

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7 pm

Tuesday—Chosen 300—UFH— 4:30 pm

Wednesday—New Members Class—6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting—E203—7 pm

Next Sunday—“Eat”—Pastor Josh Meyer

Aug 27—Service Trip to First Fruit Farms

Aug 28—Worship in the Park

Sept 10— Outdoor Mom’s Market

Sept 30—Allan Scott Band

UPCOMING
Events



Jon and Helen Eastburn are participating in a choir tour of Ireland. They are traveling around the country, singing with the Susquehanna Chorale. They look forward to reuniting with their church family at FMC on the 24th.

Nursery
Ministry

Today’s staff

Infant BFG—Joel & Renae Derstine
Infant Church—Daryl & Priscila Freed
2&3 Church—Ben & Heidi Yoder

Next week’s staff

Infant BFG—John & Ruthann Kulp
Infant Church—Karli & Sabrina Godshall
2&3 Church—Steve & Breanna Ralston

KidCheck
SECURE CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN



Tithes & Offering

Last Week’s Offering—\$17,355

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG Hour—196

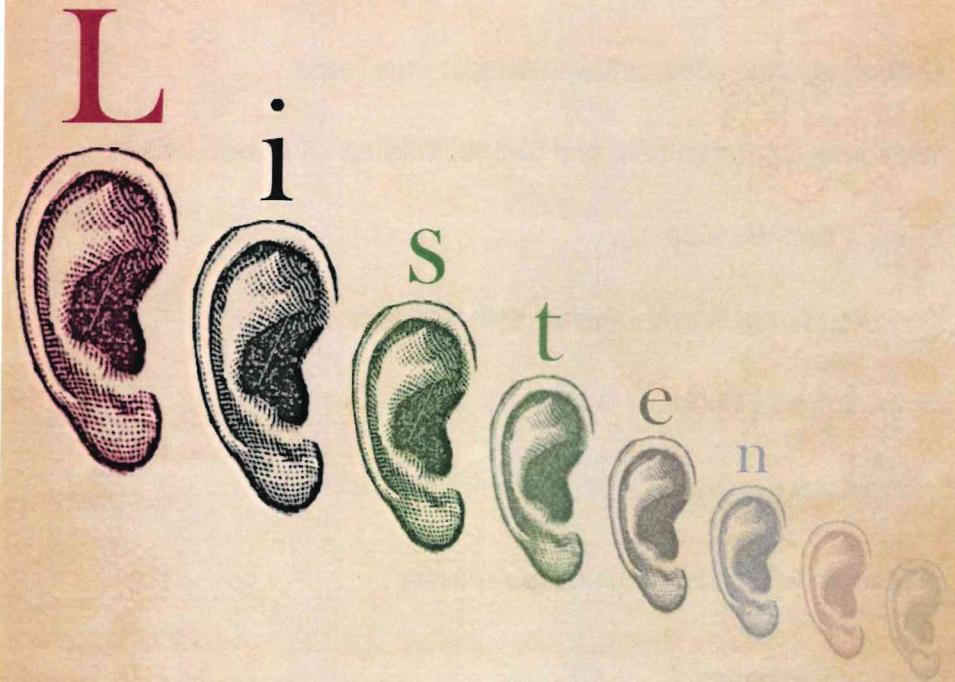
In-Person Worship — 257

Online Worship — 136

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B.L.E.S.S. - Listen



Franconia Mennonite Church

July 17, 2022

Worship 10:15 am

Worship with us

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." - James 1:19

Prelude—Katie Brubaker

Gathering Song—Pastor Mark Wenger and Team

Welcome, Opportunities, and Call to Worship—Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Luke 18:35-43—Linda Boll

Sermon —“Listen”— Pastor Josh Meyer

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...

- **our congregation**, that all would be receptive to God's doing a new thing in the congregation and accept His perfect will above our own desires.
- the **individuals** in the membership class as they explore becoming members of our congregation.
- the **volunteers** of Chosen 300, as they serve those in need in the Pottstown area on Tuesday.
- **families** traveling during these summer months, for protection on the road and in flight. Ask God to bring us back together safely.
- **our nation**, that we will repent and seek God's favor and that the Lord will grant us a spiritual awakening.
- **four Mosaic young adults** who are participating in Mennonite Mission Network's Borderlands Learning Tour from July 15-23. The young adults will be joining others in Arizona to hear about the lives of migrants, speak with border patrol agents, and serve at refugee centers. Pray for those participating in the tour as well as those from whom they will be learning. Pray for immigrants throughout the world.

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

- **Gideon Youssef's** mother in a hospital Denver CO after suffering a stroke.
- **those** grieving the loss of loved ones.

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter or exit the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code)
- * **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

~ JULY 17, 2022 ~

Worship Ministry Team



Franconia Mennonite Church

August 14th @ 4 pm

Upper Fellowship Hall



Worship in the Park

Sunday, August 28 — 10 am

LET'S DO BREAKFAST!



