

## This Week

- Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am  
Shine—UFH—4 pm
- Thursday Children’s Story Time—church library—10:30 am
- Sunday Worship—10:15 am—“Beatitudes II — Pastor Kyle Rodgers  
Communion  
BFG Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

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

January 31: Fellowship meal and Congregational meeting

February: Wednesday night Fellowship meals and Bible Studies

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

### Next week’s staff

Infant BFG— Tanya Frankenfield & Janelle Godshall  
Infant Church— Kelsie Landis & Sage Frankenfield  
2&3 Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver



*Tithes & Offerings*

MCC Gifts—\$10,082

Christmas eve—God’s Treasure House—\$5,435  
—Gospel Express—\$5,435

Last Week’s Offering — \$98,429

### Last Sunday Attendance

BFG hour — 170

Worship — 281

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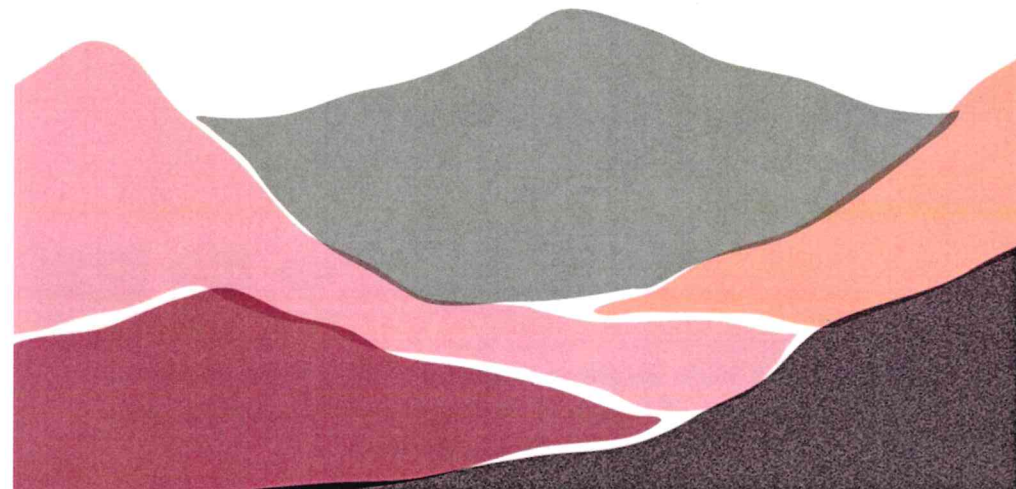
Sunday January 7, 2024

# Sermon on the mount

## Following Jesus in All Things

Franconia  
Mennonite  
Church

*“Kingdom Attitudes”*



# Worship with us

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'  
Matthew 5:3

## Prelude

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

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**— Bronwen Leister

## Singing and Worship

**Congregational Prayer**— David Mellinger

**Installation of Earl Anders**— Pastors Rob Presthus, Kyle Rodgers, and Earl Anders; David Mellinger, Kevin Landis

**Scripture Reading**—Matthew 5:3-6—Kelsy, Alana and Isaiah Weaver

**Sermon "Kingdom Attitudes"**— Pastor Earl Anders

## Closing Song

**Sending**—Pastor Rob



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...

- Pastor Earl and Elaine Anders as we welcome him as interim pastor to our church. We thank You for guiding and leading them to us and we pray that You bless their ministry abundantly.

**Student Prayer:** Praying over our children to have Hope—Psalm 25:5

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

- **Sanford and Peggy Kiser** who unexpectedly lost their youngest son, Todd, this week. Pray for God's peace and comfort for the entire family.
- **Bill Freed** is at GVH with pneumonia.
- **Toni Brown** who is having knee surgery tomorrow for torn meniscus, Bakers Cyst, and possible tear in tendon.
- **Gideon Youssef**, who is seeking wisdom and direction as he is faced with the decision of whether to undergo surgery for his torn tendon.
- **Elizabeth Miller** as she continues with chemotherapy treatments twice a month through January for pancreatic cancer.
- **Nate and Kristin Weaver**, as they celebrate the birth of their third child, Henry.
- **Jordan and Mattea Alderfer**, as they adjust to life as parents with their new daughter, Isla.

### 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

Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship

Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

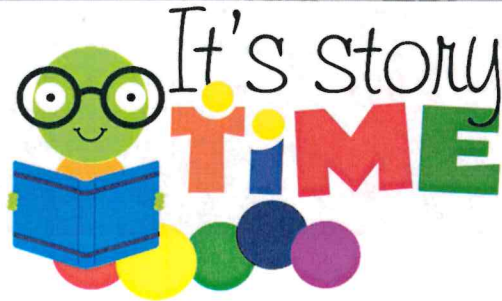
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries

Earl Anders, Interim Pastor



# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ JANUARY 7, 2024 ~



You are welcome to join Miss Bronwen for Story Time  
Thursday, Jan 11 at 10:30 in the library.



**Sunday, January 7th**

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

## Group Activities For Students

If interested please email the contact person of that group.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

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 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. 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

### 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.

*Thank You!*

Thank you for all of your support, encouragement, and prayers for our ministry over the past 15+ years. You as a congregation have been an incredible blessing to us, and we are so grateful.

**Dustin, Hannah, and Riley Leatherman**

WELCOME BABY



BOY

**Congratulations to Nate and Kristin Weaver** on the birth of their son, Henry Wendell, born on Wednesday December 27th. He joins sister Lucy and brother Jack at home.



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BOY

**Congratulations to Jordan and Mattea Alderfer** on the birth of their daughter, Isla Jo, born on Friday December 28th. May the Lord bless and keep Isla Jo and their new family.



