

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
Tuesday Sewing Circle 8 am-4 pm
Shine—UFH—4 pm
Wednesday Choir rehearsal—7 pm
Sunday “Peace in the Promise”—Jay Delp
Christmas Caroling—5:30 pm

December 24—Morning Worship—9 am

December 24—Christmas Eve Service—6:30 pm

December 31—Special Combined BFG

UPCOMING
Events



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



Today's staff

Infant BFG—Devin & Ashley Bergey
Infant Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsie Stitt
2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford

Next week's staff

Infant BFG—Jordan & Angie Nyce
Infant Church—Sydney Leaman & Alicia Rodgers
2&3 Church—Daryl & Priscila Freed



Tithes & Offerings

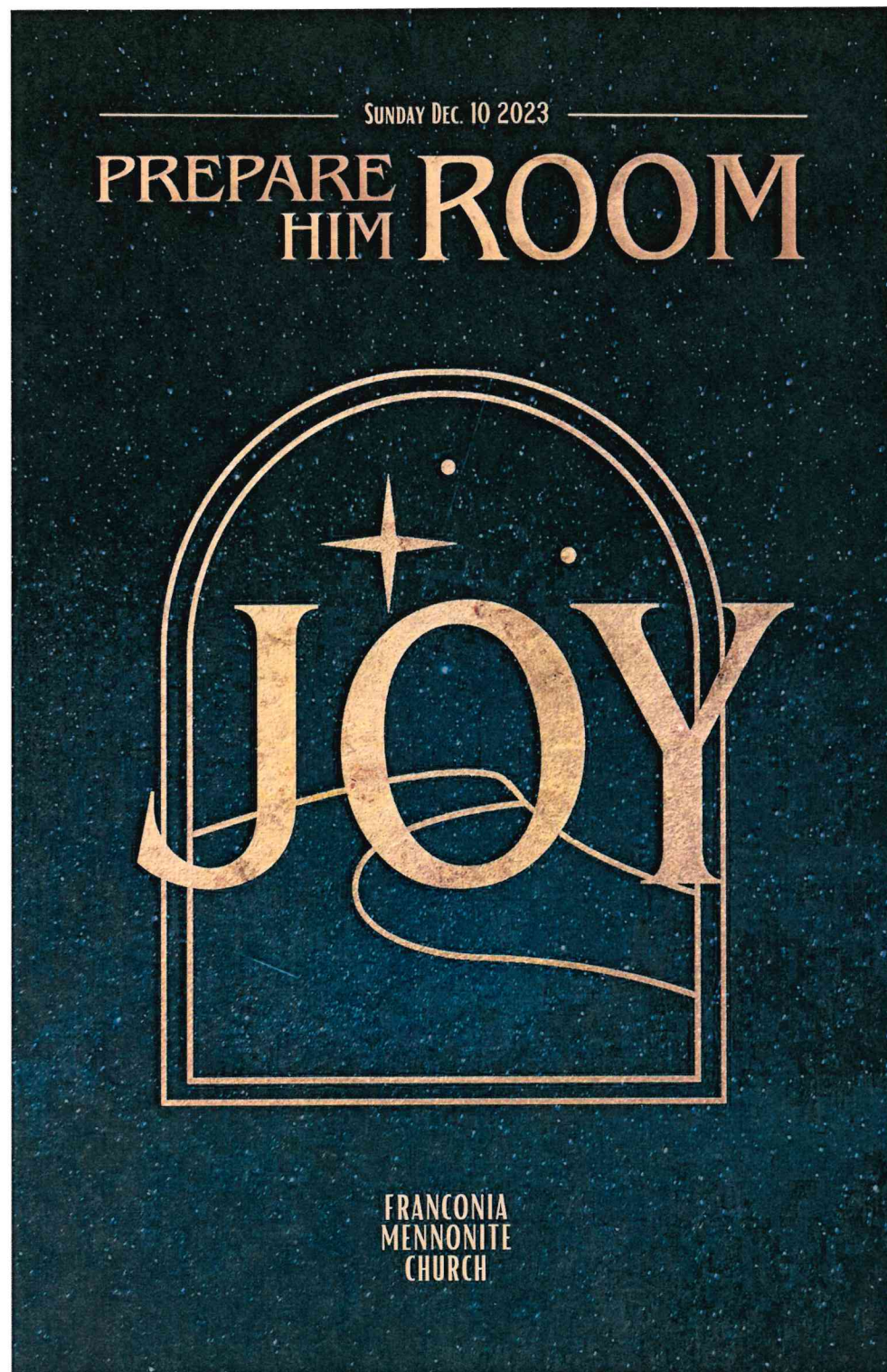
Last Week's Offering —\$33,933

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 263
In-Person Worship — 363
Online Viewers — 135

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Worship with us

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11

Prelude

Gathering Song— Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome and Opportunities—Bronwen Leister

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting—Myra and Jude Landis

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer— Nate Weaver

Children's Message— Paul Veltre

Special Music—Choir—"Prepare Him Room"

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:46-56—Janelle Godshall

Sermon—**JOY in Surrender**—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Closing Song

Sending—David Mellinger



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...