Pastor Mark Wenger will eat breakfast @ Franconia Heritage on Thursdays 6:30 am to 7:45 am.

Anyone is welcome to come for conversation.



Tuesday, July 19th

UFH @ 4:30 pm

Volunteers needed

Contact Scott Kratz



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—9th-12th Grade

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

July 30-31—Overnight Canoe Trip

August 3—Outside Worship—Logan Hunsberger house 6:30 pm

August 16—Backyard Concert @ Kyle & Alicia

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We need **Sunday School Teachers** for the fall of 2022. Please contact Bronwen Leister for more information @ 4kids@franconiamennonite.org



Children's Ministry and Kidz Blast raised \$1,138.83 for the Worm Project, giving 34,000 children worm pills. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.



All families with children Sr High and down are welcome to join us for **Sunday Fun Night**.

August 21, 4-8 pm
at Branchwood Park.

It will be a potluck style dinner with an Ice Cream Sundae bar for dessert. Please bring a main or side dish to share with the group. Drinks and paper supplies will be provided.

Come out for a fun night of lawn games, group games, and Bible Trivia for families of all ages.



One Day Service Project

for all ages at First Fruits Farm in Maryland, Saturday, August 27

If interested contact Rod or Lisa Hunsberger
Firstfruitsfarm.org

Collecting school supplies (backpacks highly needed), used clothing ages 2T to 16Y.

Monetary donations are also welcome to pay for the shipment.

Drop off at the Sewing Building before or after service on Sundays July 17.

Or call/text Priscila Freed @ 267-424-3438 to arrange another time.



Drops of Love International



Sermon Notes / July 17, 2022 / B.L.E.S.S. – Listen

Begin with Prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

Story

These B.L.E.S.S. practices are a simple tool to help share the love of God with those around us. The motivation is to help people know Jesus and experience the abundant & eternal life that is available in him, but living this way makes our lives better, too. A life of praying, listening, sharing meals, serving, and telling stories is the richest life possible.

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[A] Listening to _____.

>>> Luke 18:35-43

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

When people feel _____, they feel _____.

When people feel _____, they feel _____.

David Augsburger: Being *heard* is so close to being *loved* that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable.

The Four H's of Listening

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[B] Listening to _____.

>>> Acts 17:16-23

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you..."

The Four P's of a Place

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Listening Questions

The following resource can help you listen more intentionally. Prayerfully work through these questions. The answers will change over time, so you can use the tool over and over.

Questions for where you LIVE

1. Do you know your neighbors' names? If not, how can you introduce yourself?
2. Who in your neighborhood just had a baby? Can you naturally offer something, take them a meal, or give a small gift and card?
3. Who in your neighborhood is elderly or physically challenged? What might they need help with?
4. Who in your neighborhood is around your age or in a similar life stage? Can you invite them into your space or home?
5. Are there any single moms or dads around you? How might you come alongside them?
6. Do your neighbors know each other? Can you do something to bring them all together?
7. Are there other people who follow Jesus in your neighborhood? If so, can you partner together to look for and meet needs?
8. Do you know of birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events happening? How can you help someone celebrate?
9. Who has moved in recently? How can you help welcome them to the neighborhood?
10. Is there anyone in your neighborhood who doesn't fit the profile of the majority? How can you help them feel loved and valued?

Questions for where you WORK

1. Do you know your coworkers' names? If not, how can you introduce yourself?
2. Has anyone had any major life changes?
3. Has there been a death in anyone's family or is someone in their family ill?

4. Has anyone at work just had a baby? Can you naturally offer something, take them a meal, or give a small gift and card?
5. Is there someone at your workplace who doesn't fit in, is different, or gets bullied? How can you help them feel loved and valued?
6. Is there anyone new at your work? How can you help them feel welcomed?
7. Are there others in your workplace who follow Jesus or are curious about faith? How can you engage in conversations about faith or let them know you are a follower of Jesus?
8. Do you know of birthdays, anniversaries, or special events happening? How can you help someone celebrate?
9. Do any of your coworkers hang out together after work? How can you join in or initiate a gathering?
10. Are there ways you can support your coworkers' hobbies outside of work?

Questions for where you PLAY

1. Where do you go frequently? (Gym, library, sporting events, music venues, restaurants, cafes, bookstores, rec leagues?) How can you get to know the people you see frequently at this place?
2. Are there ways to make your frequent encounters in these places more significant encounters?
3. How can you listen and express care for the people you interact with in these "third spaces"?
4. Do you simply come in and out of these places undetected, or can you begin to look for small and big ways to appreciate, engage with, and encourage people there?
5. How can you make this place a better and more positive place?
6. Is there someone you enjoy favor with in these settings? Does the manager of the gym, the barista at the café, or the waitstaff at your favorite restaurant enjoy interacting with you? How can you listen to and bless those people?