

## 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

Nursery  
Ministry

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

# Worship with us

"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 FEARS— 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](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 24, 2023 ~

## 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)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

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

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

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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:*



**QUAKERTOWN**  
Christian School

**Spruce Lake**  
Pointing People Toward Christ



**BIG SKY**  
BIBLE CAMP



**UPCOMING**

*Mark Your Calendars*  
**EVENTS**



**Outdoor Mom's**

Rain or Shine  
in Pavilion

**Market**

Rain or Shine  
in Pavilion

**Sat. October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com)

**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!"**



**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>

