

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7pm  
 Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm  
 Wednesday Boy's and Girl's Club—6:30pm  
 Jr High—6:30 pm  
 Prayer Meeting—E203—7 pm  
 Sunday Technology—Scott Kratz  
 Hellerick's Adventure Farm—2:00 - 4:00 pm

*This week*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

October 2—Fall Congregational Meeting and Fellowship meal

October 6 —Communion & Foot Washing (World Communion Sunday)

October 9-30 Wednesday nights Bible Study and Fellowship meals

**NURSERY MINISTRY** Visitors, feel free to use our nursery.  
 Download the free KidCheck app for a secure check-in.



Today's staff

Infant SS —Dan & Carol Landis  
 Infant Church— Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich  
 2&3 Church— Zach & Kara Derstine

Next week's staff

Infant SS —Mat & Jess Landis  
 Infant Church— Ruth Detwiler & Mary Lou Landis  
 2&3 Church— Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt



**Tithes + Offerings** Last Week's Offering —\$34,217

**Offering—Ways to Give**

- \* Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- \* Online at [franconiamennonite.org](http://franconiamennonite.org) thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code below)
- \* Electronic Funds Transfer—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- \* Mail to Church Office



Last Sunday Attendance  
 Sunday School—256  
 Worship — 343

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*Sunday September 15, 2024*

# FOLLOWING THE LAMB

*Created in God's Image*

# Order of Worship

"Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1

## Prelude

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

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

## Singing and Worship

**Congregational Prayer**—Bruce Clemens

**Scripture Reading**—Genesis 2:4-25 — Tasha & Sarah Alderfer

**Sermon**—"Created in God's Image" Pastor Kyle Rodgers

## 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...

- **Noah & Breann Detwiler** as they welcome their twin boys home to join their daughters and begin their family of six.

## Student Prayer...

- Praying over our children to have love Matthew 22:37-40

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

- **Tim Brown, Sr** who is recovering from detached retina surgery and 2 additional related procedures. Pray for patience and peace as Tim must remain immobile for another week.
- **God's presence to be upon Bev Landis and her family.** Doctors have determined that Bev is too weak to continue her current chemotherapy treatment. Please pray for renewed strength so that Bev is able to go to Penn Medicine next Tuesday to evaluate next steps.
- **Floyd Reinford** as he recovers from a fall and receives physical therapy for this as well as for his general health.
- **Quang Dang** as he works to fulfil the requirements for his immigration paperwork back from Vietnam.

## Those enduring long-term suffering...

- **Bev Landis**—*Pancreatic cancer*
- **Tyler, Sara, and Nolan Bergey**—*Propionic acidemia (metabolic disorder)*
- **Elizabeth Miller**—*Pancreatic cancer*
- **Dave Cressman**—*Lung cancer*

**FMC**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**TEAM**

Earl Anders, Interim Pastor  
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship  
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries  
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care  
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 ~

## LIBERIA EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025 school year

### GOAL REACHED!

MANY THANKS to each of you that has felt led to support this important ministry. Your gifts are changing lives of God's sweet children in Liberia and giving them the opportunity to be in school another year!



God is faithful and He has developed hearts of generosity in His people at Franconia Mennonite church. All praise, honor, and glory to Him—and Him alone!

**Happy Anniversary**  
Wilson & Jean Anders—September 17—64 years  
Arlan & Alda Kratz—September 19—71 years

## Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 18—Pool Party at Glenn Bergey's

Girl's Club Contact: Lindsey Hoover [lindseyhoover3@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyhoover3@gmail.com)

### Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 18—Fireside @ Joel Nyce's home

Boy's Club Contact: Mat Landis [mat.landis@chlsystems.com](mailto:mat.landis@chlsystems.com)

### General Info for Children's Ministry, Boy's & Girl's Clubs

Contact: Bronwen Leister [4kids@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:4kids@franconiamennonite.org)

### Jr High—6th-8th Grade

Sept 18—Bible Study and Fun Night—6:30-8pm

Sept 27-29—Hemlock Springs Retreat

Jr High Contact: Renita Leatherman, [drleath5@verizon.net](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

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

September 29—Devo Game Night

October 18—Barn Party

Sr High Contact: Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)

## Young Adult Highlights

### Young Adults—Ages 18-25 \*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!\*

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

September 22—Fireside

October 27—Mauch Chunk Lake

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)



## Women's Bible Studies

Explore what it looks like to live generously in all aspects of life because of all we've been given in Christ.

