

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
- Wednesday Boy's and Girl's Clubs—6:30—8 pm  
Jr. High—Bible Study—6:30—8 pm  
Prayer Meeting—E203—7:00 pm
- Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6 am
- Sunday Worship—10:15 am—"Beatitudes I — Pastor Earl Anders  
Installation of Earl Anders  
Young Adult Ham Dinner: following worship service—UFH

January 14: Communion  
BFG Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

January 23: Dock Parent Meeting, Aud. 6:30pm

January 31: Fellowship meal and Congregational meeting

April 4—7, 2024: Ark Encounter Trip

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*



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 and 2&3 Church—Andrew & Danielle Landis

### Next week's staff

Infant BFG— Becky Derstine & Leslie Gouldey  
Infant Church— Alicia Rodgers & Lucy Landis  
2&3 Church— Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt



### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship — 417  
Christmas Eve — 478

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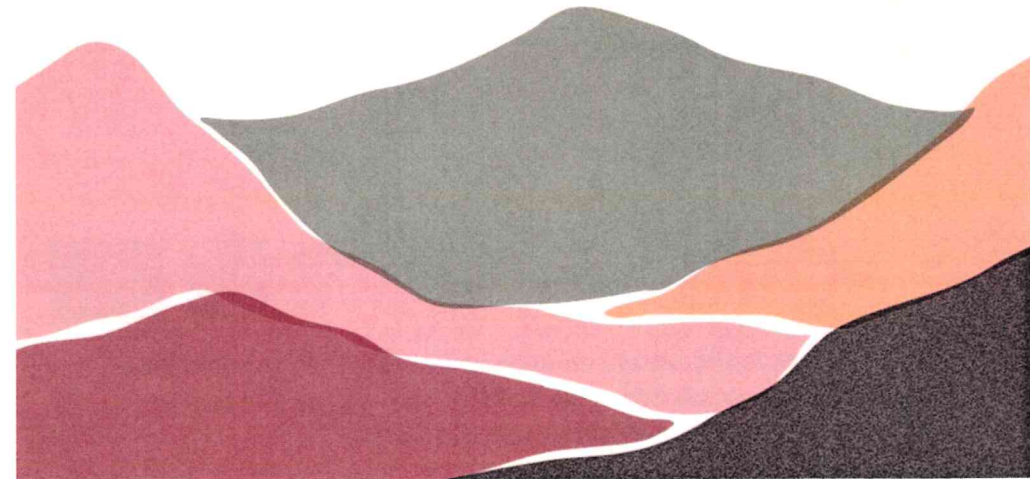
Sunday December 31, 2023

# sermon on the mount

## Following Jesus in All Things

Franconia  
Mennonite  
Church

*"On Earth as it Is in Heaven"*



# Worship with us

'Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am,  
my servant also will be.' John 12:26

## Prelude

**Gathering Song**— Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**— Pastor Kyle Rodgers

## Singing and Worship

**Congregational Prayer**— Randy Derstein

**Scripture Reading**—Matthew 5:1-2; 7:24-29—Phil & Bev Anders

**Sermon**—On Earth as it is in Heaven —Pastor Rob Presthus

## Closing Song

**Sending**—Pastor Earl Anders



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 **children** and **young people** in our congregation as they are starting school again.

**Student Prayer:** Praying over our children to Courage—Deuteronomy 31:6

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

- **Monique Kratz**, who is at home this week recovering from an aggressive stomach virus.
- **Teresa Bergey**, who is home resting after an emergency hospitalization last week due to blood clots in her leg and lungs. Praise God for His clear intervention, which led to the doctors identifying the clots.
- **Gideon Youssef**, who is seeking wisdom and direction as he is faced with the decision of whether to undergo surgery for his torn tendon.
- **Glenn Halteman**, who is now at home and preparing to begin treatment. Praise God that this cancer is known to be treatable.
- **Sanford Kiser** who is getting physical and occupational therapy to regain his strength.
- **Elizabeth Miller** as she continues with chemotherapy treatments twice a month through January for pancreatic cancer.
- **Laverne Musselman** who continues to struggle with pneumonia. Cards of encouragement his address is LifeQuest Nursing Center 2450 John Fries Hwy. Room E20B, Quakertown, PA 18951.

## 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

Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care

Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

Earl Anders, Interim Pastor

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship

Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

## ~ DECEMBER 31, 2023 ~



Breakfast with the Pastors,  
Thurs, January 3rd, 6:00am  
Heritage Restaurant



**Sunday, January 7th**

Support our Young Adults by staying for a delicious ham dinner following the worship service in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

### *Barnabas Fund Campaign 2024*

#### *"Blessed to be a blessing"*

The Barnabas Fund committee is again accepting applications to grant financial support to programs and projects which serve to extend the mission and the ministries of the congregation. For an application call the church office, download from Franconia website home page or mid-week email in January.  
Barnabas Fund Committee: Mark Bergey chair, Kevin Landis, Morgan Landis, Vanessa Myers.

## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### **Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade**

- January 3—TBA—6:30 - 8 pm
- January 17—Family worship night
- January 28—Hatfield Ice—3—4:45 pm

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

### **Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade**

- January 3—build model rockets—6:30 - 8 pm
- January 17—Family worship night
- January 28—Hatfield Ice—3—4:45 pm

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

### **Jr. High—6th-8th Grade**

- Jan. 3 – Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Jan. 17 – Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Jan. 19-21 – Ignite Retreat at Spruce Lake

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

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

- January 19-21—Winter Retreat

**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
- January 7th—Ham Dinner fund raiser
- January 12—Ice Skating @ Spring Mount
- February 8-11— Winter Retreat

**YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org**

*Thank You*

Thank you for all the visits, meals, cards and prayers for Marilyn over the past few months and especially while she was dealing with a broken ankle. Thank you also to the Christmas carolers who came to Dock. Everything was much appreciated. **Harold Halteman and family.**

**Children's Ministry** is hosting a church wide family event at Hatfield Ice. All are welcome to join in the fun on Sunday, January 28 from 3:00 till 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$3 for rentals if needed payable that day. No need to RSVP come as a participant or spectator.



### **Liberia Coconut Farm**

2024 Budget	\$14,000
Received	\$7,600
Needed by end of January 2024	\$6,400

## *Marriage Retreat*



Don't forget to sign up for the Marriage Retreat held at Spruce Lake on **Feb. 9-11, 2024**. 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](http://4kidsfranconiamennonite.org) **RSVP by Jan. 1**

# Partners in Mission

Explore, Learn, and Connect with Our Partners



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support during the devastating national crisis we experienced. The past 2 months were full of challenges and changes, but God has been good and faithful through it all! Before getting married, Rossana and I had a detailed plan of what life and ministry was going to look like before the end of the year. However, most of our plans were discarded once the national crisis began. From not being able to find a house in the community we wanted to being forced to do outreach in a different marginalized area, our plans changed in the blink of an eye. Nevertheless, we know God has always been in control and is allowing these situations for a purpose!

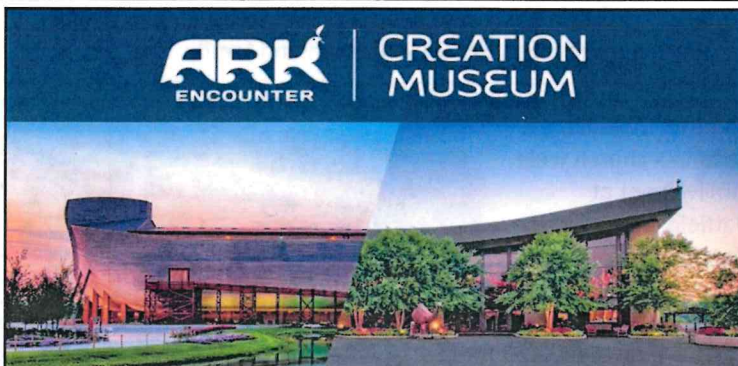
With God's help and strength, we will persevere with the food program, house church, community outreach, street evangelism, and discipleship activities during this time. We are committed with the mission God has given us... and we know He will help us accomplish it!

Thank you Franconia Church for your spiritual, financial, and emotional support!!! We value your partnership and friendship more than you can imagine!

Blessings,

**The Arango Family and La Iglesia Ministry**

"Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, that is, Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21



**ARK**  
ENCOUNTER

**CREATION**  
MUSEUM

**Let's experience the Ark & Creation Museum together! Come join us on a church trip April 4-7, 2024.**

Walk alongside other members of all ages as we explore the life size Ark and tour the beautiful Creation Museum. Lodging is reserved at a Comfort Suites Hotel. An information meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, Jan. 28 if interested. What a great opportunity to bring the Bible to life in all of it's grandeur.



**APPRECIATION**  
**LUNCHEON**

**All current BFG teachers and those who are interested in teaching are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, Jan 14** following the worship service in the UFH. The DMT would like to thank you for faithfully serving the church by using your gifts of teaching. Jay Delp will share with us some words of encouragement on The Joys of Teaching.



**Bethany Birches Camp** is looking for help in the kitchen for 2024 Snow Camps! You can cook from your own kitchen or find a weekend to join us. Use the Winter Food Sign Up link to sign up for food to prepare at home and drop off at Franconia by January 3rd. If you'd like to join us at BBC for a weekend of snow, fun and service please email [amber@bethanybirches.org](mailto:amber@bethanybirches.org) for more details!

