

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm
Tuesday Shine—4 pm
Chosen 300 —4:30 pm
Wednesday Christmas Choir rehearsal—7 pm
Saturday Christmas Eve Service—6:30 pm
Next Sunday “Lessons & Carols”—Pastors Josh Meyer, Rob Presthus , Kyle Rodgers

- Jan 1— Combined BFG
New Year’s Communion and Footwashing
Jan 14—Learning Tour: Museum of the Bible
Jan 28—Marriage Night w/ Deb Fileta

UPCOMING
Events

Nursery Ministry

Today’s staff

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

Next week’s staff

- Infant BFG—NO BFG
Infant Church—Sabrina & Kayla Godshall
2&3 Church—John & Joanna Leatherman

KidCheck
SECURE CHILDREN’S CHECK-IN



Tithe/Offering

Last Week’s Offering—\$39,336

Last Sunday Attendance

- BFG hour — 225
In-Person Worship — 347
Online Worship — 336

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Worship with us

"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." John 1:9

Prelude—Presthus/Eastburn Quartet

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Team

Welcome, Opportunities, and Call to Worship —Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Andrew Landis

Children's Message—Bronwen Leister

**Special Music—*In the Bleak Midwinter*—
Katie Brubaker, Alicia Rodgers, Kara Detweiler**

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:22-35 —Lori Menzies

Sermon—"Simeon's Song: Praise, Promise, Light"—Pastor Josh Meyer

Song of Response

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...

- **students** as they finish up before the Christmas break. Pray that they will have energy for all the needs to be accomplished and assurance of God's presence.
- **those traveling** during this Christmas season to be with family and friends.
- the **many volunteers** who serve our church and all the outreach activities.
- **family relationships** in the home and across the generations for healing and restoration.

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

- **Pastor Kyle**, recovering from successful thyroid surgery.
- **David Mellinger**, who is sick with walking pneumonia.
- **Sylvia Wireman**, recovering from a fall at Rockhill.
- **Ruth Moyer**, recovering from hip surgery in Health Care at SMH.
- **Nolan Bergey and his family** for health and stability that they can be home together as a family over the holidays.

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
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 18, 2022 ~

TONIGHT

Christmas Caroling! All are welcome to come help carol! The more the merrier! Please meet at 5:30 at the auditorium carport entrance to break up into groups and disperse from there.



Wednesday, December 21st

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

Reach out to Jon or Helen Eastburn with any questions.



For those who use offering envelopes Monique will be in the foyer the next two weeks handing them out



Dear Friends : To all who blessed me with calls, cards, visits, food, gifts, and most of all prayers, thank you!!! I have been so blessed by your support following my unexpected, unwanted trip down the attic steps.

Blessings and love, Anna Mae Derstine.

thank you To our church family, we would like to thank you for all the cards, the many words of encouragement, prayers and your sympathy during our father's final days. He lived a long life of 92 years and passed away very peacefully surrounded by our family. We are so appreciative of the Pastors for the visits and the meaningful conversations they had with Dad and our family. We are so blessed to be a part of this caring and compassionate church family. Thank you. Kevin & Leslie Gouldey / Patti & Kevin Landis.

CHOSEN 300 MINISTRIES, INC.

Your Help Will Make A Difference



Tuesday
December 20
4:30 pm
UFH
Contact:
Scott Kratz



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

Jan 4—Family Night @ Sky Zone 6:30—8 pm

Jan 18—Bible Study

Jan 20-22—Ignite retreat at Spruce Lake

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

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

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Liberia Christian Education Partnership

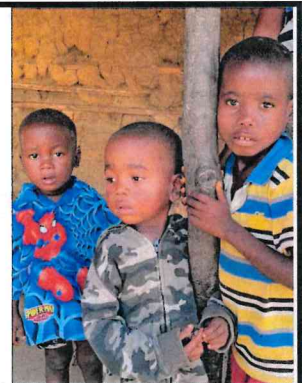
2022 / 2023 school year

\$36,866 Total commitment

\$24,496 Received to date

\$12,370 Funds still needed

Thank you for your gifts that bless so many children in Liberia!



Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ



153 bags filled

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

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.

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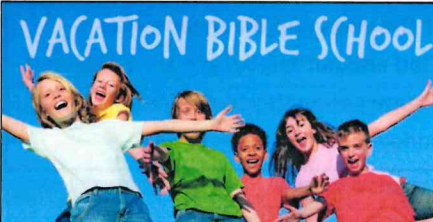
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HARK the Herald: The Mailboxes will return to the church lobby exclusively through the Christmas season for card exchange, be sure to bring your cards (and check your box)!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Please join us on Saturday, January 28 at 6:30pm for a Marriage Seminar with Debra Fileta.

Debra Fileta is a woman in love with Jesus. That love has been the driving motivator propelling her forward in her pursuits as a wife, a mother, a licensed professional counselor, a speaker, and an author. Debra and John are parents to four children who live in Lancaster, PA. Debra is a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in dating, marriage, and relationship issues, along with a spectrum of mental health disorders and issues.

Sign ups begin next week.



SKY ZONE



Family Event for JR High and under
Wednesday, January 4th
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.

How to STUDY the BIBLE JEN WILKIN

LADIES' WINTER BIBLE STUDY (4 wks)
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JANUARY
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Sign ups are required