

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm  
Chosen 300—UFH— 4:30 pm
- Wednesday Boy's and Girl's Clubs  
Prayer Meeting— E203—7 pm
- Thursday Story Time with Miss Bronwen—10:30 am—church library
- Sunday Coffee with the Leadership Team—9 am—church library  
The Prince of Peace and His Kingdom—Pastor Rob Presthus

September 27—Congregational Meeting with potluck dinner

October Wednesday night Bible Studies

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*



**Visitors**, feel free to use our nursery.

Download the free KidCheck app for a secure checkin.

### Today's staff

Infant BFG— Ken & Janet Michener

Infant—2&3 Church—Noah & Breann Detwiler

### Next week's staff

Infant BFG— Keith & Janet Crawford

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



\*Please note infant and 2&3 year olds are combined for church through September

## Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering —\$32,978

### Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 197

In-Person Worship — 287

Online Worship — 138

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# COMMUNION SUNDAY

Franconia Mennonite Church

September 17, 2023

# Worship with us

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" - John 6:35

**Prelude**—Monique Kratz

**Gathering Song**—Helen Eastburn and team

**Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship**— Pastor Rob Presthus

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**—Lucy Landis

**Scripture Reading**—1 Corinthians 11:17-34—Linda Boll

**Sermon**—Who is Worthy?—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

**Foot washing**

**Communion**

**Closing Song**

**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 interim and permanent **Pastoral Search** discernment processes, for prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team.
- the **October Wednesday** night Bible studies.
- **Spruce Lake and Pinebrook**. On September 7, the Pinebrook kitchen and dining hall were involved in a fire. We are grateful no one was hurt. Pray as the leadership works together to build a plan to recover and restore the fire damage. Pray Pinebrook staff as they continue to serve their guests during the lengthy restoration process.

**Student Prayer:** Praying over our children's FAITH— Eph 2:8-9

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

- **Laverne Musselman** who is at Rockhill Community recovering slowly from pneumonia.
- **Harry and Lois Linsinbigler**, as they await results from recent health testings.
- **Lois Derstein**, mother of Randy Derstein, for strength as she continues to recover from a stroke.
- **Val Ford**, who is in Hospice care. Her family asks for prayers for a merciful death for Val. Also pray for **Mike Ford and their family** as they walk this journey together.

**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  
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

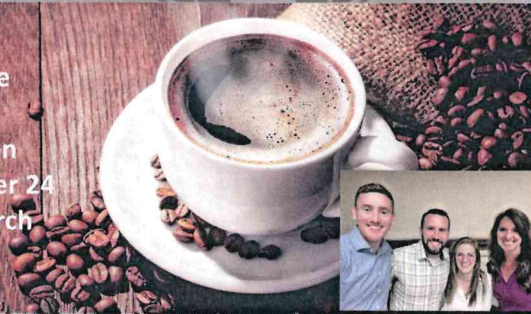
Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader  
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 ~

## Newcomers

are invited to have coffee with FMC leadership team on Sunday, September 24 @ 9am in the church library.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**CHOSEN 300**  
MINISTRIES, INC.  
Tuesday, September 19  
4:30 pm - UFH  
Contact: Scott Kratz

## THANK YOU



**Way to go Kids!** Children's Ministry exceeded our offering goal! Our goal was to purchase 5 Bibles for Shine and we were able to buy them 20 Bibles! Thank you for your generous donations. The extra offering was given to Shine to put towards additional supplies.



## ATTENTION: Parents of College Students

Please keep us updated with your young adults new contact information so we can keep in touch with them through the Midweek News, bulletins and newsletters, and other communications.

## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 17—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 17—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

Sept 22—24—Hemlock Springs Retreat

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

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

Sept 17—6-8 pm devo/game night

Oct 1st—Adults vs Youth Wiffle Ball 1:30 pm

Oct 29—Church outside—Hawk Mountain

**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

**YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org**



Come join Miss Bronwen for Story Time. Thursday, Sept. 21 10:30 in the church library where we will read books that teach us good values and more about God's love. Invite your friends!

## Happy Anniversary

Wilson and Jean Anders—September 17—63 years

Arlan and Alda Kratz—September 19—70 years

Harold and Esther Bergey—September 23—62 years

## CONGREGATIONAL

# MEETING

September 27 – 5:45 pm Potluck dinner / Meeting at 7 pm



### Potluck dinner:

Families are asked to bring a main dish to share as well as a side dish or dessert.



**Childcare** will be provided for infants thru 5th grade for the congregational meeting.

Ages 4yr olds -5th grade will be meeting in the Lower Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying a live program from Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary!



### "Wisdom for Today's Woman"

*Insights from Esther* by Poppy Smith

Thursday, Sept 28th thru Nov 14th, 9:30-10:30am

8 week study with very doable amount of homework

Led by Julie Kratz \*Childcare will be provided \* Study guide \$5

Sign up at the Women's Ministry Table or by emailing [franconiawomen@gmail.com](mailto:franconiawomen@gmail.com)

# UPCOMING

# Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



## SHREDDING



## EVENT

Thursday, September 21, 2023  
3:30-6:00

### What Can Be Shredded

- Paper
- Manila file folders
- Staples
- Paper clips
- Small binder clips

### What Can't Be Shredded

- Hanging file folders
- Three ring binders
- Cardboard
- X-rays
- CDs
- Ledger books



3 Box Limit for each time through line.

Worried about confidential information?? Watch your documents get shredded through an onboard camera.

\$10 per box or grocery bag

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## Elective 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!"



## Join us for an A-MAZE-ING Day!

Fun Family Event for Pre-School thru Jr High

Sunday, Sept 17

2-5pm.

at Gilbertsville Farm 1200 County Line Rd. Gilbertsville

Corn Maze, Kid Zone & More

\$20 per family

### DESPERATE FOR HOPE



Questions we ask God in Suffering, Loss, & Longing

by Vaneetha Risner  
In this 7-session study, Vaneetha Risner tackles hard questions and offers a scriptural framework to help you find hope in your pain. If you have interest in participating in this study, or just have questions about it, please email [franconiawomen@gmail.com](mailto:franconiawomen@gmail.com) or talk to Lori Menzies or Julie Kratz. (We are currently gauging interest and will then decide on a meeting time for this study.)

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
+ ICE CREAM PARTY  
**MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU**  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23  
LEIDY'S CHURCH  
273 W CHERRY LANE  
SOUDERTON, PA  
ICE CREAM @ 6:03PM  
MOVIE @ 7:04PM  
MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN OUTDOORS. IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, EVENT WILL BE MOVED TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. BRING YOUR CHAIRS + BLANKETS!  
TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR  
\$10 EACH / \$40 MAX. PER FAMILY  
(ICE CREAM INCLUDED W/ PURCHASE OF TICKET)  
A FUNDRAISER FOR NIGHT OF *Shine* FOUNDATION



**JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Services)** is coming to town in September! We will be visiting 9 schools with the helicopter, hosting a Fundraiser Sept 28th, and Giving rides at the Franconia Fall Festival Sept 30 and Oct 1. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of the Global work JAARS does overseas in spreading the gospel by supporting bible translation. The mission is to Reduce

Barriers, Ease Burdens, and Deliver Gods Word. Of the 7000 languages in the world, 2000 still do not have any scripture in their heart language. One tribe member asked a missionary, "How can your God be so great if He doesn't speak my language?" Help us further the Kingdom! For more info on JAARS, please visit our website at [www.jaars.org](http://www.jaars.org)



Please consider how you can help by visiting the link below and signing up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA4A62EA2F49-jaars>