

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm  
Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am  
Shine—4 pm  
Wednesday Christmas Choir rehearsal—7 pm NO PRAYER MEETING  
Next Sunday “Simeon’s Song”—Pastor Josh Meyer  
Neighborhood Caroling—UFH—6:30 pm

Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25—Christmas Sunday—No BFG or Sunday School—Service at 10 am

Jan 1— Combined BFG  
New Year’s Communion

Jan 14—Learning Tour: Museum of the Bible

Jan 28—Marriage Night w/ Deb Fileta

UPCOMING  
Events

OUT OF  
OFFICE

Pastor Kyle Rodgers will be out of the church office December 11–15  
accompanying students on the Dock social issues field trip.

Nursery  
Ministry

Today’s staff

Infant BFG—Ben & Heidi Yoder  
Infant Church—Tracy Landis & Mackenzie Derstine  
2&3 Church—Mark & Darla Bergey

Next week’s staff

Infant BFG—Mat & Jess Landis  
Infant Church—Randy & Tammy Landis  
2&3 Church—Erica & Emily Merrill

KidCheck  
SECURE CHILDREN’S CHECK-IN



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OFFERINGS

Last Week’s Offering—\$61,825

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 248  
In-Person Worship — 343  
Online Worship — 144

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# THE ORIGINAL SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

# Angels' Song

Franconia Mennonite Church  
December 11, 2022  
Worship 10:15

# Worship with us

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14

**Prelude**—Monique Kratz

**Gathering Song**—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

**Welcome and Call to Worship**—Scott Kratz

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**—Pastor Josh Meyer

**Opportunities**

**Children’s Message**—Dylan Derstine

**Special Music**—*An Angelic Christmas*—FMC choir

**Hearing God’s Word**

**Scripture Reading**—Luke 2:8-15— First and Second Grade

**Sermon**— Angel’s Song—Glory, Peace, Favor — Pastor Rob Presthus

**Closing Song**

**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 Church Board** who meets on Monday evening, that they feel God’s love and have God’s wisdom to guide them as they lead our congregation.
- the **recipients** of MCC grocery bags collected here for distribution to the many in need especially during this season of Celebrating our Saviors birth.
- **those among us** dealing with the pain of losing a loved one especially during the Christmas season.
- **our congregation** during this busy season. Let us set aside five minutes to be still with God and rest in His love for us.

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

- **Ruth Moyer**, mother-in-law of **Nancy Moyer**, who is recovering at SMH Healthcare from hip surgery following a fall.
- **Liz Hagey’s** family as they mourn their loss.
- **Elmer Gerber** is home but continues to experience severe back pain.
- **Nolen Bergey**, who was back in the hospital this week. Pray for strength and encouragement for Sara and Tyler.
- **Keith Crawford**, who is recovering from successful heart surgery.

**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 & Care

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

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 11, 2022 ~

## YTD Finance Report as of November 30, 2022:

Income:	\$1,330,956
Expenses:	\$1,413,033
Budget:	\$1,479,809
Short/Over Expenses:	(\$82,077)



### A Cappella Christmas Song Service

**TONIGHT**

at 6:30 pm UFH.

Please bring a dessert or healthy snack item to share.



MCC grocery bags need to be brought to church today, **Sunday, December 11th.**

Thank you for your support of this worthy project.



### Wednesdays December 14th and 21st

Meeting in the Auditorium from 7:00-8:30 - all are welcome!

If you can't make it to all of the rehearsals, that's ok! Come when you can. Reach out

to Jon or Helen Eastburn with any questions.

## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 18—Community Caroling

Dec 21—Christmas Party—6:30-8 pm

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

### Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 21—Bowling —6:30-8 pm

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

### Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Dec 10—Christmas dinner

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

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

Dec 14—Movie Night @ Broad

Dec 21—Gingerbread Contest

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

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25

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

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

Dec 17—Amish Christmas Dinner @ 5 pm

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



Christmas is a good time to drop your **student prayer partner** a note or little gift of encouragement reminding them you are lifting them up in prayer.

The Coffee Committee is looking for volunteers to help brew coffee on Sunday mornings 3 to 4 times a year.

No experience necessary. We will train you!

Please contact Toni Brown or Renae Derstine if you are interested.



## Thank You

Dear church family...

We would like to thank those who reached out to us with prayer, cards, phone calls and the genuine caring concerning the unspeakable tragedy that happened in our family in March of this year. For those of you who do not know, our grandson David was charged with third degree murder of his six week old baby boy. David is in a correctional facility until his trial March 6th 2023. Some of our family writes to him and he welcomes those letters, he does write back. David needs prayer and much encouragement, if any of you feel lead to send a card or note of encouragement especially this time of year. Even though he would not know you, just the fact that notes or cards from pop pop and mom mom's church would mean a lot to him. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Sincerely Glenn and Joyce Halteman.

This is his address

David Moyer #1

Montgomery County Correctional Facility

60 Eagleville Road

Eagleville, PA 19403

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Are you feeling called to help facilitate the 2023 Vacation Bible School? Please contact Danielle Landis.

## How to STUDY the BIBLE

JEN WILKIN

LADIE'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY (4 wks)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JANUARY

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sign ups are required

**Barnabas Fund**

# Blessed To Be A Blessing

The Barnabas Fund exists to provide financial support for programs and projects which serve to extend the mission and the ministries of the congregation. Believing that God has richly blessed our church, the Barnabas Fund was established to provide an avenue by which the congregation can share resources for mission and service projects.

**Barnabas Fund Committee:** Mark Bergey-chair, Jeff Godshall, Jen Landis, Kevin Landis, Morgan Landis, Josh Meyer.

### **Contributions to the Barnabas Fund**

The Barnabas Fund is one of the ways through which members and friends of the congregation can contribute gifts and estate bequests and receive qualified and impartial administration of these funds. Those interested in contribution to the Barnabas Fund can receive more information about doing so by contacting Jeff Godshall (chair of Finance Committee) or a member of the Barnabas Fund Committee.

### **Distributions from the Barnabas Fund**

Applications are now being accepted. Any individual member or committee within the church may make a request for a grant. Applications are available through a mid-week email link or by contacting the church office. Requests are accepted through February 1, 2023 with approval made by March 1, 2023.

The 13th annual Frozen4Chosen Polar Bear Plunge

Sunday, January 1  
12 pm  
Branchwood Park

Come out and take the plunge to raise money for Chosen 300. Funds raised from the Polar Bear Plunge will go directly to support the many programs offered by Chosen 300. Those efforts include: Serving over 3,000 meals each week, Job readiness programs, and Bulk Food Distributions. Support the ministry by designated giving via your offering envelope.

## MISSIONS UPDATE

Missionary	Goal	Current
Dave & Mary Landis	\$74,044	\$44,486
Jamy & Lisa Landis	\$45,000	\$40,742
Troy & Michelle Landis	\$24,000	\$22,000
Dustin & Hannah Leatherman	\$64,500	\$43,259



**Family Event for  
JR High and under  
Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 8 pm  
Sky Zone Chalfont.  
Cost is \$10 per family**



Fill out the waiver form before the event by using the QR Code or the link in the midweek.