### Liberia Coconut Farm

2024 Budget	\$14,000
Received	\$11,200
Needed by end of January 2024	\$2,800

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.







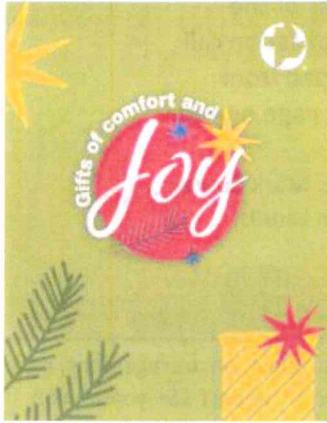
Looking for twelve (12) people to serve in Eastern Kentucky the week of March 24-30. Work – light construction. Any interest or questions please contact Nate Leister 267-718-8538

*If you could just Empty Your Mailbox That would be great*

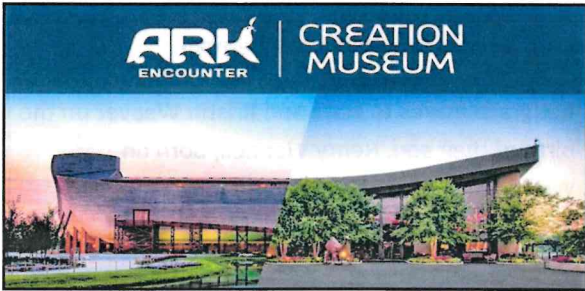
The church mailboxes will be going back into storage next week so please make sure your mail has been removed. Thank you.



Attention all Sr High, Jr High and Families with school age children (Pre K & up) you are invited to a **FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT**, Wednesday, January 17. We'll start off the evening with a Taco Bar at 6:00 then we will begin at 7 with worship & Devotion by Pastor Kyle. We encourage all to stay and engage. Let us help you start off the New Year by creating time together as a family worshipping our great God!



Clean Water	3	\$	75.00	Healthy Families	10	\$	300.00
Wells	6	\$	600.00	Music Lessons	1	\$	12.00
Full cost of well	1	\$	6,000.00	Meals at school	2	\$	32.00
Chickens	15	\$	150.00	Keeping girls in school	3	\$	150.00
Goat	6	\$	390.00	Emergency food	2	\$	130.00
Rabbit	4	\$	100.00	Plant a garden	10	\$	450.00
Ducks	3	\$	45.00	Sewing machine	1	\$	150.00
Farmyard	3	\$	807.00	Piglet	5	\$	160.00
Bicycle	6	\$	468.00	Total Received			\$10,049.00
Eco-friendly stove	2	\$	30.00				



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.



During the month of January & February Children's Ministry will be collecting for Wait No More foster care and adoption program through Focus on the Family. For every \$100 we collect we will provide a suitcase bundle. These bundles include a suitcase, teddy bear and an age appropriate Bible to give to a child entering foster care. Often children who are in need of emergency care do not bring anything with them, these few items can give a child a sense of ownership during a difficult time. This is one way we can show love and care to those in need. If you want more information here is the link <https://donate.focusonthefamily.com/don-wnm-donate?refcd=1638901> or if you would like to give to this offering donations are being collected in the Children's Singing Room.



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## Reception and Affirmation

*David Mellinger*

### BY CONGREGATION

- L Brothers and sisters, you have heard the commitment to ministry in this congregation made by Earl. Do you receive him as your minister? Will you seek to live honestly, openly, and justly with Earl, loving him as Christ has loved you? If so, please respond, we will.
- P **We will.**

### BY FELLOW MINISTERS

- L Kyle and Rob, as pastors of this congregation, do you receive Earl as your own pastor and agree to minister joyfully alongside him—loving Earl as Christ has loved you?
- P **We do. We affirm Earl as a leader of this congregation, and offer ourselves as his partners in pastoral ministry.**

## Anointing with Oil

*Kyle Rodgers*

## Prayer of Installation

*Kevin Landis*

- L O God, you call your people to service through the Church. Bless the covenant we have made together as pastor and people. We thank you for the calling to ministry that comes to each of us. Today, we especially thank you for the calling to pastoral ministry. Be a source of strength to Earl, endow him with the Spirit's gifts:  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
Bind us to one another in the bond of peace.  
"Now may the God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great shepherd of the sheep—by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever." (Heb. 13:20-21)
- P **Amen.**

## PASTORAL INSTALLATION

Earl Anders

## Our Practice of Pastoral Installation

*Rob Presthus*

*The installation of a minister happens when someone who has been previously ordained in the Mennonite church is then affirmed to ministry in a specific congregation, welcomed by it, and accepted as its leader. Pastoral installation sets forth clearly the mutual relationship between the minister and the congregation and acknowledges the holy and specific calling God has addressed to the individual—pastoral ministry within the congregation.*

## Presentation

*Rob Presthus*

- L Brothers and Sisters,  
We gather today in the presence of God and this congregation to install Earl Anders as interim pastor of our congregation.  
Who presents Earl for installation?
- P **We present Earl together, as the brothers and sisters of Franconia Mennonite Church. We believe that we have been guided by the Spirit of God, and have called him to be our minister.**
- L In commending Earl for this ministry, will you also uphold him in it?
- P **We will stand by Earl in his calling.**

## Affirmation of Pastoral Commitments

*David Mellinger*

### EXAMINATION OF PASTORAL COMMITMENTS

- Q Do you still hold to your promises made at baptism and ordination?
- Q Do you believe that this calling and your acceptance of it are in response to the leading of God's Holy Spirit?
- Q Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the Scriptures, and in seeking the good of this congregation?
- Q Will you seek to live honestly, openly, and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation, loving them as Christ has loved you?