

This Week

Monday Celebrate Recovery —7 pm
Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am
Shine—4 pm
Saturday Friendship and Care banquet—4 pm
Next Sunday "Holy, Holy, Holy"—Pastor Josh Meyer

June 4—Church picnic and Pavilion dedication

June 13—16—Kidz Blast

June 16—Young Adult drive through fundraiser dinner

July 16—20—Vacation Bible School

July 23—Worship in the Park

UPCOMING
Events

Nursery Ministry

Today's staff

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

Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Randy & Tammy Landis
Infant Church—Rey & Jaselyn Ramos
2&3 Church—Joel & Tiffany Landis



Tithe/Offering

Last Week's Offering—\$32,835

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 222
In-Person Worship — 332
Online Worship — 134

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GOD IS

slow to anger and
abounding in love

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023

Worship with us

"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."

Psalm 145:8

Prelude—Helen Eastburn

Gathering Songs—Katie Brubaker and Worship Team

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

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Nate Weaver

Scripture Reading—Exodus 34:1-10—Winferd & Shirley Geiser

Sermon—"God is slow to anger and abounding in love"
—Pastor Rob Presthus

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 **individuals** who will be called to serve on Church Board through the nomination process .
- the **students** graduating this year from high school, college and graduate school as they work to complete their requirements to graduate.

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

- **Mabel Widrick** who is recovering from cancer surgery earlier this week.
- **Cass Anders**, who continues to experience severe leg pain from an unknown cause.
- **Kathryn Clemens**, is currently in Peter Becker rehab for a compressed fracture in her back and looking forward to returning to her home. Her health has improved and she never went on hospice as previously reported, please excuse that error.
- **Dave Cressman**, who is suffering from erratic blood pressure levels.

Praise for answered prayers...

- **Jenni Moyer**, as the results of her recent test showed that no cancer was found in her bones. May He continue healing her.

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

~ MAY 7, 2023 ~



YTD Finance Report as of April 30, 2023

Income: \$454,433
 Expenses: \$574,497
 Short/Over Expenses: **(\$120,064)**
 Budget: \$544,247



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

June 4th—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.



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 or call 215-723-3220 by Sunday May 21st.

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

Boys Club—3rd-5th Grade

May 17—Hiking trip—6:15—8 pm

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

Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

May 13—Iron Pigs Game 5 pm—11 pm

May 20—Spruce Lake work day

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

May 7—Golfing—Waltz Golf Farm—6 pm

May 21—Devo & Games @ Reinford's—6-8 pm

June 16—24—Service Trip

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

May 8—Bike ride on the Perkiomen Trail

May 16—Fire pit, hot tub and ice cream @ Derstine's

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



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



Franconia's 2023 Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, May 08, 2023	6:30	Heidelberg	Franconia
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	6:30	Rockhill	Franconia



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.

To donate to the **Worm Project** visit their website and click on the "how can I help" tab. Then click on the Click here to donate link. The 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.



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.

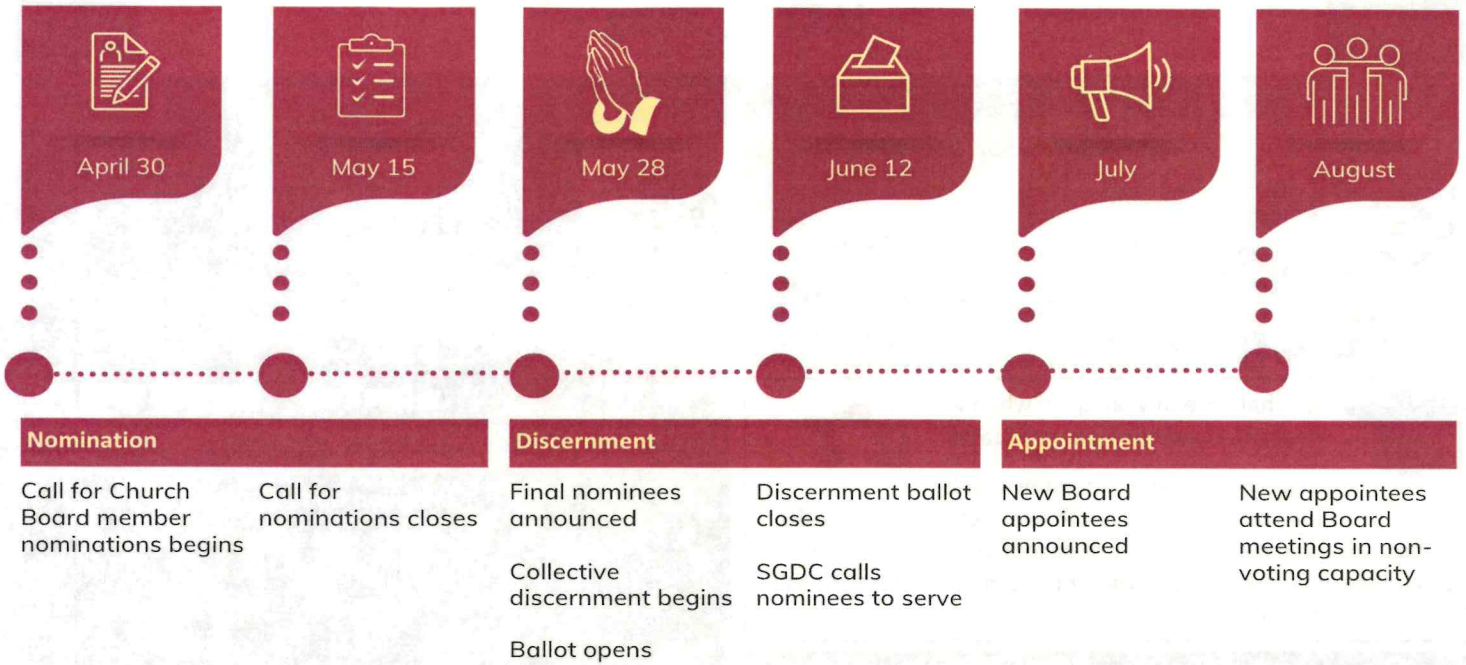
Coolers and extra water will be provided. *Rain date June 3

\$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

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.

Kids BLAST
Bible Learning & Spiritual Transformation

June 13th – 16th
10AM – 2PM
Grades 3 - 5



Registration is now open!