

This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
Wednesday Prayer meeting—7 pm
Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—6 am
Choir rehearsal—7 pm
Sunday Joy in Surrender—Pastor Rob Presthus
Acapella Christmas Hymn Sing—6:30 pm

December 17—Christmas Caroling, 5:30 pm
December 24—Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 pm

UPCOMING
Events



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

Today's staff

Infant BFG—Noah & Breann Detwiler
Infant Church—Mark & Darla Bergey
2&3 Church—Kelsie Landis & Sage Frankenfield

Next week's staff

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



Tithes & Offerings

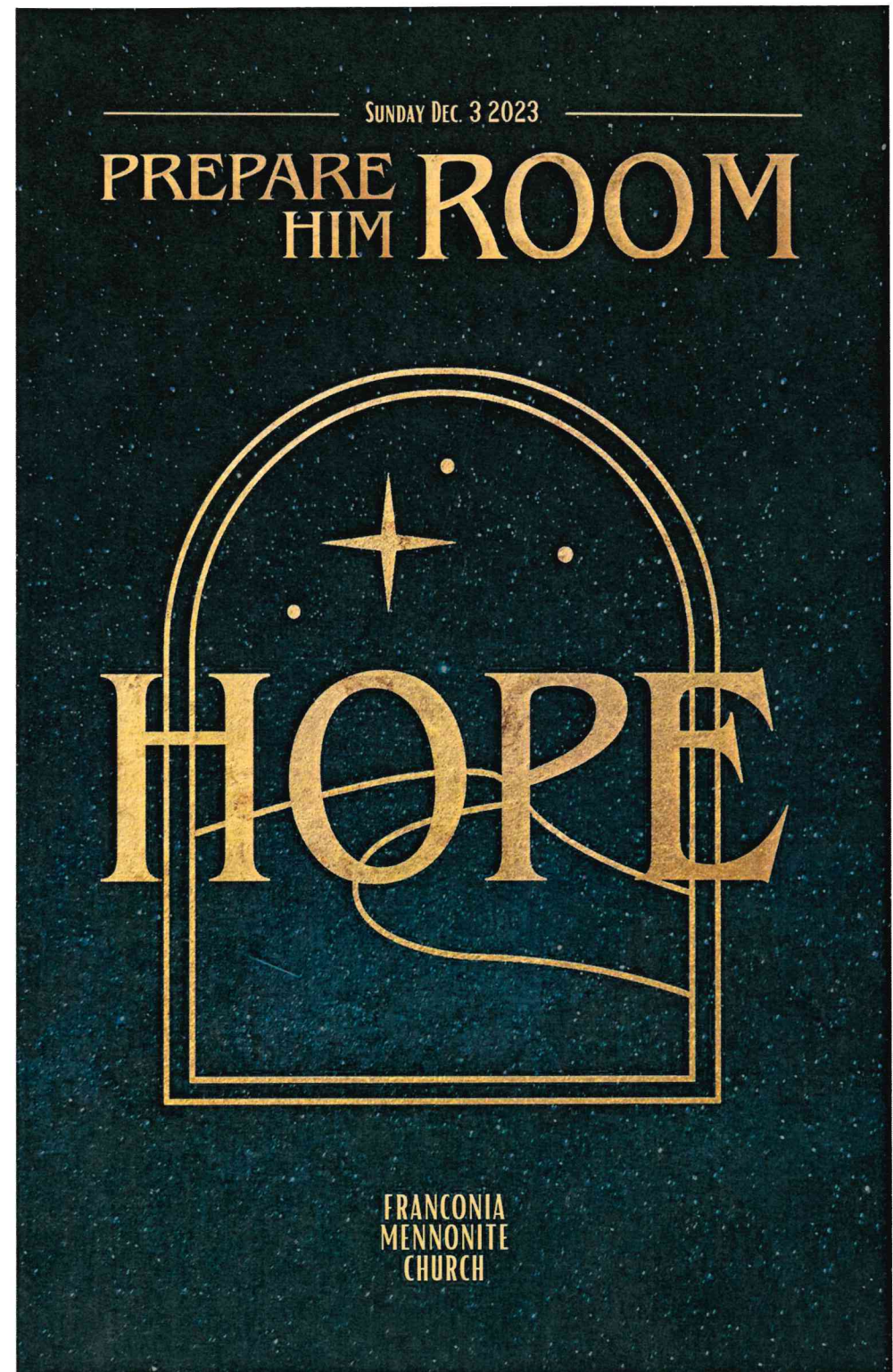
Last Week's Offering —\$42,399

Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 194
In-Person Worship — 271
Online Viewers — 61

