

This Week

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
Sunday Combined BFG—Paul Veltre
Different Perspective in Persecution —Pastor Earl Anders

September 10—Combined BFG—Missionaries

September 10—Mission Sunday

September 17—Communion

September 24—Coffee with the Leadership Team

September 27—Congregational Meeting with potluck dinner

October Wednesday night Bible Studies

UPCOMING
Events

Nursery
Ministry

Visitors, feel free to use our nursery.
Download the free KidCheck app for a secure checkin.



Today's staff

Infant BFG— Mat & Jess Landis

Infant—2&3 Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt

Next week's staff

Infant BFG— John & Cathy Weaver

Infant—Emily & Erica Merrill

2&3 Church—Abby & Tricia Mellinger



Tithe/Offering

Last Week's Offering —\$17,716

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 186

In-Person Worship — 302

Online Worship — 105

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CHOSEN TO BE

Set Apart

1 PETER

DIFFERENT CALLING
IN A DARK WORLD

AUGUST 27, 2023

Worship with us

"The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, But God rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you. Nations will come to your light, kings to your sunburst brightness." Isaiah 60:2-3

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship— Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—David Baker

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:4-12—Derek and Janelle Cassel

Sermon—Different Calling in a Dark World—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Song of Response

Missionary Moment—Esteban Arango

with Independent Missionary Network in Guatemala

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...

- **Pastors Kyle Rodgers and Rob Presthus, Ministry Directors Bronwen Leister and Helen Eastburn** as they gather on Wednesday, August 30 for a FMC leadership team retreat.
- the interim and permanent **Pastoral Search** discernment processes, for God to bring the right person to the attention of these teams.
- the **organizers, volunteers and students** involved with the Shine program which starts this week.
- the new marriage of Susana and **Dylan Derstine** who were married yesterday.
- **persons** who need a word of encouragement. Take a few minutes to pray for them and share a note, a text, a phone call.

Student Prayer: Praying over our children's Speech- Ephesians 5:4

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

- the **brothers and sisters** among us who are dealing with unspoken medical and emotional needs.

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
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ AUGUST 27, 2023 ~

Church Board



- 1) A congregational meeting is being planned for Wednesday, September 27 beginning at 5:45pm with a pot-luck meal and meeting following at 7:00.
- 2) Began a leadership review for Scott Kratz as Ministry Director for Celebrate Recovery.
- 3) The Interim Pastor Search Team will have their first meeting on August 31.



I would like to Thank my church family for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my cancer treatments. I just finished five weeks of radiation. The Lord and I went through it together. Blessings **Mabel Widrick**

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 6—Pool party 6:30—8 pm—Frankenfield's

Sept 10—2-5 pm Gilbertsville Farm

Sept 20—Craft night 6:30 pm

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 6— 6:30—8 pm—Pool Party—Glenn Bergey's

Sept 10—2-5 pm Gilbertsville Farm

Sept 20—6:30—8 pm—Fireside Joel Nyce's

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

Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Aug. 27th— Pool Party—Mark & Darla Bergey—5:30-7:30

Sept 6—6"30—Bible Study w/activity

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

Aug 27th—12:00—2:30 pm Mud Volleyball

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

Sept 15—Top Golf

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

CHOSEN TO BE Set Apart

A STUDY IN 1 PETER

AUG. 6 DIFFERENT FAITH IN TRIALS

AUG. 20 DIFFERENT VALUES IN AN UNGODLY CULTURE

AUG. 27 DIFFERENT CALLING IN A DARK WORLD

SEPT. 3 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE IN PERSECUTION



Let's Get Fired Up For a New School Year!

Children's Ministry Transition Sunday, Sept. 10

All children 4yrs old thru 5th grade will be moving up to their new Sunday School classes.

THANK YOU



Church Family, Thank you church for supporting the youth of this congregation. I can testify what a blessing it is to be shown support and love from your home congregation.

From August to May this past year I participated in a gap-year program called OneLife. My site was located at Three Springs Ministries, in Morris, PA. OneLife's foundational values are character, calling, and relational wisdom. By the end of this nine month program, they had been drilled into my head. However, the further from OL I get the more I realize that these will shape my life. For character it really all comes down to "Am I acting like Christ?" If the answer is no, well, there are some things that need to be addressed. In calling we learned that we are called to glorify God in everything we do. As someone trying to figure out their future that takes a lot of pressure off. I will live my life to bring glory to God wherever and whatever job I have. This is my calling in life. Relational wisdom was really learned from living with 27 other young adults in a remote area in PA. While there were definitely hard times as in every community, it was all worth it in the end. I have gained some amazing friends and mentors in my life.

After graduating from OL I continued to live at Three Springs as a girls camp counselor during their summer horse camps. This was a great way to transition out of OL, an intense discipleship program, where I was being discipled to discipling others and applying a lot of what I learned in OL to encourage and teach a younger generation. Thank you all so much for your support this past year. Whether it was prayer, notes of encouragement, stopping in to say "hi", or giving generously! **Emma Leister**


UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



COMBINED Sunday School

Sunday, September 3rd
 Preschool through 5th grade – meet in the children’s singing room
 All other classes meet in the auditorium – class will be led by Paul Veltre.

 There will be NO church provided coffee that morning.



Join us for an A-MAZE-ING Day!

Fun Family Event for Pre-School thru Jr High
 Sunday, Sept. 10
 2-5pm.
 at Gilbertville Farm 1200 County Line Rd. Gilbertsville
 Corn Maze, Kid Zone & More
 \$20 per family

Outdoor Mom's Market
 Rain or Shine in Pavilion
Sat. October 7th
 9:00 to noon

Children's clothes, books, toys and more
 Soup & Bake Sale to benefit "Immerse International"

Free admission

Franconia Mennonite Church ~
 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford
 \$10.00 vendor tables available
 contact: Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com

Hear from our Partners in Mission

Mission Sunday—combined BFG hour—Sunday, September 10



David & Mary Landis and family
We Care Prison Ministry, Atmore, AL



Troy & Michelle Landis and family
Immerse International, Millersville, PA



Amy & Lisa Landis and family
Big Sky Bible Camp Bigfork, MT



Dustin & Hannah Leatherman and Riley
Eagles Wings Push the Rock Emmaus, PA



Curt & Eva Kratz
Prison Ministry

Optional BFG hour, Sunday, October 1st

Hear from some of the persons who went on this trip
"Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—How the Bible came alive!"

