

On Church-wide Gatherings in Jerusalem and in KC



Franconia Mennonite Church

June 12, 2022

Worship 10:15

# Worship with Us

"We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

Acts 15:11

**Prelude**—Jon Eastburn

**Gathering Song**—Helen Eastburn and Team

**Welcome and Call to Worship**—Bronwen Leister

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**—Bruce Clemens

**Opportunities**

**Mission Moment**—Kayla Godshall

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading—Acts 15:1-4 —Nate Leister

Sermon—"On Church-wide Gatherings in Jerusalem and in KC"—Pastor Josh Meyer

**Closing Song**

**Blessing & Sending**—Pastor Mark Wenger



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...**

- our Church Board as they meet on Monday night, as they make decisions regarding our church life.
- the FMC Pastor Search Committee as they continue seeking God's will for our new pastor.
- our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone. May they find comfort from our church community's continued embrace and support as they journey through life.
- KidzBlast that runs Tuesday through Friday this week. Pray the participants will learn core truths about God.
- persons discerning joining the new membership class.
- Spruce Lake Retreat, a Conference-Related ministry, as they orient their summer staff and look ahead to a full summer. Please pray that the staff and campers will experience God in loving and exciting ways this summer.

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

- Persons among us dealing with unspoken illnesses and /or diseases.

**Offering--Ways to Give**

- Sunday morning--offering boxes as you enter or exit the auditorium
- Online at [franconiamennonite.org](http://franconiamennonite.org) thru Vanco ACH (scan QR Code)
- Electronic Funds Transfer--call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- Mail to Church Office



**FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH 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

**On Church-wide Gatherings: in Jerusalem and in KC**  
*Lessons on navigating differences & disagreements in the Church*

**Acts 15:1-35**

(1) Conflict should be \_\_\_\_\_,  
 not \_\_\_\_\_ (v1-2)

(2) Despite the conflict, \_\_\_\_\_ (v3-4, 12)

(3) Discerning God's will on controversial issues requires a commitment to:

- > keeping \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ (v11)
- > \_\_\_\_\_ to one another (v12, 13)
- > remaining faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ (v15)
- > seeking guidance from \_\_\_\_\_ (v29)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ should be clearly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (v19-30)

**End result and our bottom line: we will never stop**

\_\_\_\_\_ (v35)

## What does our congregation believe re: marriage and sexuality?

### "Core Convictions of Franconia Mennonite Church"

*This is a document that outlines our beliefs on a number of important topics such as the Trinity, repentance, baptism, following Christ, worship, Scripture, nonviolence, serving others, caring for creation, sharing the Gospel, and proclaiming the Kingdom.*

FMC Core Conviction #7: "God created sexual identity, creating us male and female, in the image of God. God designed sexual intimacy for those who are called into heterosexual marriage, which is to be a lifelong covenant of love and faithfulness."

### Sermon series on "God, Sex, and the Church"

A series of sermons addressing (1) sexuality and spirituality; (2) healthy sexuality; (3) LGBTQ questions; and (4) sexual sins such as pornography, pre-marital sex, and extramarital sex.

[franconiamennonite.org/series/sex-in-a-broken-world/](http://franconiamennonite.org/series/sex-in-a-broken-world/)

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## What does our conference believe re: marriage and sexuality?

### Excerpts from Mosaic Conference's *Grace & Truth* statement

- We affirm "Scripture as the authoritative source and standard for preaching and teaching about faith and life, for distinguishing truth from error, for discerning between good and evil, and for guiding prayer and worship" (Confession of Faith, pg 21).
- We affirm that "through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God offers salvation from sin and a new way of life for all people. We receive God's salvation when we repent of sin and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord" (Confession of Faith, pg 35).
- We affirm that "God intends marriage to be a covenant between one man and one woman for life" (Confession of Faith, pg 72).

- We affirm the Saskatoon (1986) and Purdue (1987) statements describing "homosexual, extramarital, and premarital sexual activity as sin," and "calling for the church to be in dialogue with those who hold differing views," to be the teaching position of our Church.

