

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday—Sewing Circle—8 am

Friday—Good Friday Service—7 pm

Next Sunday—Sunrise Service—6:30 am

Next Sunday sermon — *Easter Service* — Pastor Josh



EVENTS

April 7, 14, 21, 28—Wednesday Night Bible Study (auditorium)

April 11th—Pastor Kyle Rodgers' ordination



Nursery for children under two-years-old will be staffed during the BFG hour only.

Staff for today: Kendall and Gail Reinford

Next week: Tim and Brenda Nice

The Nursery is open but **not** staffed during the worship service. Parents must remain with their children during this time.



Staff for Today:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) - Larry Diener, Kelsey Stitt and Carissa Fallon

Next Week's Staff:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) - Devin and Ashley Bergey

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG hour—212

In-Person Worship—306

Online Worship—205

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Palm Sunday

FRANCONIA

MENNONITE CHURCH

March 28, 2021

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him." John 12:16

Prelude—Paul Piepszowski

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship—Pastor Josh

Children's Processional

Special Music from the Children

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Pastor Mark

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Mark 11:1-11—Ron Nice

Message — *Missing the Mark*—Pastor Kyle

Song of Response

Closing/Sending

Postlude

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING



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.

For Contact:



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

Pray God's blessings upon...

- ♦ **our women's ministry team**, Janet Derstine, Jill Fallon, Julie Kratz, Carol Landis, Gail Reinford and Julie Stitt.
- ♦ **our congregation** as we start this Holy week.
- ♦ **persons** who have joined the baptism and new membership class.
- ♦ **Crossroads Community Center** in North Philadelphia, PA, a Conference-Related Ministry (CRM). Crossroads Community Center provides community youth with an environment for learning, Christian mentorship, and possibilities for a full future. Please pray for the children, youth, and families of Crossroads as well as the staff and volunteers.

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

- ♦ for the safety of our residents at SMH as things are gradually opening up.



From the Leadership Team

As the public health situation changes, the Leadership Team has been discussing when and how to change our policies and practices. The current policy is that masks are required while walking inside and not keeping 6 ft. apart. Masks may be removed when seated and distanced from non-family. Masks are required during congregational singing. The Leadership Team will provide an update and plan today for some next steps of adjusting our precautions.

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

~ MARCH 28, 2021 ~

Bible Study

April Wednesday Evening Bible Study

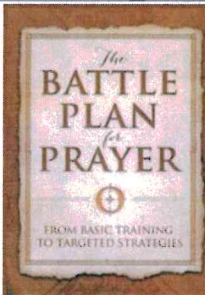
We look forward to hosting four guest teachers for a Bible study of 2 Timothy at 7pm each Wednesday in April: In-person in the auditorium and Livestream.

April 7 -- 2 Timothy 1: Dimas Pezzato

April 14 -- 2 Timothy 2: Bill Martin

April 21 -- 2 Timothy 3: Jay Delp

April 28 -- 2 Timothy 4: Mike Clemmer



"The Battle Plan for Prayer"

by Stephen & Alex Kendrick (connected with the movie "The WarRoom").

An 8-week video study - with optional workbook.

Facilitators - Doris Diener and Reenie Hoover

Starting: Monday, April 12, @ 7:00 pm

Sign up at Women's Ministry table in foyer or contact-- Doris at lddiener@gmail.com or leave a message @ 215-723-1570 / Reenie

at grhoover5@gmail.com or 215-808-1703 /

franconiawomen@gmail.com. Location to be determined.



SUNRISE SERVICE
HE IS RISEN



April 2nd

7:00 pm

Auditorium

April 4th

6:30 am

Upper Fellowship Hall

April 4th

10:15 am

Auditorium

Group Activities For Students.

