

This Week

Tonight—Christmas Caroling—UFH—5:30 pm

Monday—Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday—Sewing Circle—8 am

Wednesday—NO PRAYER MEETING this week.

Wednesday —Movie Night—Auditorium—6:30 pm

Saturday —Live Nativity—6-8 pm

Next Sunday—Advent 4—"Bow Your Knees"-- Pastor Josh Meyer

UPCOMING Events

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—Jay & Bev Landis

Infant Church—Darla, Elle & Tess Bergey

2&3 Church—Deb Derstein & Dee Johnson

Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Craig & Judy Weaver

Infant Church—Ruth Detwiler, Elle Loux and Savannah Youssef

2&3 Church—Bruce & Jen Clemens

OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering—\$54,416

Last Sunday Attendance:

BFG hour—253

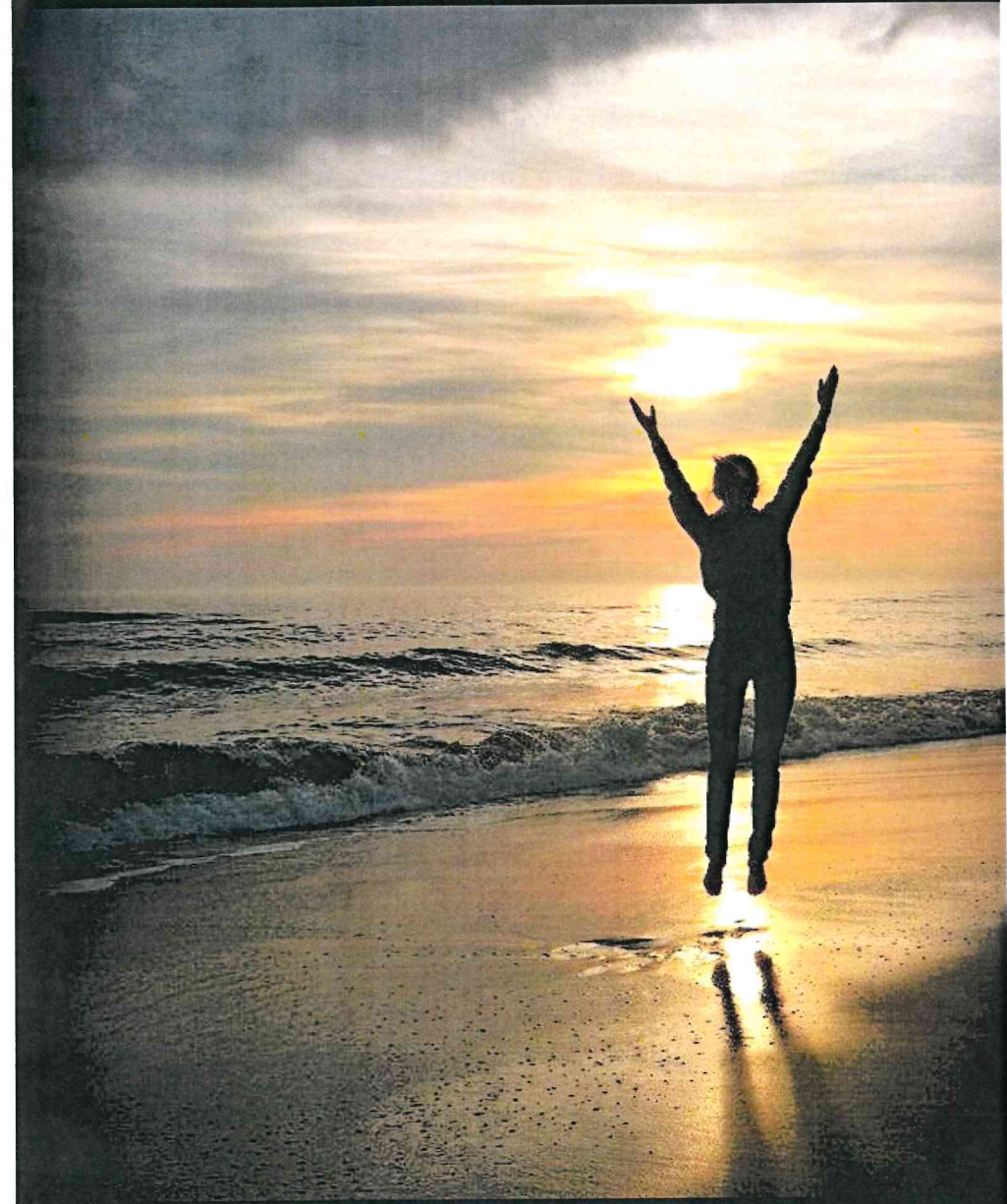
In-Person Worship—290

Online Worship—88

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Lift Your Hands



FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

December 12, 2021

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"Because your love, God, is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psalm 63:3-4

Prelude—Emily Merrill and Torra Landis

Gathering Song—Choir

Welcome —Pastor Josh

Children's Time—Rena Derstine

Singing and Worship—Helen Eastburn and Team

Congregational Prayer—Rodney Hunsberger

Announcements

Special Music—Katie Brubaker & Anna Martin

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:22-32, 36-38—Ben & Heidi Yoder

Sermon— "Lift Your Hands "—Pastor Mark

Song of Response

Closing—Sending—Pastor Kyle



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 Christmas carolers as they minister to our church's senior saints.
- ◆ persons dealing with the loss of a loved one during this Christmas season.
- ◆ the guests who will visit our live nativity on Saturday, that they see hope and joy in Jesus.
- ◆ persons who are physically and/or emotionally distant from loved ones.
- ◆ Alpha (NJ) Mennonite Church and their new pastor, Kevin Opett. The pastoral search has been long, and we celebrate Pastor Kevin's arrival and pray for the congregation and their new pastor.

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

- **Sanford Kiser** who was hospitalized after fainting and falling last weekend.
- **Merlin Hartman** who had surgery to save his thumb after an accident with a saw on Monday morning.

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—new offering boxes as you enter or exit the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru Vanco ACH
- * Electronic Funds Transfer—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- * Mail to Church Office

FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth
& Young Adults

Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader
Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching
Mark Wenger, Pastor of Administration & Team Leader

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 12, 2021 ~



Choir Practice is cancelled for Wednesday Night.
There will be one more practice before Christmas on December 22nd.



Christmas Caroling

TONIGHT

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



Please place your giving in one of the four offering boxes hanging on the walls as you enter and exit the auditorium.

Thank you



Thank you to my church family for all the cards, prayers, rides, and visits that you provided during my recent surgery.

Dave Cressman



Apply now for a 2022-2023 scholarship.

Our church's faith-based partner, Everence, wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will be enrolled in a college or trade school next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship of up to \$3,000 before Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships now for guidelines and an application.



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

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 15—"Christmas with the Chosen" 6:30 pm

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 15—Bible Study

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

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

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



Please bring your donated coats to the church for distribution at Chosen 300 in Pottstown before December 21st.



Collecting used clothing sizes 2T to 16Y.

Sewing Building before and after Sunday service.

December 12, 19 and 26th

Monetary donations needed for shipping costs.

Contact Priscila Freed @ 267-424-3438



Sewing Circle Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8am in the sewing building. If you can tie a knot we need your help to complete as many comforters as possible. There is a high demand for these warm blankets.

CHRISTMAS WITH
THE CHOSEN

“THE MESSENGERS”



Movie Night

Wednesday, December 15th,
at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Tickets for adults are \$5; children are free.

Please purchase your