- Video study - No homework
- Facilitated by Julie Kratz
- Thursday evenings  
Oct 10th-Nov 21st
- 7:00-8:00 pm
- No cost
- Please sign up by **Oct 6th** at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer, or by emailing [jskratz@gmail.com](mailto:jskratz@gmail.com)



Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In *1 Peter*, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. He shares his concerns on big picture issues for the early church, describes believers' true identity in Christ, and ultimately helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ.

- Video study
- Facilitated by Helen Eastburn
- Thursday mornings  
Sept 19th-Nov 21st
- 9:30-11:00 am
- Childcare will be provided
- Books: \$10
- Please sign up by **Sept 8th** at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer, or by emailing [heastburn@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:heastburn@franconiamennonite.org)



Congratulations to **Noah and Breann Detwiler** on the birth of their twin sons born Friday, September 6. Welcome **Titus and Tyson**.



Children's Ministry will be collecting offering for Liz's Birthday Closet a non profit ministry in Souderton. Every child deserves to be celebrated on their birthday. Help us provide birthday toolkits to families in need in our local area. Offerings will be collected in the children's singing room.



Mennonite  
Disaster  
Service

Al Driver and Willow Street Mennonite church along with Mennonite Disaster Service are looking for 4-6 persons to travel to Port Charlotte Florida November 10-16. Please contact Nate Leister @ 267-718-8538



## Fall Family Event

Come out for a fun afternoon on the farm!

Enjoy an obstacle course,  
wagon ride, corn maze & more!

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-4:00pm

\$20 per family payable the day of

\$5 extra per a person if you choose to do the silo climbing wall  
Please complete your waivers beforehand by using the QR code

## Bakers Needed!



Outdoor Mom's Market is looking for items to sell at their bake sale on Saturday, October 12.

FranconiaMomsmarket@gmail.com

## Outdoor Mom's Market

Free admission

Rain-Indoors  
Shine-Outdoors

### Sat. Oct 12

### 9:00 to noon

Children's clothes, books, toys and more

Soup & Bake Sale to benefit JAARS Missions  
"Jungle Aviation And Radio Service"  
providing international Bible translations



Franconia Mennonite Church  
613 Harleysville Pk Telford  
\$10.00 vendor tables available  
contact: Franconiamomsmarket@gmail.com

## Spruce Lake

Pointing People Toward Christ

Annual Wood Cutting Day for Spruce Lake is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 8:30 AM - 4 PM. Breakfast is scheduled to be served at 7:45 AM and lunch at 11:45 AM. Please, bring your chain saw or log splitter, if you are willing. Help to move rounds, split wood and load, or haul and stack. Call by Wednesday, October 9, to let us know what meals you will be there for and any equipment you will be bringing. Bring your own work gloves. 570-595-7505.



## JAARS

LEARN HOW JAARS COVERS THE LAST MILE OF MISSIONS!

### October 3

Missions Banquet  
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
\$40/person

Franconia Heritage Banquet Hall  
508 Harleysville Pike  
Telford, PA 18969

To reserve your ticket please call  
267-373-5005 by September 28.

### October 5-6

Helicopter Rides  
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
\$45/person

Franconia Park  
651 Allentown Road  
Telford, PA 18969



JAARS is in Town October 2 to 7, 2024 and we need your help! A sign up QR Code is included for you to sign up to help provide food for the 21 meals we are providing for the team of 45 people!

Banquet tickets are \$40pp (Children pricing available) and will be on sale until Sept 20th. Reserve by signing up at table or emailing martha.detweiler@jaars.org. This will be an exciting evening of fellowship and stories from the Mission field at the Franconia Heritage on October 3.

We hope to see you there! Adam and Martha Detweiler



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Fall Festival hosted by the  
Franconia Township Police  
Benevolent Foundation