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Worship with us

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. *2 Samuel 7: 13*

Prelude

Gathering Song— Rob and Emilie Presthus and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting—Olivia and Sophia Veltre

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer— Butch Cassel

Childrens Message— Bronwen Leister

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 9:1-7, John 1:1-5—Zach and Kara Derstine

Sermon—Hope in the Darkness—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...

- us all, that we may prepare room for **HOPE**.
- our brothers and sisters, that we will focus on the **true LIGHT** this Christmas.
- the **visitors** that you bring into our church, may they find a home here.
- our Nativity float in the community parade yesterday. May families respond to our invitation.
- the **Pastoral Search** discernment processes, for clarity and unity.
- 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...

- **Sanford Kiser** as he was hospitalized at Grandview Hospital due to several illnesses that he is fighting off—including COVID.
- **Glenn Bergey** who is at Doylestown Hospital being treated for heart issues.
- **Elizabeth Miller** as she continues Chemotherapy twice a month for the next three 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

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship

Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 3, 2023 ~

2023 Christmas Season Special Services

Franconia
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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 Christmas Eve Service	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Special Combined BFG	9:00 a.m.



This is a busy season for all of us, but we don't want to neglect to remember the reason we celebrate. Join us as we praise God for sending us his Son Jesus!

EVERYONE is welcome to participate!

Thurs, Dec 7; Wed, Dec 13; Wed, Dec 20,
7:00 to 8:30pm downstairs education wing

Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

- Dec 6—Christmas Outing
- Dec 17—Caroling
- Dec 20—No meeting

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

- Dec 6—Bowling
- Dec 20—No meeting

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

Jr. High—6th-8th Grade

- Dec 6—Bible study/Fun Night
- 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



Thank you

To our church family...we would like thank you on behalf of our family for the prayers...kindness shown...cards...phone calls...genuine caring in the recent passing of my mother Edith V. Landis. So very much appreciated.
~Joyce and Glenn Halteman

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

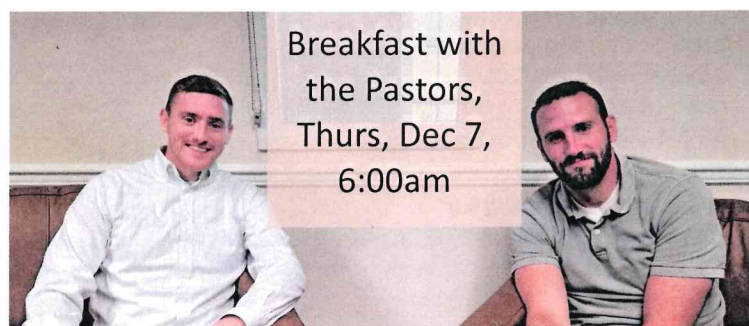
2023 THANKSGIVING OFFERING PROJECT



The Voice of the Martyrs

\$5,290 was donated.

Thank you for your generous giving!



Breakfast with
the Pastors,
Thurs, Dec 7,
6:00am

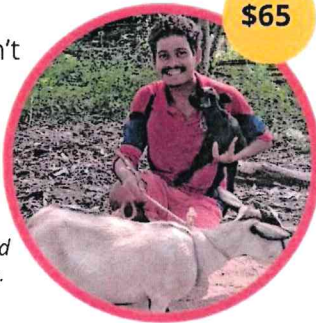
Gifts of comfort and
Joy

Order your
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

