

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm
- Tuesday Shine—4 pm
- Wednesday Fellowship Meal—UFH —5:30—6:45 pm
Boy's and Girls Clubs and JR activities
February Bible Study —7 pm
- Friday REFRESH—Youth Night (Jr and Sr High) 6 pm Gym—7 Worship
- Saturday REFRESH— All ages—5 pm free dinner, sessions start at 6 pm
- Next Sunday *Father Forgive Them*—Pastor Rob Presthus

Feb—Wednesday Night Bible Studies

March 3 & 4—Youth Frolic

March 10—Sportsmen's Dinner

UPCOMING
Events

Nursery Ministry

Today's staff

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



Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Steve & Lisa Kauffman
Infant Church—Martha Zoegar & Ruth Detwiler
2&3 Church—Peter & Katie Brubaker

Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering—\$16,352

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 199
In-Person Worship — 267
Online Worship — 148
Sr High weekend—35
Jr High weekend—35

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NEHEMIAH

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Franconia Mennonite Church

January 29, 2023

Worship with us

"Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord." Nehemiah 9:5

Prelude—Monique Kratz

Gathering Song—Scott Kratz and Team

Welcome and Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer

Opportunities

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading—Nehemiah 6:1-16—Mark Alderfer

Sermon—"Dealing with Distractions"—Pastor Josh Meyer

Song of Response

Sending—Pastor Rob Presthus



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 **February Wednesday** night Bible Studies on **Prayer** starting this week.
- the **REFRESH** conference, held here at the Franconia Meetinghouse, next weekend.
- the **cooks** and **bakers** who will lovingly answer the call for food donations for Bethany Birches Camp.
- the **attendees** of the Marriage Seminar yesterday, that they would put into practice the good things that were taught.
- our **congregation** as we passionately, inspire those with whom we come in contact, in order that they would know our Jesus.

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

- **Ruth Moyer's** family, as they grieve the earthly loss of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.
- **Jean Kolb**, who is recovering from a stroke last week at GVH rehab center.
- **Cecelia Gboyah**, while she is separated from Eddie and the children as they remain in Liberia longer than expected.

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 29, 2023 ~



We are in the middle of a wonderful winter camp season up here in VT. We have many bellies to fill each weekend, and would love your help! Take a look at the [sign up sheet](#) in the midweek news letter and add your name for any of the food you are willing to make. All food should be dropped off at the church office by Wednesday February 1st. Thank you for your continued support.



Everence® 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.

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

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

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



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3-4, 2023

FRIDAY NIGHT (YOUTH NIGHT FOR JR. AND SR. HIGH)

6:00 Gym Night
6:45 Snack Time!
7:00 Worship and
Speaker
Dimaz Pezzato
Feed Me
Psalm 1:1-3

SATURDAY NIGHT (ALL AGES)

5:00 FREE Dinner
6:00 Breakout Sessions #1
Jeremy Nice - Wrestling with God
Jay Geistdorfer - The Least of These
Scott Smith - Mission and Arts in 2023
7:00 Breakout Sessions #2
Kyle Rodgers - Godly Parenting
Gibson Largent - Remaining Faithful to
Jesus
Bill Wright - The Slippery Slope
8:00 Worship and Keynote Speaker
Juan Marrero - Able to Stand
Ephesians 6:10-20

THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

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Thank you to all who prayed for my surgery and recovery. For the many cards, texts and phone calls. It's a blessing to be a part of a caring church. God is good. **Mary Ellen Hartman.**

Because Motherhood Matters...

The Real Mom Conference is designed for moms of all ages, in all seasons of life.

Our desire is to encourage moms in their pursuit of Biblical motherhood and equip them to shepherd their children's hearts.

Souderton Brethren in Christ Church • Souderton, PA

Sat. March 11, 2023 • 8:30am - 2:00pm

Register for \$39 at MoreOfHimMinistries.org

What to Expect from The Real Mom Conference...

One Keynote Session • Two Breakout Sessions • Worship and Panel Discussion



Jessie Ezeiza
Keynote Speaker



Verna Bowman
Breakout Speaker



Tabitha Deller
Breakout Speaker



Demina Stamans
Breakout Speaker



Carolyn Rich
Breakout Speaker

Sermon Notes | January 29, 2023 | Dealing With Distractions (Nehemiah 6)

If your enemy can't _____, he will _____.

What are some of the ways our Enemy would seek to distract us from the good & godly work God has for us?

(1) Distracted by _____

When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates— Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.” But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?” Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer. (Nehemiah 6:1-4)

>> It's never been easier to become great _____.

>> Develop the spiritual practice of _____.

(2) Distracted by _____

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: “It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: ‘There is a king in Judah!’ Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together.” I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.” They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.” But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.” (Nehemiah 6:5-9)

>> Don't let the _____ distract you from the _____.

>> Don't worry about _____;

worry about _____.

(3) Distracted by _____

One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.” But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!” I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me. (Nehemiah 6:10-14)

>> Don't let _____ do _____ to your heart.

>> Beware the temptation to _____.

When the _____ gets _____, _____ gets the _____.

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:15-16)

The Final Words

Feb 05: "Father, Forgive Them..."

Feb 12: "Today, You Will Be With Me In Paradise"

Feb 19: Guest preacher, Dan Emr (Worthwhile Wear)

Feb 26: "Behold Your Son...Behold Your Daughter"

Mar 05: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Mar 12: "I Thirst"

Mar 19: "It Is Finished"

Mar 26: "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"