

This Week

Tonight—Christmas Song Service—UFH—6:30 pm

Monday—Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Wednesday—Mommy & Me Craft—11 am—Children's singing room

Wednesday—Choir Practice—7 pm

Next Sunday—"Advent 3—Lift Your Hands"—Pastor Mark Wenger

Next Sunday—Christmas Caroling—UFH —5:30 pm

UPCOMING Events

December 15—Movie Night—Auditorium—6:30 pm

December 18—Live Nativity—6-8 pm

December 24—Christmas Eve Service—6:30 pm

January 1—Polar Bear Plunge—noon at Morwood Park

January 9—Coffee with the Leadership Team—9 am @ Church Library

Nursery Ministry

Today's staff

Infant BFG—Randy & Tammy Landis

Infant Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver

2&3 Church—Ryan & Becca Kulp

Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Jay & Bev Landis

Infant Church—Darla, Elle & Tess Bergey

2&3 Church—Deb Derstein & Dee Johnson

Tithes & Offering

Thanksgiving Offering—\$6,551

Weekly Offering—\$31,895

Thanksgiving eve service—222

Last Sunday Attendance:

BFG hour—194

In-Person Worship—280

Online Worship—77

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Bring Your Gifts



FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

December 5, 2021

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"On coming to the house...they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." -Matthew 2:11

Prelude—Jon Eastburn

Gathering Song—Choir

Welcome and Announcements —Pastor Mark Wenger

Children's Time—Paul Veltre

Singing and Worship—Helen Eastburn and Team

Congregational Prayer—Andrew Landis

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Matthew 2: 1-12—Linda Landis

Sermon— "Bring Your Gifts " —Pastor Josh

Song of Response

Closing—Sending



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...

- ◆ those among us dealing with health issues, loneliness, and loss, that they may find healing and hope.
- ◆ the recipients of the Indian Creek Foundation gifts and the givers.
- ◆ the 15 missionaries that remain held hostage in Haiti.
- ◆ the leaders of our local, state and country that they may seek God's wisdom.
- ◆ two Mosaic congregations, Homestead (FL) and Upper Milford (Zionsville, PA), as they welcome pastoral candidates this weekend. We praise God that long sought pastoral openings are closer to being filled and ask for God's continued discernment.

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

- **Betty Hackman**, hospitalized briefly and now at Dock Terrace for rehab.
- **Verna Mae Detweiler** is recovering after hip surgery in SMH healthcare.
- **Micah Bergey** as he continues to recover from recent surgery.



Pastor Kyle and his family are away for the weekend.

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—Offering Boxes
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org

- * Mail to Church Office
- * EFT—call Monique Kratz in the Church Office

FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

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| Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship | Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader |
| Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries | Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching |
| Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults | Mark Wenger, Pastor of Administration & Team Leader |

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 5, 2021 ~

YTD Finance Report as of November 30, 2021:

Income:	\$1,262,584
Expenses:	\$1,365,893
Budget:	\$1,507,171
Short/Over Expenses:	(\$103,309)



Christmas Song Service

Tonight @ 6:30 pm UFH
With the Mennonite Hymnal



Christmas Caroling

December 12th @ 5:30 pm - meet at UFH



New Member Class: The Pastors will lead a class for persons interested in exploring membership in the Franconia

congregation. The class begins next Sunday, December 12 and concludes with Membership Sunday, March 13. The class will meet in 7 sessions, five during the 9am BFG hour and two over Sunday lunch. Interested? Speak to the Pastors or call the Church Office.



Mommy and Me Christmas Craft

Wednesday December 8 @ 11 am

Children's singing room



Choir Practice Wednesday Night @ 7 pm in the Auditorium. All are welcome!