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Every April Wednesday evening, 7—8 pm

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

Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

April 7th—Remote control vehicle demo—6:30-8 pm

May 21-22—Hemlock Springs Cabin

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

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

April 7—Bible Study— 7—8 pm

April 9—Manhunt at church—7—9 pm

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman, rdleath5@verizon.net

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

March 31st—Interactive Stations of the Cross set up

April 17th—Service Day@ Spruce Lake— All day

April 30—May 2—Postponed Fall Retreat

May 21-22—Postponed Lock-In

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle,

KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

A Prayer of Repentance – Week 4

Free us, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs our way to You.

Clear away the clutter of petty grudges.

Remove the smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse us of thoughts filled with anger, envy, self-pity.

Create space in our lives for more kindness and less spitefulness, for greater generosity and fewer self-centered needs, for stronger compassion and weakened judgement of others.

Enlarge our hearts with gratitude this Holy Week, so we can recognize Your grace in all things.

Amen.



Congratulations to Justin and Danielle Goodwin on the birth of their daughter, Harper Rose, born Thursday, March 18th.



Christian summer camp registrations are open and FMC is offering grants to help assist families of campers. Please see the midweek newsletter, church office or Pastor Kyle for the form.



Newcomers are invited to join the FMC Leadership team on Sunday, April 11th for a coffee hour in the church library at 9 am.



Walk at Franconia Park at 6:30pm

April 13 and 27

May 11 and 25



LADIES TEA

April 24

More details to follow



Young Adult Highlights

Stay Tuned

Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz

215-803-2835 / sckratz@yahoo.com



Celebration for Pastor Larry and Doris Diener during the worship service on Sunday, June 27th.



Holy Week 2021 / Prayer and Fasting Resources / Franconia Mennonite Church

Date	Scripture	Prayer focus	Confession/Repentance	Fasting	Practice
Sun 3/28	1 Tim 6:11-16	<i>Adoration.</i> Spend time today adoring God for who he is.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/vrha4wy5	Fast from 1 meal today.	Watch or read the evening news. Spend 10 minutes praying for the world.
Mon 3/29	Phil 2:1-11	<i>Thanksgiving.</i> Spend time today thanking God for his goodness and grace in your life.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/dm6kma8	Fast from social media today.	Pray the Lord's Prayer at 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm.
Tues 3/30	Phil 3:1-14	<i>Local church.</i> Pray for Franconia Mennonite Church.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/2nbcjdjw	Fast from breakfast today.	Write a list of things you're grateful for. Carry it with you all day and pull it out when you catch yourself complaining.
Wed 3/31	Phil 4:4-13	<i>Global church.</i> Pray for God's church around the world, especially those who are persecuted for their faith.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/3bemap8k	Fast from complaining or criticizing others today.	Scripture calls us to encourage others. Intentionally say something encouraging to each person you interact with today.
Thurs 4/1	John 13:1-17	<i>Listening.</i> Spend time today simply listening to God in prayer.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/yn2ttwcc	Fast from lunch today.	Spend 10 minutes in silence remembering Jesus' death.
Fri 4/2	Isaiah 53:1-12	<i>Family.</i> Pray for your family, that they would experience God's presence in a particularly deep and meaningful way this weekend.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/2hsrkkn6	Fast from any drinks other than water today.	Participate in the self-guided <i>Stations of the Cross</i> reflective experience (any time 9am-3pm, UHF), and/or attend the Good Friday service at church (7pm, in-person and livestreamed).
Sat 4/3	John 17:1-26	<i>Nonbelievers.</i> Pray for nonbelievers, especially those in your own life who do not yet know Christ.	Pray the prayer found here: http://tinyurl.com/4k5e39ew	Fast from dinner today.	Send a handwritten note to someone you love and tell them what you love about them.
Sun 4/4	1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>Praise.</i> Spend time praising God for the abundant and eternal life made possible by Jesus' resurrection.	<i>All is grace.</i> Rest in the Good News that death, sin, and shame have been conquered by Jesus.	Celebrate Resurrection Sunday! Watch this video and <i>praise the name of the Lord our God</i> : http://tinyurl.com/y82r6ssk	Write a prayer to God expressing gratitude for the new life you have in Christ.