

# This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7 pm

Next Sunday sermon — God’s Boundless Love—Pastor Mark Wenger


**UPcoming** EVENTS

February 7th—Coffee with the Leadership Team, 9 am in the Library

Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 6 —Youth Frolic

**NURSERY MINISTRY** The Nursery for children under two-year-old 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.

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**2 Years - 3 Years** 

Staff for Today:  
2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) – John and Ruth Ann Kulp

Next Week’s Staff:  
2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) – Lucy Landis and Erica Merrill

Last Week’s Attendance:

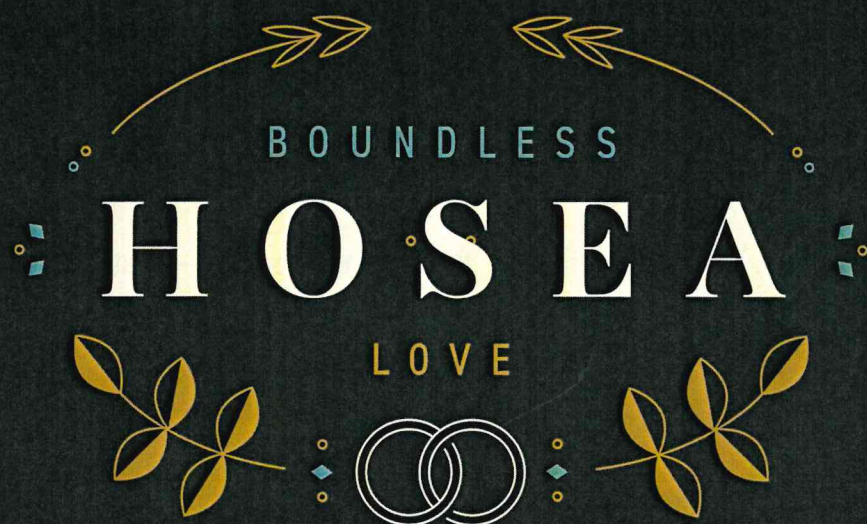
BFG hour—174

In-Person Worship—239

Online Worship—245

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**BOUNDLESS  
HOSEA  
LOVE**

**FRANCONIA  
MENNONITE  
CHURCH**

January 24, 2021  
Worship 10:15am

# Worship with us

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst." - 1 Timothy 1:15

**Prelude**—Paul Piepszowski

**Opening Song**—Helen Eastburn and Music Team

**Welcome, Announcements, & Call to Worship**—Pastor Mark

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**—Tricia Bergey

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading — Hosea 3:1-5—Kathy Wenger

Message — Pastor Josh

Chastised and Restored: God's Redeeming Love

**Song of Response**

**Closing**—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...**

- ◆ recent visitors sharing coffee with the Leadership Team for welcome and inclusion.
- ◆ individuals contemplating joining the baptism and new member class.
- ◆ Sr. High youth as they participate in the Winter Retreat this weekend.
- ◆ our country and the presidential transition this week. Pray for peace.
- ◆ Quakertown Christian School, part of the Mosaic Conference.

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

- Fran Clemens, mother of **Bruce Clemens** who is in ICU on a ventilator at GVH battling bacteria pneumonia showing signs of decline. Please pray for peace for the family.
- **Shirley Hackman, Verna Mae Detweiler** and **Lois Meighan** who have recently returned home after being discharged from the hospital.
- **Nancy Leatherman** as she transitions back to SMH.
- **Gloria Bergey** as she adjusts to life without her husband Dean, who passed away in December.
- Margarita Ramos, mother of **Rey Ramos Sr.**, who is in ICU on a ventilator at Doylestown Hospital. Please pray for healing and peace for the family.

#### 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 & Worship

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

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ JANUARY 24, 2021 ~



**January 24 is "Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday"** sponsored by Mennonite World Conference. MWC membership includes around 1.5 million baptized believers in 10,000 congregations, including Franconia, in 58 countries. About 81% of baptized believers in MWC are African, Asian, or Latin American; about 19% are located in Europe and North America.



**"Do you enjoy singing and praising our Lord through music? Do you have any interest in helping lead worship by singing or playing an instrument on a worship team? Please contact Helen Eastburn – [heastburn@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:heastburn@franconiamennonite.org)"**



**Women's Ministry** has scheduled a game night for Bingo in the Upper Fellowship Hall on February 25th at 7:00 pm. No money. For fun only.



**My Coins Count**—Every Sunday in January we invite everyone to bring coins to donate to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).



I would like to Thank You at Franconia Mennonite for your prayers, phone calls and many other acts of kindness you have shown me while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home. I am doing much better and hope to see you at church soon. **Bill Freed**

## Youth Highlights

### Girls Club

February 3rd—devotions, games & Valentine craft  
February 13th—snow tubing

**Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis**  
[traybay1@yahoo.com](mailto:traybay1@yahoo.com)

### Boys Club

January 27th —Laser Tag 6:30—8:00pm UFH  
February 17th—Frolic preparation UFH  
March 3rd—Frolic preparation UFH

**Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce**  
[jordannyce@gmail.com](mailto:jordannyce@gmail.com)

### Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

January 29-31—Winter Retreat  
February 3—Fun Night—6:30—8:00 pm

**Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman**  
[drleath5@verizon.net](mailto: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**  
[KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org](mailto:KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org)

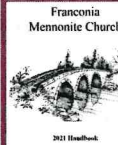
## Young Adult Highlights

### Stay Tuned

**Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz**  
215-803-2835 / [sckratz@yahoo.com](mailto:sckratz@yahoo.com)



Thanks for your generosity toward our **Liberia Partnership Projects**. Because of recent donations, we have been able to bring the **Church Building Completion Project** to a conclusion, and have sent \$8,000 each to Bethel Sanctuary of Faith and Gethsemane Church of Christ. The folks there are greatly appreciative of our support of their church improvements.



### Request for FMC Handbook updates

Please contact the church office by phone @ 215-723-3220 or email to [communications@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:communications@franconiamennonite.org) with any of the following information before January 25th 2021. Home phone, cell phone number(s), home address, Email address(s), additions or changes to your family.

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



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.

# Chastised and Restored: God's Redeeming Love

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Hosea 3-11 / January 24, 2021

## HOSEA 1-3: A LIVING PARABLE

<u>Hosea's relationship with Gomer</u>	<u>Prophetic symbols of God's relationship with Israel</u>
The Marriage.....	Covenant at Mount Sinai
The Adultery.....	People's idolatry
The Restoration.....	God renews the covenant despite their unfaithfulness

## HOSEA 4-11: ACCUSATIONS AND WARNINGS

Specific charges of the people's unfaithfulness to God:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

*The people settle for intellectual knowledge about God rather than an intimate relationship with God*

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

*The people worship God with their lips, while simultaneously permitting...*

- \_\_\_\_\_ - they consistently break the 10 commandments
- \_\_\_\_\_ - they fail to advocate for and take care of the vulnerable
- \_\_\_\_\_ - they worship and give allegiance to false gods

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The people place more trust in political alliances than in God; politics becomes their highest priority*

## JESUS: THE TRUE AND BETTER HOSEA

Hosea goes to Gomer despite her sin

→ Jesus comes to a broken/sinful world (1 Tim 1:15)

Hosea stays faithful to Gomer in the midst of her sin

→ Jesus died for us "while we were yet sinners" (Rom 5:8)

Hosea rescues Gomer from her sin

→ Jesus redeems us and forgives our sins (Eph 1:7)