

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm
- Tuesday Shine—4 pm
Women's Ministry—MRC—7 pm
- Wednesday Knotting Comforters—8 am—1 pm
Women's Bible Study —7 pm
- Saturday Marriage Night w/Debra Fileta—6:30 pm
- Next Sunday *Dealing with Distractions* —Pastor Josh Meyer

Feb—Wednesday Night Bible Studies

March 3 & 4—Youth Frolic

March 10—Sportsmen's Dinner

UPCOMING
Events

Nursery Ministry

Today's staff

Infant BFG—Jim & Kim Godshall
Infant Church—Andrew & Danielle Landis
2&3 Church—John & Ruth Ann Kulp



Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Adam & Charise Halteman
Infant Church—Dan & Carol Landis
2&3 Church—Daryl & Priscila Freed

Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering—\$30,877

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 232
In-Person Worship — 357
Online Worship — 121

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NEHEMIAH

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Franconia Mennonite Church

January 22, 2023

Worship with us

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." -Gal. 6:9

Prelude—JoAnn Moyer

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Team

Welcome and Call to Worship—Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Randy Derstein

Opportunities

Kitchen Committee Announcement—Toni Brown

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Nehemiah 4:1-14 —Brent & Tonya Fischer

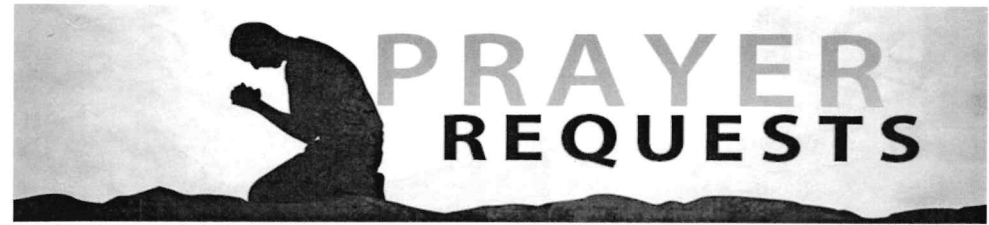
Sermon—"Facing Opposition"—Pastor Josh Meyer

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...

- **Sr. High and Jr. High** groups as they attend their winter retreats this weekend. Pray for safe travels, the retreat speakers, and for hearts and minds to be attentive to God's Word.
- **Noah & Maggie Shreiner**, as they welcomed home a new daughter, Mayla Jay, born on January 12th.
- the upcoming **February Wednesday** night Bible Studies on **Prayer**.
- those who are **organizing and attending** the marriage seminar Saturday, January 28.

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

- **Ruth Moyer**, as she waits on the Lord to bring her home.
- **Elmer Gerber**, for continued healing and full relief from pain.
- **Verna Mae Detweiler**, who is recovering from a leg fracture in the Healthcare Unit at SMH.
- **Jenni Moyer** (friend of Levi Culver), who is again hospitalized in connection to her cancer treatment.

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

~ JANUARY 22, 2023 ~



Be a Greeter

The **Congregational Life Ministry Team** is looking for individuals and families to joyfully serve as greeters. As a greeter, you are often the first friendly face that a brother or sister, or visitor, sees as they arrive for Worship—you're also there to help older individuals or those with accessibility issues. This is a great way to get to know the congregation and to serve individually or with your family! If you're interested see Jim Godshall.



You are invited to **knot comforters** on Wednesday, January 25th from 8 am to 1 pm in the Sewing Building. If you can tie a knot you can help.

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

Feb—Wednesday nights—Bible Study & frolic projects

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

Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

Feb 1—Jeopardy

Feb 8— Paper airplane build & fly

Feb 15 & 22—Building project for Frolic auction

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

Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Jan 20-22—Ignite retreat at Spruce Lake

Feb 1—Bible Study

Feb 8—Service Night

Feb 15—Bible Study

Feb 22—Service Night

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

Jan 20-22—Winter Retreat

Feb 3—Refresh Conference

Feb 19—Devo Game Night @ Rodgers

Feb 24—Ski Night @ Bear Creek

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

Jan 29—Eagles Playoff Party—Adam & Charise home

Feb 17-19—Winter Retreat

Mar 5—Frolic Fundraiser—help with childcare

Mar 12—Volleyball Tournament

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



Accepting College
Scholarship Applications

Apply now for a 2023-2024 scholarship. Our church's faith-based partner, Everence, wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will be enrolled in a college or trade school next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship up to \$3,000 by Feb. 28, 2023.