- all of us, that we may find **JOY** in surrender.
- the hymn sing tonight, may we welcome visitors who join us.
- **Pastor Rob & Emilie Presthus**, and baby **Daniel**, who was born Monday morning, Dec 4th, 6lbs 12oz.
- the Shine ministry children that they learn about the true light this Christmas, and for the leaders, give them strength and encouragement.
- the people of **Palestine and Israel**, for God to end the war.

Student Prayer: Praying over our children to be a good friend—Col. 3:12

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

- **Glenn Bergey**, recovering from bypass surgery. Surgery went well and his message to the church family is "The Lord is good and faithful."
- **Sanford Kiser** as he recovers at home from several illnesses.
- **Elizabeth Miller** as she continues with chemotherapy treatments twice a month for 3 months for pancreatic cancer.
- **Laverne Musselman** who continues to struggle with lung and breathing issues and is being aggressively treated at LifeQuest.

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

Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 10, 2023 ~

2023 Christmas Season Special Services

Franconia
Mennonite
Church

Dec. 10	Christmas Hymn Sing UFH—Bring dessert to share!	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Christmas Caroling Meet at Auditorium main entrance	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 24	Morning Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Christmas Eve Service	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Special Combined BFG	9:00 a.m.

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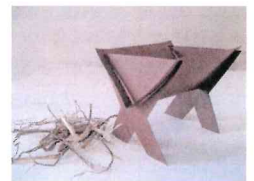
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PREPARE HIM ROOM



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CHURCH

KIDS! If you did not get a manger for Miss Bronwen's Children's Advent lesson there is still time to join in the story. Pick one up at the **welcome center**.



Looking for 12 people to serve in eastern Kentucky the week of March 24-30. Work: light construction. Any interest or questions please contact Nate Leister (267)718-8538.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Happy Anniversary

Ron & Diane Nice—December 14th—50 years

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 17—Caroling
Dec 20—No meeting

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 20—No meeting

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

Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

Dec 9—Christmas Party (LFH)
Dec 20—No meeting

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

Sr. High—9th-12th Grade

Dec 13—Movie Night at Broad Theater
Dec 20—Gingerbread House Contest

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
Dec 17—Christmas Caroling
Dec 22—Midnight Gladness

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Marriage Retreat



This year Discipling Ministry Team would like to encourage our married couples to attend Spruce Lake Couples Retreat on **Feb. 9-11, 2024**. Just in time for Valentine's Day! Plan this getaway with your special loved one for a relaxing weekend enjoying quality, uninterrupted time together in God's beautiful mountains in the Poconos.

There will be 4 sessions throughout the weekend, speakers are Matt & Sara Brennan. Check out Spruce Lakes website for schedule and speaker's bio. The cost for this weekend getaway is \$250 which includes 5 meals and lodging.

To reserve your spot or if you have questions please contact Bronwen Leister at 4kidsfranconiamennonite.org

RSVP by Jan. 1



**Mennonite
Central
Committee**

Gifts of comfort and *Joy*

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gifts
today!**
Grab a gift guide
in the foyer



Goat

For families who don't have enough money for school, doctor visits or other needs, goats can be a great gift!

Farmers like Sama Saya in India can sell goats to earn money. And as the herd grows, so does their income.



\$65

Bicycle

How far can you walk before you get tired? Now imagine walking everywhere you need to go. That would be very tiring!

A bicycle helps people like Michael Snate get where they need to go, like attending farming training sessions. This gift is a wheel-y good choice!



\$78

Clean water

Imagine walking hours to get the water you need. You would be very thirsty!

This gift brings water closer to home for more people like Benedicte Masamba, who lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



\$25

Music lessons

What do you like doing after school? Sara Ghabbash, who lives in a refugee camp, finds joy in music and dance lessons that connect her to her culture.

This note-worthy gift helps her learn to play the oud — a traditional Palestinian instrument that's a bit like a guitar.



\$12

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12



Chickens

Some families don't have enough money to buy all the food they need. Raising chickens provides a regular source of eggs — a nutritious meal at any time of the day.

This egg-cellent gift helps farmers establish a small flock of chickens.



\$10

Meals at school

It's tough to learn if your tummy is rumbling. School lunches and breakfasts boost student health and nutrition at schools like this one in South Sudan.

It's much easier to concentrate on lessons when you're not hungry!



\$16

