

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm  
Tuesday Shine—4 pm  
Wednesday Boy's Club—6:30 pm  
Jr High Fun night—6:30 pm  
Prayer meeting—7 pm—E203  
Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—6 am—Heritage Restaurant  
Next Sunday "God is Slow to Anger and Abounding in Love"—Pastor Rob Presthus

June 4—Church picnic and Pavilion dedication

June 13—16—Kids Blast

June 16—Young Adult drive through fundraiser dinner

July 16—20—Vacation Bible School

UPCOMING  
Events

## Nursery Ministry

### Today's staff

Infant BFG—Nate & Bronwen Leister  
Infant Church—Daryl & Priscila Freed  
2&3 Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt

### Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Becky Derstine & Janelle Godshall  
Infant Church—Bruce & Jen Clemens  
2&3 Church—Tim & Sue Blum

 KidCheck  
SECURE CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN



## Tithe/Offering

Last Week's Offering—\$30,296

### Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 225  
In-Person Worship — 369  
Online Worship — 95

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# GOD IS

## compassionate and gracious

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023

# Worship with us

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."

Psalm 103:8

## Prelude

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

**Welcome, Opportunities, and Call to Worship**—Pastor Josh Meyer

## Singing and Worship

**Congregational Prayer**—Tricia Bergey

**Children's Message**—Bronwen Leister

**Scripture Reading**—Psalm 103—Pastor Josh Meyer

**Sermon**—"God is Compassionate and Gracious"—David Baker

## Closing Songs

## 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...

- the children who participate in the **SHINE** program that meets here on Tuesdays after school.
- the **leaders of local, state and national government**, that they may seek God's wisdom.
- **all those fleeing from the fighting in Sudan**. May God grant peace.

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

- **Mabel Widrick** who is having surgery May 5 for breast cancer and follow up treatments.
- **Cass Anders**, who continues to experience severe leg pain from an unknown cause.
- **Jenni Moyer**, as she waits for results from a bone marrow test and ongoing cancer treatments.
- **Kathryn Clemens**, for a stronger heart or a limited time of suffering as she is ready to go home to be with the Lord. She is currently on hospice at Peter Becker.

## 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

~ APRIL 30, 2023 ~



*Breakfast with the Pastors*  
 Thursday, May 4 @ 6 am  
 Family Heritage Restaurant  
 First Thursday of each month

*Happy Anniversary*



David and Geraldine Cassel  
 May 6, 1961—62 years

**PLEASE  
 NOTE  
 I'VE  
 CHANGED  
 MY NUMBER**

**Pastor Rob Presthus**  
 has a new phone number.  
 215-254-6144

### Franconia's 2023 Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Tuesday, May 02, 2023	6:30	Sacred Heart	Franconia
Thursday, May 04, 2023	6:30	Pennsburg	Eagle AA



It's that time of year again when we recognize and bless **our graduates!**



If you have a family member that is part of Franconia church and is graduating in 2023 from high school, college or graduate school, please notify the church office at [communications@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:communications@franconiamennonite.org) or call 215-723-3220 by Sunday May 21st.



Playground Picnic with Miss Bronwen, **Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30** Bring your own brown bag lunch & let's enjoy a Spring playdate together!



## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Girls Club—3rd-5th Grade

May 17—Bonfire—6:30—8 pm

Girls Club Contact: Jess Landis, [jess.landis17@gmail.com](mailto:jess.landis17@gmail.com)

### Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

May 3—Mini Golf @ Freddy Hill—6:30—8 pm

May 17—Hiking trip—6:15—8 pm

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce, [jordannyce@gmail.com](mailto:jordannyce@gmail.com)

### Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

May 3—Fun night—kickball

May 13—Iron Pigs Game 5 pm—11 pm

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman, [drleath5@verizon.net](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

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

June 16—24—Service Trip

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)



Reservations for pavilion are now being taken. Please use the QRcode or the link <https://forms.gle/C17JH3KVQGLRrKc7A>



June 4<sup>th</sup>—Church Picnic and Pavilion Dedication

### Pavilion Update

\$535,000 Current estimated cost to construct pavilion (\$345,000) Designated giving to date for the pavilion project \$190,000 Estimated remaining costs to complete pavilion

**Note:** Thanks to the congregation for their generous giving to make the pavilion a reality. Remaining project costs unpaid by designated giving will be funded by the capital fund.

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25

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

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

June 16—Drive thru fundraiser dinner

July 16—20 Vacation Bible School—Summer Service Project

July 28-30—Mountains weekend

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)



