This Week

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm

Wednesday Congregational Potluck dinner at 5:45 pm

Congregational Business Meeting—UFH—7 pm

Child care for infants thru 5th grade

4yr—5th grade will meet in the LFH for Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary

Thursday Women's Bible Study—LFH —9:30 am

Sunday Elective BFG—Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—auditorium—9 am

Becoming the Prince's Peacemakers —Pastor Kyle Rodgers

October Wednesday night Bible Studies

upcoming ~Events~

October 15—Baptism & New Member Sunday

October 22—Celebration Choir



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

Today's staff

Infant BFG— Keith & Janet Crawford
Infant—2&3 Church—Kara & Scarlett Derstine

Next week's staff

Infant BFG— Tim & Cheryl Shreiner
Infant— Alicia Rodgers & Ruth Detwiler
2&3 Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt





Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering -\$21,420

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 208

In-Person Worship — 303

Online Worship — 82

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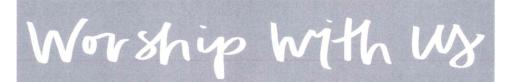


Peaceful Practices

FITTED AND READY WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

The Prince of Peace and His Kingdom

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



"And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."

- Isaiah 9:6-7

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and team

Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship— Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—Elmer Gerber

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 5:11-21—Jordan & Noah Nyce

Sermon—The Prince of Peace and His Kingdom—Pastor Rob Presthus

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 our future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church.
- the Congregational Meeting to be held on Wednesday.
- the Women's Bible Study that starts on Thursday morning.
- the individuals you cross paths with this week. Pray that they will encounter the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Student Prayer: Praying over our children's <u>FEARS</u>— Isaiah 41:10

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

- Mike Ford and his family as they mourn the passing of Val on Thursday.
- Sylvia Wireman, who is dealing with some recent health issues at Grand View Hospital.
- Harry Linsinbigler, as he awaits test results concerning blockage in his heart.
- Laverne Musselman, as he prepares to transition to a long term facility.

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 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 ~



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

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girl's Club-3rd-5th Grade

Oct 4—JAARS presentation

Oct 11—Bingo with SMH residents

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

Boy's Club-3rd-5th Grade

Oct 4—JAARS presentation

Oct 11-Bingo with SMH residents

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

Jr. High-6th-8th Grade

Oct 14—Barn Party at Troy & Sabrina's 7—9 pm

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

Oct 1-Adults vs Youth Wiffle Ball 1:30 pm

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

Oct 21-Fall Fest at the Shisler's

Oct 29—Church outside—Hawk Mountain

Nov 5—Eagles watch party

Nov 7—Bowling

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Peaceful Practices: Fitted and Ready with the Gospel of Peace

Sermon Series

Sept 24 ~ The Prince of Peace and His Kingdom

Oct 1 ~ Becoming the Prince's Peacemakers

Oct 8 ~ Seeing to the Heart of the Matter

Oct 15 ~ Putting on Humility and Yieldedness

Oct 22 ~ Tuning Our Hearts to Be Instruments of God's Peace

Wed Night Bible Study

Oct 4 ~ Depending on God to Do More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

Oct 11 ~ Traveling thru the Valley of Conflict

Oct 18 ~ Risking it all to be Real

Oct 25 ~ Waiting in Faith: The Lord Reigns Over the Storm

October Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Suggested donation per book \$5

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5:45-6:45 pm Activities for all ages. 7:00-8:00 pm

Nursery Care—Newborns to age 3 in the 2 yr. old nursery

Ages 4—2nd grade—Kids will learn how we can shine brightly for Jesus. Let's explore together how to show others that Jesus is the Light of the World. Meet in the children's singing room.

Boys & Girls Club Activities: Grades 3-5

Oct. 4—Presentation from JAARS meet in Sr. High room Oct. 11—Bingo with SMH residents bus leaving at 6:30 Oct. 18—Volunteering at MRC bus leaving at 6:30 Oct. 25—Corn Maze at R&J bus leaving at 6:30

Jr High Activities: Grades 6-8, meet in the Jr High room

Oct. 4—Bible Study
Oct. 11—Bible Study

Oct. 18—Bible Study Oct. 25—Bible Study

Sr. High and Young Adults-attend adult sessions

David and Sharon Landis—September 25—58 years

Curtis and Eva Kratz—September 26—64 years



We would like to thank this family of believers for the support we received in the aftermath of the field and equipment fire.

Ruth, Noah and Breann Detwiler

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.

Barnabas Fund Report 2021—2023 "Blessed to be a blessing"

- The Barnabas Fund provides financial support for programs and projects which serve to extend the mission and the ministries of the congregation.
- The Barnabas Fund will gratefully accept gifts and estate bequests from members or friends of the congregation.

Contributions to the Barnabas Fund

2021 = \$42,250

2022 = \$6,600

2023 = \$2,000



Distributions from the Barnabas Fund

2021 = \$49,823

2022 = \$35,350

2023 = \$30,091

Some of the Barnabas Fund Recipients:







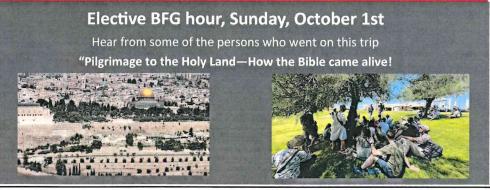






Mark Your Calendars **This Month** UPCOMING 27 28





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

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