[This] resolution expresses how we, member congregations of Mosaic Mennonite Conference, seek to be faithful to Jesus and the Scriptures on these matters.

1. **We commit to making our churches places of radical hospitality, inviting and engaging all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, lifestyle, or socio-economic status.**
  - a. God desires to bring transformation to all people; therefore, we will welcome all people and call all people to repentance and holy living.
2. **We call ourselves, individually and corporately, to repent of all sin.**
  - a. We confess that we are all sinners who fall short of the glory of God. We recognize that while we don't all struggle in the same ways, we are all in need of the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus.
  - b. We confess our failure to provide balanced, biblical teaching on healthy sexuality, marriage, singleness, and celibacy.
  - c. We confess that topics such as premarital sex, extramarital sex, lust, pornography, and sexual abuse have far too often been neglected in our discussions of human sexuality.
  - d. We confess that our churches have not always been safe places for LGBTQ persons and that many have been hurt by our lack of grace, compassion, and Christ-like love.
  - e. We confess that we have failed to remain in dialogue with those who hold differing views. We have not been intentional enough about worshiping, serving, praying, and studying Scripture with those in our conference with whom we disagree.



3. **We uphold our existing policy that pastors holding credentials in Mosaic Mennonite Conference may not perform same-sex covenant ceremonies (see *A Polity for Ministerial Leadership*).**
  - a. Pastors in Mosaic Mennonite Conference who perform a same-sex ceremony will have their credentials reviewed according to existing conference guidelines (*On Giving and Receiving Counsel: a process of discernment for a Mosaic Conference credentialed leader alleged to be acting at variance with the Confession of Faith*).
  
4. **We uphold Mosaic Mennonite Conference's existing policy to not credential persons living in same-sex relationships, and call on conference churches not to hire persons living in same-sex relationships to serve in pastoral leadership.**
  - a. Mosaic Mennonite Conference churches who hire persons living in same-sex relationships to serve in pastoral leadership will have their membership in the conference reviewed according to conference guidelines.
  
5. **We commit to a time of prayer and fasting for the purpose of listening to God's voice on these matters, recognizing that it is only through the unifying power of the Spirit that we can discern God's will.**



**Tristan Blum**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Take a gap year and work for family business, Blum Water Solutions



**Tim Brown**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Attending Pennsylvania College of Technology in the coming fall season with a major in welding and fabricating engineering



**Ashlann Gerber**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Northampton Community College, dental hygienist.



**Trevor Godshall**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Working for Penn Valley Gas and Alderfers



**Danae Gouldey**

Graduated from: Home School

Future Plans: MCCC—physical therapy assistant

## High School Graduates



**Grace Heller**

Graduated from: North Penn High School  
Future Plans: Saint Joseph's University



**Emma Kratz**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy  
Future Plans: Baylor University



**Emma Leister**

Graduated from: Home School  
Future Plans: Take a gap year—OneLife



**Elijah Stitt**

Graduated from: Home School  
Future Plans: Gap year



**Savannah Youssef**

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy  
Future Plans: Attending Gwynedd Mercy College, majoring in Business Management

## College Graduates



**Alana Bergey**

Graduated from: Grove City  
Degree: B.A. degree in Secondary English Education  
Future Plans: High school English teacher in Yantai, China



**Lincoln Bergey**

Graduated from: Liberty University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration  
Future Plans:



**Lindsey Bernd**

Graduated from: Messiah University  
Degree: Bachelor Degree in Marketing  
Future Plans: Masters in Industrial and Organizational

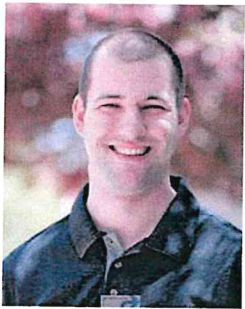


**Mikayla Frederick**

Graduated from: Messiah University  
Degree: Bachelors of Science in PreK -4 Education with a Minor in TESOL  
Future Plans: Teaching at Silver Spring Elementary School



## College Graduates



**Jonathan Mellinger**

Graduated from: Cairn University  
 Degree: BS in Bible and Master of Divinity  
 Future Plans: Pursue jobs as a Bible teacher