*Chanticleer Garden,*  
 Saturday, May 20

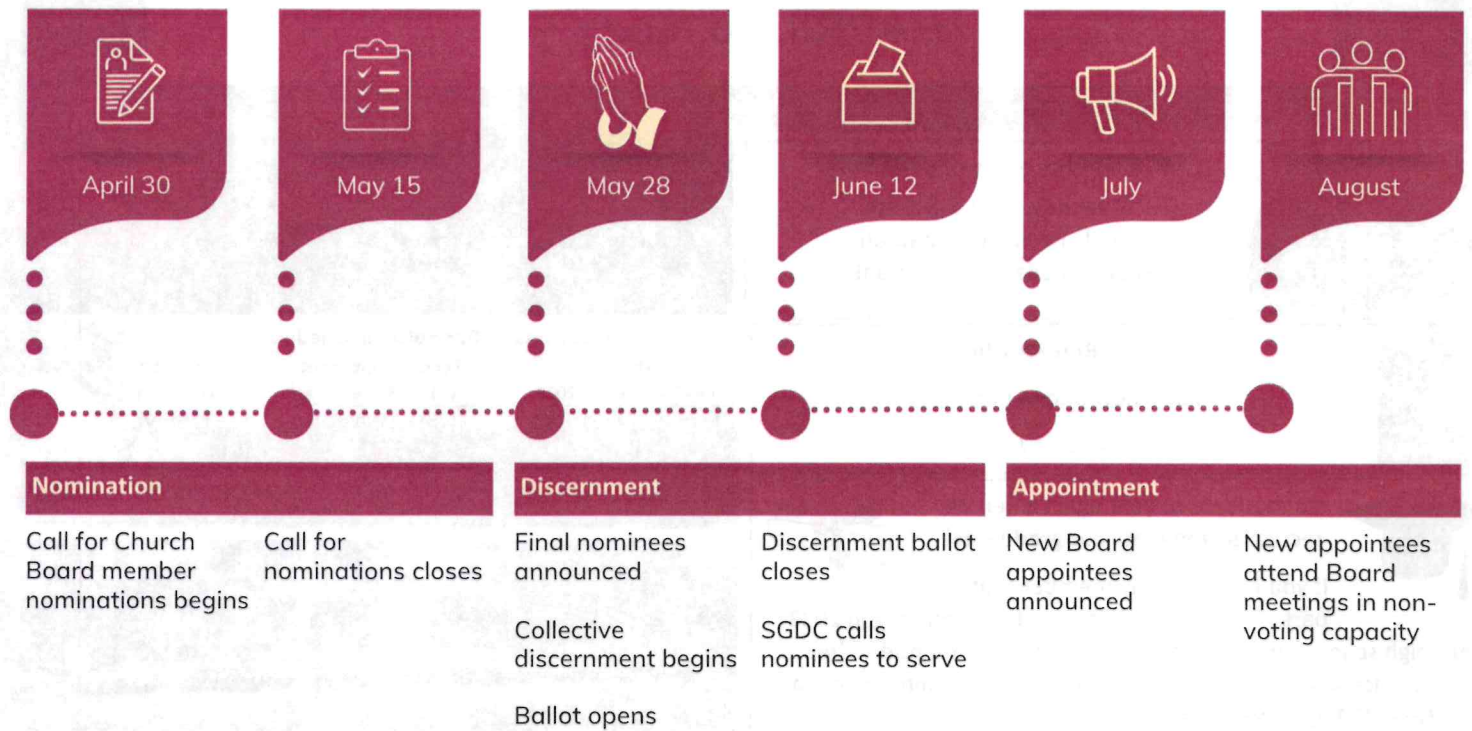
Meet at church at 9:00 am and return by 3:00 pm

(We will be taking three 15-passenger vans and additional personal vehicles, if necessary.) Bring your own picnic lunch & water bottle. Coolers and extra water will be provided. \*Rain date June 3 \$12 admission (Children 12 & under are free)

**SIGN UP by May 7th** at Women's Ministry table in the foyer, or email: [franconiawomen@gmail.com](mailto:franconiawomen@gmail.com)

# Church Board Selection Timeline

## Spring 2023



### Qualities, Gifts, and Characteristics of a Church Board Member

- Can see the big picture--what's best for the entire congregation.
- Is spiritually mature and discerning.
- Is excited about achieving the congregation's vision.
- Has leadership qualities: willing to work at difficult decisions, not afraid of dealing with conflict, willing to leave comfort zones.
- Is an active, available member.
- Understands and values pastoral ministry and congregation's team approach to ministry.
- Can be male or female.
- Depends on and seeks the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

*In your discernment of nominations, study Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7 on the appointment of Elders.*

## Worm Walk to Benefit The Worm Project

**When: 9 am, Saturday, May 20**

**Where: Franconia Community Park, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, PA 18969 (Meet at the pavilion)**

Walk with family and friends along paved paths in a beautiful park in support of children suffering from parasitic worms.

No registration required. All ages welcome (playground, games, t-shirts available)

*Donations are appreciated.*

Dear Friends of The Worm Project,

Please join us at 9 am on Saturday, May 20th, for a fun stroll around beautiful Franconia Community Park. You'll have a chance to meet volunteers on The Worm Project Board and learn more about our mission. Along the path, you'll have a chance to meet and learn about Oakley, a certified therapy dog that brings joy and comfort to places he may visit such as local nursing homes, child care centers, senior citizen centers, etc.

The Worm Project, in partnership with Vitamin Angels, is impacting the lives of children under age 5 in the Philippines and Honduras, just two of the many countries we reach. These two countries have some of the highest levels of parasitic worm infections in the world.

Our current cost for Albendazole is 2.5 cents per tablet. It only takes one tablet to eliminate the worms in a child. That means for every dollar you donate, we can treat 40 children for parasitic worms.

To donate by credit card or by check, go to [www.wormproject.org](http://www.wormproject.org) and click on the 'Donate' button.