

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
- Wednesday Congregational meal (ham loaf) at 5:30 pm
October Bible Study—UFH—7 pm
Child care for infants to age 3—2yr old nursery room
Ages 4—2nd grade—children's singing room
Boy's and Girl's Club
Jr High—Bible Study
- Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—6 am—Heritage Restaurant
Women's Bible Study—LFH —9:30 am
- Sunday "Seeing to the Heart of the Matter" —Pastor Rob Presthus

October 15—Baptism & New Member Sunday

UPCOMING
Events

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

Next week's staff

Infant BFG— Glenn & Reenie Hoover
Infant— Daryl & Priscila Freed
2&3 Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver

Tithes & Offerings

Last Week's Offering —\$23,645

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 223
In-Person Worship — 334
Online Worship — 102

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FRANCONIA
MENNONITE
CHURCH



Peaceful Practices

FITTED AND READY WITH
THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Becoming the Prince's Peacemakers

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Worship with us

“Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Will Be Called Children of God” -Matt 5:9

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and team

Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship— Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer—David Mellinger

Scripture Reading—Genesis 32—Myra & Jude Landis

Sermon—Becoming the Prince’s Peacemakers—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

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 each team member to have keen judgement, wisdom and strength.
- the **October Bible Studies** starting this Wednesday.
- **Steve & Brianna Ralston** on the birth of their baby girl, Emma Grace born on 9/23 who arrived four weeks early.
- **those** who are grieving loss that God will give hope that life can be meaningful once again.

Student Prayer: Praying over our children to **put on the full armor of God** – Eph. 6:10-18.

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

- **Amy Haman**, daughter of Glenn and Joyce Halteman as she recovers from recent surgery.
- **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 transitions to his new residence at Life Quest.

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

Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship
Scott Kratz, Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children’s Ministries

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ OCTOBER 1, 2023 ~

Church Board Update

Meeting Summary
September 2023

1

Welcomed Ministry Directors Helen Eastburn and Bronwen Leister to give their quarterly report in-person.

2

Continued coordination of Scott Kratz's formal review as Ministry Leader of Celebrate Recovery.

3

Affiliation Discernment:
Board members are reviewing Franconia Mennonite Conference bylaws to discern if/how organizational structures contributed to the issues which led to our separation.



Breakfast with the Pastors, Thursday October 5 @ 6 am
Heritage Restaurant

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

Happy Anniversary

Clyde & Doris Hunsberger—Oct 5—60 years
Merlin & Mary Hartman—Oct 5—55 years



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 17—Bowling

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

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

THANK YOU



As Nolan turned 2 this week, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to our church family for carrying us through the last two years. We appreciate all who have sat with us in our grief, shared words of truth, encouragement, wisdom, and hope, and provided for our needs, bringing meals, gift cards, groceries, and a weekend getaway for our family. We love you all, and thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to our family. ~Tyler and Sara Bergey



Happy 101st Birthday to **Henry Bergey!**

October 2nd

Leadership Appreciation Month

The Congregational Life Ministry Team is inviting the congregation to submit personal expressions of appreciation for our Leadership Team, including, Kyle, Rob, Bronwen, Helen and Scott. There will be a box at the Welcome Center or you can give it to the team member directly.

If you are interested
in more Peaceful
Practices check out
our church library.



God's Treasure House 18th Annual Banquet

Saturday, October 7, 2023

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Immanuel Leidy's Church

273 West Cherry Lane

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Where God's Treasures are Restored

Sweatshirt of
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God Loves You!

Wants to Thank You
for your prayers, for
volunteering, and for
financial support!
Sweatshirt of Hope
board.

Bakers WANTED



Baked goods needed for the Mom's Market to be held in the Pavilion on Saturday, October 7th. The baked sale will benefit Immerse International. You may drop off your baked items at the church Friday, Oct 6th or before 9 am Saturday, Oct 7th.

Outdoor Mom's Market

Rain or Shine
in Pavilion

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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

Wilmington
Celebration Choir



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OCTOBER 22, 2023
10:15 A.M.



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