**Abby Nice**

Graduated from: MCCC  
 Degree: Associate Degree in Culinary and Pastry  
 Future Plans: Her own bakery business and Landis Supermarket



**Praise Zoegar**

Graduated from: LaSalle University  
 Degree: International Business and Marketing  
 Future Plans: Vanguard, King of Prussia and a Master in Business Systems and Analytics

## Seminary Graduate

**Pastor Kyle Rodgers**

Graduated from: Missio Seminary  
 Degree: Master of Divinity  
 Future Plans: Continue to work for Franconia Mennonite Church



## FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 12, 2022 ~

### YTD Finance Report as of May 31, 2022:

Income:	\$605,541
Expenses:	\$649,443
Budget:	\$671,907
Short/Over Expenses:	\$(43,902)



## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Sat. July 23 - Iron Pigs Game  
 Sun. July 31 - 8th Grade Only Event - Dorney Park - leave after church  
**Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman, drleath5@verizon.net**

### Sr. High—9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 9—16th - Montana Service Project  
**Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org**

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25

**\*\*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!\*\***

Every Thursday Night—Worship night, LFH—7pm  
 June 26 July 3— Service Project MDS Grand Lake, CO  
**YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org**





## Franconia Softball Schedule

Monday, June 13, 6:30 pm —St. Pauls @ Twin Town

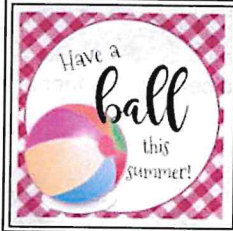
All are welcome to come support our men's softball team!

# Happy Anniversary



Wayne & Anna Mae Derstine—June 12 - 57 yrs.

Elmer & Jean Gerber—June 14 - 53 yrs.



Thank you for remembering to uplift your student in prayer this year. The end of the school year is quickly approaching please remember your student by letting them know you are thinking of them with a short note or special treat.

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH PRESENTS...

# Kids

# BLAST

BIBLE  
LEARNING

GROUP  
GAMES

*The Armor of God*

Tuesday through Friday, June 14 - 17, 2022

10:00am - 2:00pm • 3rd - 5th Grade

Franconia Mennonite Church • Rt. 113, Telford, PA

INVITE  
YOUR  
FRIENDS

REGISTER  
NOW!



Thank you for your prayers and donations. We had a wonderful weekend serving together at Bethany Birches Camp.



A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported the young adult pulled pork drive thru meal on Friday. Your support of more than \$6,000 for the young people of this church is greatly appreciated. Please keep the group in your prayers as we head to Grand Lake, CO on June 26 as we participate in a week long MDS assignment. Franconia Young Adults





**Thank you Worship, Community Life, and Outreach Committees for planning our Worship in the Park**



**Thank you Kitchen Committee and volunteers for all you did to make this service a success!**



## *This Week*

Monday—Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday— Sewing Circle—8 am  
Kidz Blast 10 am—2 pm  
SHINE—4 pm

Wednesday— Kidz Blast 10 am—2 pm  
New Members 6:30 pm—Conference Room  
Prayer Meeting —7:00 pm—Room E203

Thursday—Kidz Blast 10 am—2 pm

Friday—Kidz Blast 10 am—2 pm

Next Sunday—"How to navigate theological disagreements" — Pastor Josh Meyer

July 3 — Joint BFG

July 3 — Guest speaker - Ryan Nice

August 28 —Worship in the Park

September 4 — Joint BFG

September 28 — Congregational Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

## Nursery Ministry

Today's staff

Infant BFG—Steve & Lisa Kauffman

Infant Church—Mackenzie Derstine and Trinity Landis

2&3 Church—Ken & Janet Michener

Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Craig & Judy Weaver

Infant Church—Brenda Nice and Savannah Youssef

2&3 Church—Keith & Janet Crawford

KidCheck



May 25th Offering—\$25,848

June 5th Offering—\$25,145

### Sunday, May 29th Attendance

BFG hour — 81

In-Person Worship — 162

Online Worship — 279

### Sunday, June 5th Attendance

No BFG

In-Person Worship—380

Online Worship—132

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