

Worship with us

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown." Revelation 2:10

Prelude—Jon and Helen Eastburn

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome & Call to Worship—Pastor Larry

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Pastor Mark

Announcements—Pastor Kyle

Children's Lesson—Bronwen Leister

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Revelation 2:8-11
Anthony Detweiler

Message — To the Suffering Church: Keep Going!
Pastor Josh

Song of Response

Update on the Boys and Girls Clubs

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...

- ♦ the leaders of our boys and girls clubs.
- ♦ the volunteers going to Chosen 300 on Tuesday.
- ♦ Women's Bible study beginning this week online.
- ♦ the upcoming Frolic auction benefiting the youth of this church.
- ♦ our congregation as we strive to grow where we are planted.
- ♦ Indian Creek Foundation, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM) that serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

- ♦ **Marilyn Godshall** as she undergoes chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- ♦ **Linda Moyer** (Ray) who is dealing with ongoing health issues.



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

Tuesday—Chosen 300, 4:30 pm

Wednesday—Prayer Meeting, Room E203, 7 pm

Next Sunday sermon —To The Compromising Church: Watch Out!

Pastor Kyle



EVENTS

Sunday February 28, Parent Equipping, 5:30—7:30pm UFH

Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 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.

2 Years - 3 Years



Staff for Today:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) – Ben and Heidi Yoder

Next Week's Staff:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) – Daryl and Priscilla Freed

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG hour—134

In-Person Worship—155

Online Worship—325

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FRANCONIA

MENNONITE CHURCH

February 14, 2021

Worship 10:15am

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ FEBRUARY 14, 2021 ~

YTD Finance Report as of January 31, 2021

Income – \$72,214

Expenses – \$129,403

Over/Under – (\$57,189)

Budget – \$137,096



Handbook correction: Brent and Louise Halteman's email address is blhalteman@gmail.com.

thank you

A **HUGE** thank you to our maintenance staff for all the time they put into clearing our snowy parking lot this past Sunday! Also, a big **THANKS** for all the young men who shoveled and cleaned off our cars in the parking lot, for those of us who ventured out in the snowstorm. It was a huge blessing.

Youth Highlights

Girls Club

February 17th—knotting comforters 6:30-8 pm

Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis

traybay1@yahoo.com

Boys Club

February 17th—Frolic preparation UFH 6:30-8 pm

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

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce

jordannyce@gmail.com

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

February 17—Bible Study 6:30-8:00 pm

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman

drleath5@verizon.net

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

February 19—Devo Game Night @church 6:45-9:30pm

March 5—Frolic Food Drive thru

March 6—Frolic Auction

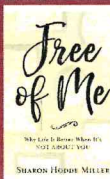
Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle

KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org



The Social Dilemma- A Parent Equipping Event on Sunday, Feb 28, 5:30-7:30 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 dinner will be offered.



A virtual six session **Bible Study for women** lead by Julie Kratz entitled "Free of Me" is starting February 16th from 8:15—9:15 pm. Sign up or questions at franconiawomen@gmail.com



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.



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.



Miss Bronwen has launched a **Children's Offering Project** for the Salvation Army Foster Families. There will be a boy bassinet and a girl bassinet in the music room for you to donate much needed supplies for when a baby arrives. Please see Miss Bronwen for the list of items they recommend.

Young Adult Highlights

Worship Night—stay tuned

Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz

215-803-2835 / sckratz@yahoo.com

ONLINE SILENT QUILT AUCTION
FEBRUARY 11 - 20, 2021

**Winter Quilts.
World Relief.**

MCC Pennsylvania Relief Sale is happening as an online auction this year...
100 beautiful, handcrafted quilts
February 11th to 20th.

Visit pareliefale.org to participate and for more information.

To The Suffering Church: Keep Going!

Revelation 2:8-11 / February 14, 2021

Three thoughts on apocalyptic literature and “End Times” theology

> Treasure maps & weather forecasts (see more at: tinyurl.com/1n9aprqz and tinyurl.com/24ekjsot)

> What changes?

> *Perhaps Today?*

Revelation 2:8-11

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

To the church in Smyrna

(1) Be _____ in the face of suffering (v9-10a)

> The Enemy intends suffering to _____ us; God uses suffering to _____ us

> Suffering produces _____ and _____ (Rom 5:1-5; Jas 1:2-4)

(2) Be _____ in the midst of suffering (v10-11)

> The _____ comes after the _____ (v10b)

> _____ to the One who _____ to you (Ps 63:8; Josh 23:8; Jas 4:8; Col 1:17)

For further reflection

Think back to a time when you endured hardship or suffering. What gave you strength in that situation? What is your perspective on that experience now?

Why do you think this particular letter begins with a reminder about the death and resurrection of Jesus?

In v10, suffering is described as a form of testing. What does suffering test in us? What does suffering reveal about us?

In v11, Jesus says, “*Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*” How would you assess your ability to “listen” spiritually? Is there anything that gets in the way of you hearing what the Spirit may be saying?