

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm  
Tuesday Shine—4 pm  
Chosen 300—UFH—4:30 pm  
Wednesday Boy's and Girl's Clubs—6:30 pm  
Prayer Meeting 7 pm—Room E203  
Thursday Women's Walk in the Park—6:30 pm  
Next Sunday Pastor Rob Presthus—Following the Spirit: From Creation to Pentecost

Sept 28—Fellowship Meal and Congregational Business Meeting

Sept 30—Allan Scott Band

Oct 2—Rob Presthus installation

Oct—Wednesday night Fellowship meals and Bible Study

Oct 30—BFG Teacher Training

Nov 6—Resourcing with Mark Gregston

UPCOMING  
Events

## Nursery Ministry

### Today's staff

- Infant BFG—Joel & Tiffany Landis  
Infant Church—Daryl & Priscila Freed  
2&3 Church—Brenda Nice & Savannah Youssef

### Next week's staff

- Infant BFG—Randy & Tammy Landis  
Infant Church—Sabrina & Karli Godshall  
2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford



## Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering—\$50,477

### Last Sunday Attendance

- BFG hour — 235  
In-Person Worship — 317  
Online Worship — 127

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# A Letter to Franconia Congregation

Dear  
**CHURCH**



Franconia Mennonite Church

September 18, 2022

Worship 10:15 am



# Worship with us

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you." Colossians 1:9

Prelude—Katie Brubaker

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Team

Welcome, Opportunities, and Call to Worship—Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Dale Bergey

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:3-14—Kathy Wenger

Sermon—A Letter to Franconia Congregation—Pastor Mark Wenger

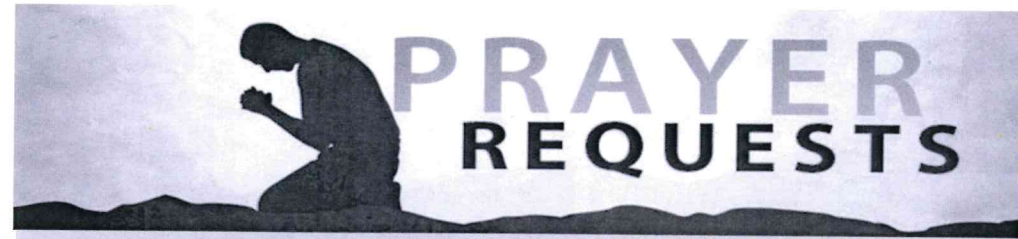
Song of Response

Celebration of the Wenger's

Sending—Pastor Kyle Rodgers



**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 upcoming **October Wednesday** night Bible studies on the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts. Abide with Me: An invitation from the Holy Spirit.
- the **volunteers and participants** of Chosen 300 ministries on Tuesday evening.
- the **first responders** caring for our community.
- the **recipients** of the many quilts that were knotted during the comforter blitz.
- **Pastor Mark and Kathy** as they continue transition from our community of faith to their Lancaster home.
- the **organizers, volunteers and attendees** of the upcoming Allan Scott Band concert, for lives to be touched and healed.

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

- Ken Gouldey, father of **Patti Landis and Kevin Gouldey**, who is hospitalized after a recent fall.
- **Sanford Kiser** who remains hospitalized at GVH with kidney and heart issues.
- The **family of Betty Hackman** as they prepare for her Celebration of Gratitude to be held on Monday, September 26th at SMH Chapel.

**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



## **FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship  
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries  
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Team Leader  
Mark Wenger, Pastor

Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader  
Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching  
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults



# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 ~



**Today, September 18th**  
**Appreciation Meal for**  
**Pastor Mark & Kathy Wenger.**  
**Ham dinner provided by**  
**Young Adults for their Ministry**  
**Fundraiser.**



## CHOSEN 300 MINISTRIES, INC.

*Your Help Will Make A Difference*

Tuesday, September 20

4:30 pm

UFH

Contact Scott Kratz

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



## CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

A Celebration of Gratitude will be held at **SMH** chapel for the life of **Betty Hackman** on September 26th @ 7pm. Calling hour will be from 6—7 pm.

### LET'S DO BREAKFAST!



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

Anyone is welcome to come for conversation.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
**Arlan & Alda Kratz — September 19 — 69 years**  
**Harold & Esther Bergey — September 23 — 61 years**



### Family Service Night

Friday, October 7th, from 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Del Val College

Feed My Starving Children Mannapack

**100 Volunteers** needed to help pack meals.

Contact Pastor Kyle to sign up.

## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept. 21— Ceramic Painting, 6:30-8 pm

**Girls Club Contact:** Contact Jess Landis, jess.landis17@gmail.com

### Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept. 21- Fireside at Nyce's 6:30-8 pm

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

### Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Sept 21 - 6:30—8 pm—Bible Study

Sept 23 - 25—Hemlock Springs

Oct 29—Barn Party

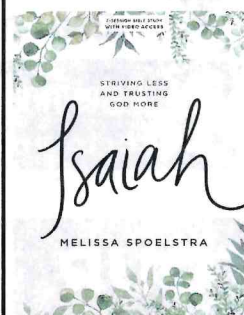
**Jr. High Contact:** Renita Leatherman, drleath5@verizon.net

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

Oct 7th - ManaPack Volunteer Opportunity

Oct 29-30 - Fall Retreat

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



### Women's Bible Study of Isaiah begins on

Thursday, September 29 and runs for 7 consecutive weeks. Morning sessions at 9:30am and evening sessions at 7:00 pm are available. The study guide can be purchased for \$10 at the first class. Sign up at the foyer table or franconiawomen@gmail.com. Child care is available for the morning session.

Contact Helen Eastburn, Julie Kratz or Lucy Landis for more info.



**Women's Walk** in the Franconia Park, Thursday, Sept 22 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We are combining with a fundraiser for the North Care Women's clinic. If you don't want to participate in the walk come for fellowship. There will be a soft pretzel tray afterwards.

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25

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

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

Sept 18—Ham Dinner

Oct 8—Mega Dam Release

**YA Contact:** Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



Support for the **Liberia Education Project** is due by Sept 10.

\$19,000 Total needed

\$ 9,210 amount received

\$ 9,790 amount still needed

Support for the **Liberia Coconut Farm Project**

Immediate need by October 2: \$4,300

Need by March 1, 2023: \$20,000





All are invited to Frederick Living's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 10 AM to 2 PM at 2849 Big Road, Zieglerville (Route 73). This family-friendly event features a wide variety of activities including games and fall crafts for children, a bouncy house, face painter, magician, fire truck, croquet and other activities for adults too, a costumed pet parade and more. Wow Wagon Food Truck and other food available and The Coyotes western swing/folk band are performing. Proceeds from food concessions and mum sales will benefit Pottstown Salvation Army and Frederick Living's Benevolent Care Fund. Bring a canned good for the Salvation Army or pet food for Animal House (Pottstown charity that assists low-income pet owners). Frederick Living is a conference related ministry of Mosaic Mennonite Conference. For more information, call 610-754-7878. <https://frederickliving.org/#fall>



### EVERENCE Fall Medicare Webinar

**Thursday, September 29: 6:30 p.m.**  
**Make Medicare an easy step.**

Attend the live webinar on Sept. 29 to gain clarity and confidence.

- Learn how to sign up for Medicare.
- See what Medicare covers.
- Understand Medicare Parts A, B, C and D.
- Budgeting for health care costs in retirement.

To register, visit [everence.com/souderton](http://everence.com/souderton) and go to our events section.



Walk 2022 is an easy, family-friendly 2 mile walk (you can run, bike, skate, or push strollers if you want!) and takes on average 30 minutes. Free breakfast at 9am, walk begins at 10am. Register to create a web page for easy fundraising – just share the link to ask people in your life to sponsor you. FREE Chick-fil-a gift to all pre-registered walkers and FREE t-shirt when you raise \$200 or more! Click "Register or Sponsor" below to register as a walker OR sponsor a walker! If you prefer to raise funds offline, print our Sponsor Pledge Form. Our annual Walk helps raise awareness of the Clinic in area churches and in the community. It raises critically needed funds that go directly to the work of the Clinic. Your support keeps us open and free to all women making one of the biggest decisions of their lives.



Spruce Lake's Woodcutting Day is Saturday, October 8 from 8:30 am – 4 pm. A hearty breakfast and lunch will be provided: bring a chainsaw and/or splitter if you have them.

Call 570-595-7505 by October 5 to tell them you are coming.

### PRE-ORDERS & DRIVE-THRU

**CHICKEN BBQ**  
**Friday, Sept. 30th**  
**4:00 - 8:00 pm**

**50 E. Paletown Rd, Quakertown**  
**QuakertownChristian.org**

### GLOBAL FARM PARTY

Sunday, October 9, 2022  
 Spring Creek Farm

[meda.org/farmparty](http://meda.org/farmparty) **MEDA**

# THE STORY TOUR

**A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING FOR THE HURTING AND STRUGGLING**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT, HOPE, & RESTORATION  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
 TELFORD, PA » AT FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH



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 FROM ACROSS THE U.S.



**SPEAKER & EX-DRUG ADDICT**  
**ALLAN SCOTT**



**SPEAKER & SUICIDE SURVIVOR**  
**PASTOR TRAVIS HABBERSHON**



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