

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery - 7 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday—Sewing Circle

Thursday—Mommy & Me (UFH) 11:00 am

Next Sunday sermon — *To the Faithful Church: Hold Fast!* Pastor Mark

Next Sunday— Parent-Child Dedication



EVENTS

March 14th—Parent-Child Dedication

March 21st—Congregational Business Meeting

April 2nd—Good Friday & Communion

April 4th—Easter

April 7, 14, 21, 28—Wednesday Night Bible Study

This week the Nursery for children under two-year-old will be staffed by Kathy



Wenger and Ruth Detwiler during the BFG hour only. The

Nursery is open but not staffed during the worship service.

Parents must remain with their children during this time.

Staff for Today:

2 Years - 3 Years



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

Next Week's Staff:

2 & 3 yr. olds (worship service) - Josh and Tasha Alderfer

Last Week's Attendance:

BFG hour—204

In-Person Worship—309

Online Worship—247

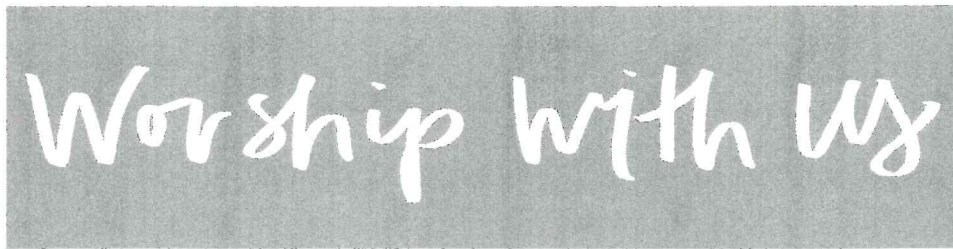
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FRANCONIA
MENNONITE CHURCH

March 7, 2021
Worship 10:15am



"You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!"
Revelation 3:1

Prelude—Jon Eastburn

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Pastor Larry

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Revelation 3:1-6
Linda Landis

Message — *To The Dead Church: Wake Up!*
Pastor Josh

Songs of Response

Closing/Sending—Pastor Mark

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***

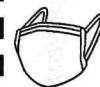
Pray God's blessings upon...

- ♦ Celebrate Recovery meeting Monday nights.
- ♦ the mothers and children who will meet on Thursday for Mommy & Me time at 11 am.
- ♦ parents and children being dedicated during next week's Sunday's service.
- ♦ Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown as they prepare for a summer ministry reboot after a tough year and for the campers who will receive the message of the gospel.
- ♦ Church Board and four Ministry Teams meeting this week (Community Life, Discipling, Outreach and Worship).

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

- ♦ **Laverne Musselman** who is in rehab at Peter Becker.
- ♦ **Alda Kratz** who is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital for heart issues.
- ♦ **Arlene Alderfer** as she recovers from glaucoma and cataract surgery.
- ♦ **Nancy Leatherman** who remains at GVH for heart and breathing issues.
- ♦ **Marilyn Godshall** as she recovers from recent chemo treatment.

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

~ MARCH 7, 2021 ~



New BFG Quarter, March 7 -- Options for 9:00am

1. **Auditorium:** "Evangelism & Sharing our Faith" This in-person large-group, livestream class will be led by David Mellinger
2. **Together Again:** BFGs who want to get back together are encouraged to do so. If room size does not allow space to maintain physical distancing, this option will require wearing face-coverings while meeting together. BFGs can decide what they want to do.
3. **Hybrid:** BFGs may meet with some folks in-person and some by Zoom. If your BFG needs technical assistance for this set up, be in touch with the Church Office.



Easter Choir: If you are still interested in participating in our virtual choir piece for Easter Sunday, please reach out to Helen Eastburn heastburn@franconiamennonite.org or Emilie Presthus emilie.presthus@gmail.com this week for information! Videos are due by Sunday March 14.

Girls Club

March 17—String art with Miss Bronwen

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

Boys Club

Every April Wednesday evening

May 21-22—Hemlock Springs Cabin

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

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

March 17—Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

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

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

March 14—Worship Night—7-8 pm

March 19—Devo Game Night @ church

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 **Baptism/New Member Class** begins today, 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. Contact one of the Pastors or the Church Office with interest or questions.



The Church Board would like to warmly welcome you to attend our **Congregational Business Meeting** being held in-person in the auditorium following the March 21 worship service. Our by-laws require an agenda and accompanying documents to be distributed two weeks prior to these meetings. They will be delivered via email today, or as hard-copies to those without computer access this Wednesday. Please feel encouraged to read the written reports highlighting the items, goals and accomplishments of our church leadership and Ministry Teams since February 2020. Questions about them may be sent in advance to the Church Office (mkratz@franconiamennonite.org) and will be sent to the appropriate group.

Verbal reports given on March 21 will provide forward-looking projections leading to the Congregational Business Meeting scheduled for September 19.

We are headed in a positive direction, and firmly believe that we are on the cusp of seeing the Spirit work in new ways at our church! Come excited to hear where and how each group is being led. We hope to see you there.



Help needed! Help pack **MCC relief kits** April 5 & 6 at the **MCC Material Resource Center**. Relief kits contain basic hygiene supplies, packed into a bucket which will be distributed to people displaced from their homes

because of war or other disasters. COVID-19 safety protocols will be observed. Schedule your time by calling 267-203-8074.



Walk at Franconia Park at 6:30pm

March 23

April 13 and 27

May 11 and 25

LADIES TEA

April 24

More details to follow



To The Dead Church: Wake Up!

Revelation 3:1-6 / March 7, 2021

_____ vs. _____
(what others think about us) (what God thinks/who we really are)

> Revelation 3:1 > 1 Samuel 16:7 > Galatians 1:10 > Proverbs 29:25 > 1 Thessalonians 2:4

Signs of death/signs of life – “You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.” -Revelation 3:1

[1] Dead things don't _____.

Do you hunger for _____? (Matt 4:4; Rev 10:8-9; Ezk 3:1-3)

Do you hunger for _____? (Matt 5:6; Matt 6:33; Rom 6:18)

Do you hunger for _____? (Matt 23:23; 2 Cor 7:11; Mic 6:8)

[2] Dead things don't _____.

Are you growing _____? (Matt 23:37; Luke 10:27; Deut 6:5)

Are you growing _____? (Matt 28:19; Philemon 1:6; 1 Pet 3:15-16)

[3] Dead things don't _____.

Is your life _____? (John 20:22; Gal 5:22-23; Acts 13:52)

A Prayer of Repentance

Almighty God, Spirit of grace and truth, we ask for forgiveness. For all that has been evil in our lives:

For unholy thoughts and impure motives,
For indifference to that which is Good,
For being petty when we could have been gracious—forgive us, God.

For lack of love toward You,
For doubt in Your providence,
For acts of ingratitude—forgive us, God.

For the wrong we have done to our neighbors,
For neglecting charity and justifying injustice,
For overlooking the pain of others—forgive us, God.

For our faulty following of the Master,
For our slow faith in Your power to save,
For all that mars our discipleship and distorts our witness—forgive us, God.

Amen.