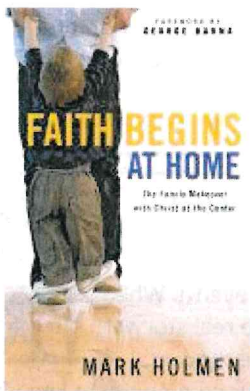
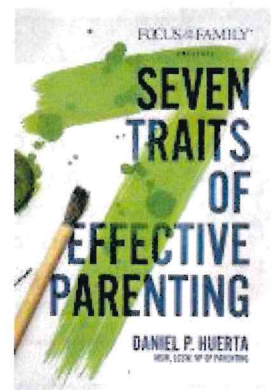
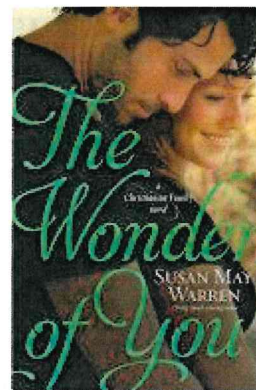
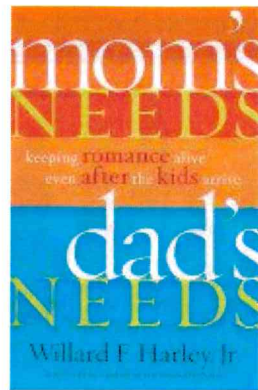
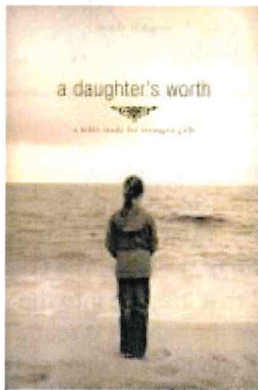


Affirmation Ballot for Mark Wenger's four year term as Pastor of Administration and Pastoral Team Leader from July 2020 to July 2024 was sent via email on Sunday November 29th. Please respond before the close of ballot Sunday December 13th.



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

# New Books available in the Library



Parents if you are looking for some new Christmas stories check out our church library! We have many books and DVD's for you to share with your little ones.