Visit everence.com/college-scholarships now for guidelines and an application.

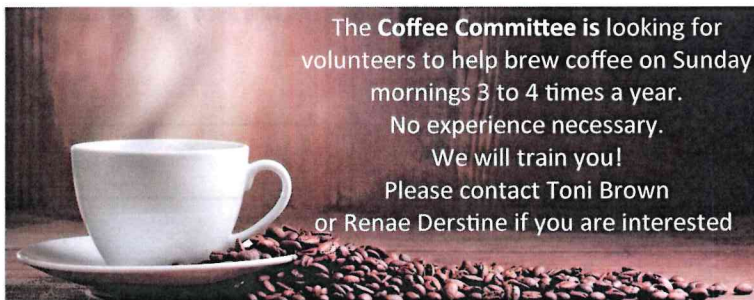
women's
MINISTRY



MRC—Tuesday, January 24. We'll meet at the Mennonite Resource Center - 737 Hagey Center Drive C (off of Schoolhouse Road), Souderton - at 7:00 pm. This is for women of all ages, friends/kids. We will be helping to assemble and/or check the various kits (more information on the WM table), knotting comforters, or helping in the warehouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and serve at the same time. Register by Sunday, January 22.

Welcome
Baby Girl

Congratulations **Noah and Maggie Shreiner** on the birth of their daughter, Mayla Jay Shreiner, born Thursday, January 12 weighing 7lb 10 oz. She joins big sister, Sage.



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



To register scan the QR Code or click on the link in the midweek.



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. Register by scanning the QR Code, church website or click on the link in the midweek.

Sermon Notes | January 22, 2023 | Facing Opposition (Nehemiah 4)

Don't be surprised when you face opposition

"When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, 'What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?' Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, 'What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!'" (Nehemiah 4:1-3)

>> _____ invites _____.

>> The _____ usually comes from the _____.

How do you respond to critics?

"Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders." (Nehemiah 4:4-5)

>> Most of the time, _____.

>> Your _____ isn't going to _____.

Some practical reminders when facing opposition

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat. Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, 'The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.' Also our enemies said, 'Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.' Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, 'Wherever you turn, they will attack us.'" (Nehemiah 4:6-12)

>> Don't let _____

or let _____.

>> Nehemiah _____ and he _____.

The single best thing to do in the face of opposition

Remember _____, who is _____.

"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'" (Nehemiah 4:14)

>> Nehemiah takes the _____ and puts it _____.

>> The greater the _____, the greater the _____.



Prayer

February 1

The Purpose of Prayer

February 8

The Postures of Prayer

February 15

The Power of Prayer

February 22

The Practice of Prayer

February Wednesday Night Bible Study
Dinner in the Fellowship Hall / 5:30—6:45 pm
Activities for all ages / 7:00—8:00 pm

Nursery Care.....Newborns to age 3.....meet in the 2 yr old nursery



Children's Ministry.....4 yr olds to 2nd grade.....meet in Children's singing room

Girl's Club...Grades 3 –5...Meet in room E123

- February 1—Bible Study and frolic projects
- February 8—Bible Study and frolic projects
- February 15—Bible Study and frolic projects
- February 22—Bible Study and frolic projects

Boy's Club...Grades 3—5...Meet in rooms E103-107

- February 1—Jeopardy
- February 8—Paper airplane build and fly
- February 15—Building project for frolic auction
- February 22—Building project for frolic auction

All kids from infant through 5th grade will be required to use **KidCheck for all events**

*****Parents: Download the app for quick sign in and out*****

Jr High.....Grades 6—8.....Meet in Jr High Room

- February 1—Bible Study
- February 8—Service Project
- February 15—Bible Study
- February 22—Service Project

Sr High and Young Adults—attend adult sessions.