

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt 6:21

Prelude—Paul Piepszowski

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship—Pastor Mark

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Nate Weaver

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Revelation 2:12-17
David Zoegar

Message — To the Compromising Church: Watch Out!

Pastor Kyle

Song of Response

Closing—Sending—Pastor Josh

Postlude



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...

- the <u>unsaved</u> living and working around us.
- Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee nominees.
- persons considering joining the Baptism/New Member class.
- the many people dealing the ice and snow storms this past week.
- the donors for the upcoming Frolic auction benefiting the youth.
- our partners in Missions.
- The City School, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). The City School offers education for PreK-12th grade, across 3 campuses throughout the city of Philadelphia, PA.

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

- Bill Freed who is recovering at home after being hospitalized for weakness and shortness of breath.
- Persons among us who are suffering from distress in body, mind, and spirit.



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

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery - 7 pm
Thursday—Women's Bingo - 7 pm
Next Sunday sermon —To The Tolerant Church: Guard Truth!
Pastor Josh



Friday March 5 & Saturday March 6 — Youth Frolic

March 14th—Parent-Child Dedication



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.



Staff for Today:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) - Daryl and Priscila Freed

Next Week's Staff:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) – Ben and Glenda Leatherman

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG hour—215

In-Person Worship—278

Online Worship-336

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FRANCONIA
MENNONITE CHURCH

February 21, 2021

Worship 10:15am

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER ~ FEBRUARY 21, 2021 ~



Easter Choir: If you miss singing in a choir, we have an opportunity for you! With the help of some creative, tech-savvy friends, we are planning a virtual choir piece for our Easter Sunday service. We are striving to make the process easy for all who

have interest in participating! If you would like to join in the song, from the comfort of your home, please reach out to Helen Eastburn heastburn@franconiamennonite.org or Emilie Presthus emilie.presthus@gmail.com. We will get you all the info you need this week!

An Affirmation Ballot for nominees to the Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee was sent out on Wed. Feb. 17 via email to all members. Please respond by today.

Handbook addition: Mark & Sandra Detweiler have moved back to the area! Their contact info is 3100 Goshen Drive, Pennsburg PA 18073, sdetweiler1@yahoo.com, cell #215-696-0330.

Youth Highlights

Girls Club

March 3rd—Frolic preparation UFH 6:30-8 pm

March 5th—Frolic—5pm

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

Boys Club

March 3rd—Frolic preparation UFH 6:30-8 pm
Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce, jordannyce@gmail.com

Jr. High - 6th-8th Grade

February 21—Movie Night 4:30-7 pm March 3—Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

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

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

March 5—Frolic Food Drive thru

March 6-Frolic Auction

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



"The Social Dilemma" - A Parent Equipping Event on Sunday, Feb 28, 5:30-7:30pm in the UFH.

What do parents need to know about the Social Media world that so many youth are invested in? Come for this parent equipping event led by Kyle

& Bronwen. We will be showing clips from the movie "The Social Dilemma" as well as providing time for discussion. A light prepacked dinner will be provided. RSVP by Friday, February 26 to 4kids@franconiamennonite.org.



This year's **Youth Frolic** will be a two night event. Friday, March 5th, will be a food drive thru to start at 5:30pm. Saturday, March 6th, will be the auction in the Upper Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30pm. Donations are being accepted until Sunday Feb 28th.



The Pastors are pleased to announce the start of a **Baptism/New Member** Class on March 7. The class will meet for six sessions: four times at 9am on Sundays (Mar 7, 21, Apr 18, May 2), and

two times over Sunday lunch (Mar 28, Apr 25). We are looking toward Pentecost, May 23, to celebrate Baptism/New Member Sunday. Are you interested in taking this step of faith and belonging? Contact one of the Pastors or the Church Office.



Women's Ministry has scheduled a game night for Bingo in the Upper Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 pm. No money. For fun only. Sign up required by today!



We want to take this time to appreciate the entire Franconia Mennonite Church family for their tireless support to our **Church Building Project**. Despite the numerous challenges and difficulties we face within the world nowadays, you still deem it necessary to support us. May God continue to bless you.

Fondly yours, Phinehas, Gethsemane Church of Christ, Liberia



We Care Program is having their annual banquet on Thursday, March 4th at the Franconia Heritage at Restaurant at 6:30pm — seating begins at 6:00pm. For

your free reservations, contact by March 1st, Alvin & Dawn Landis 215-622-4325 or landisad7@gmail.com. An offering will be received to benefit We Care Program.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"2020 was an unusual year," is a phrase I have heard over and over. I agree – it was an unusual year, and I'm sure many of us were eager to turn the calendar as we transitioned from 2020 to 2021.

And yet, as I reflect back on 2020, I find myself grateful for the ways God was at work in the youth ministry at FMC: grateful for being able to teach the Word of God to the youth, for being able to meet in person, for being able to have events, for being able to do a service project to Spruce Lake, for seeing the youth laugh, seeing their relationships flourish, and seeing Christ as the center of this ministry.

2021 is off to a great start for the youth, even though we are only two months in. Both Jr. High and Sr. High have had winter retreats; the Sr. High experienced a Ski Day at Elk Mountain; Bible studies are happening; we are meeting in person; the name of Jesus is being made known to these young lives. Again, I find myself grateful for how good our God is.

I thank God for making all these things possible. I thank the youth leaders for being willing to meet in person to keep youth connected with each other and the Word. I thank the parents for trusting the youth leaders and me. I thank the Leadership Team and Church Board for their support. And I thank the congregation for the contributions made at last year's frolic to fund our children's and youth programs.

Plans for the Sr. High to attend a service trip to Alaska are underway, there are 48 of us going! This trip will take place July 24-July 31, 2021. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our youth. It is incredible to belong to a congregation that cares so much about their youth to help them go on trips like this. The children, youth, and leaders are again asking for your support for this trip and the programs we have throughout the next year.

<u>So, what will the Frolic look like this year?</u> The Frolic will be a two-night event, but other than the food portion taking place on Friday night, the auction won't look too different from previous years.

We will have a Food Drive Thru on Friday, March 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. You can drive to the Upper Fellowship Hall, request your order, and be on your way. You can take the meal home to eat with family, enjoy it in the car, set up a picnic on the FMC ballfield, or take it to a local park. The choice is yours! Payment is by donations.

The auction itself will look like normal and take place on Saturday, March 6th from 6:30pm-9:30pm. The auction will be led by Sandy Alderfer. If you are donating an item to sell at the auction, please fill out a form (which can be found on the Frolic table in the connecting link), and place your item on the table by *February 28th*. If your donation will be here after the 28th, please let me know.

Finally, we are also asking for help with baked goods. We would like to have a bake sale table at the auction. If anyone is able to make a baked good for this baked sale, please email me (krodgers@franconiamennonite.org) so I can mark you down for what you are providing.

Again, I thank our good God for the ways He is at work. I also thank you, the congregation, for supporting and caring for the church of the next generation. To God be the glory forever and ever!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Kyle