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 15—Christmas Event

Girls Club Contact: Ariana Freed—215-272-7441

Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 15—Christmas Event

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

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

Dec 11—Christmas Party

Dec 15—Bible Study

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

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

Dec 10—11—Lock—in

Dec 22—Gingerbread House Competition

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Young Adult Highlights

Young Adults—Every Thursday Night—Worship night, LFH—7pm

BRING FRIENDS

Dec 16—Christmas Dessert and Game Night

January 2-3—Passion Conference

Feb 18-20—Winter Retreat @ Hemlock Springs

Contact for Young Adults: Pastor Kyle Rodgers

krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



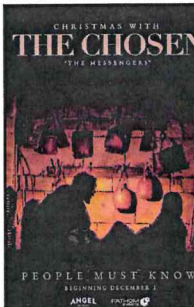
"Thank you to our church family for supporting us through John's recent surgery. We were blessed by your prayers, cards, meals, visits, and even a leaf raking day to clean up our yard. We are so thankful to be part of an amazing church family who is so supportive in difficult times!" **John and Cathy Weaver**



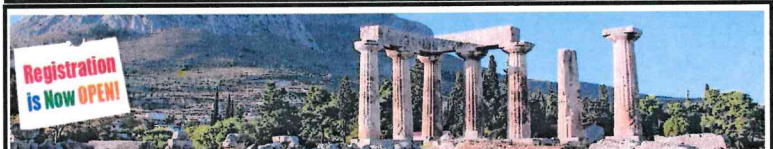
Please return your **Indian Creek** gift Today.



NEEDED: Volunteers to help with the Live Nativity December 18th. Sign up in the foyer of the church.



The Outreach Ministry Team is sponsoring a movie night for everyone on Wednesday, December 15th, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. We will be screening "**Christmas With The Chosen: The Messengers**". Tickets for adults are \$5; children are free. Please purchase your tickets and register for both adults AND children.



Learning Tour to Biblical Greece -- Registration is now open for our study tour to Biblical Greece. Feel free to contact Pastor Josh with additional questions. Reserve your spot by making a deposit by December 15.

[1] _____ loves to _____. _____ is what _____ does.

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:19

[2] We bring our _____, and trust God to _____.

Proverbs 3:5-10

Malachi 3:8-12

Acts 20:35

[3] We honor God with _____, and ultimately with _____.

Romans 12:1-2

Luke 2:1-7

Mark 8:34-37

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

- > Share an example when someone demonstrated their love for you through giving.
- > Do you see giving as an act of worship? Why or why not?
- > What would it take to make worshipping through giving the top priority in your budget?
What obstacles hold you back from giving how you'd like to?
- > If you came to worship Jesus with the wise men, what gift would you have wanted to offer Him?
- > What can people observe in you that demonstrates you're offering your life as a living sacrifice to God?
- > How can you focus your Christmas giving this year around worshipping God?
- > How do these additional passages speak to you? *2 Corinthians 9:6-7 | Luke 6:38 | Exodus 25:2-8*

Joy Has Dawned

Words and Music by
STUART TOWNEND and KEITH GETTY

F Gm F/A Bbmaj7 C Dm Gm F/C C

Joy has dawned up - on the world, Pro - mised from cre - a - tion:
 Sounds of won - der fill the sky, With the songs of an - gels,
 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, Gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
 Son of Ad - vent, Son of Heav'n, Giv - en as a ran - som,

5 F Gm F Bbmaj7 C Dm Bb C F

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, Hope for ev' - ry na - tion.
 As the might - y Prince of Life Shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands, Proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
 Rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y Cham - pion!

9 F/A Bb F/A Gm7 C Dm Gm7 Bbmaj7 F/C C

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, Not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 Gold, a King is born to - day, In - cense, God is with - us,
 What a Sav - ior, what a friend, What a glor - ious mys - ter - y:

13 F Gm F/A Bbmaj7 C Dm Bb C F

But a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
 Cling now to a moth - er's breast, Vul - nera - ble and help - less.
 Myrrh, His death will make a way, By His blood He'll win - us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - to - ry.

Christmas Song Service

Franconia Mennonite Church

December 5th 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

The Mennonite Hymnal #111-138

Welcome and Opening Prayer—Pastor Mark Wenger

Congregational Singing—Helen Eastburn & Mark Wenger

Special Singing—"Joy Has Dawned"

Requests

Closing Song—Joy to the World.—#122

