


Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
 Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
 Wednesday Boys and Girls Clubs—6:30 pm
 Jr High—Bible Study—6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting—E203—7 pm
 Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6 am
 Sunday What Child is This? —Pastor Earl Anders
 Christmas Hymn Sing—UFH—6:30 pm

This Week

Dec 13—Live Nativity—“What Happened in Bethlehem”
 Dec 15—Christmas Caroling
 Dec 24—Christmas Eve service



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



Today's staff

Infant SS—Nate & Bronwen Leister
 Infant Church / 2&3 Church—Joel & Renae Derstine

Next week's staff

Infant SS—John & Ruth Ann Kulp
 Infant Church—Randy & Tammy Landis
 2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich



Tithes + Offerings Last Week's Offering —\$23,046

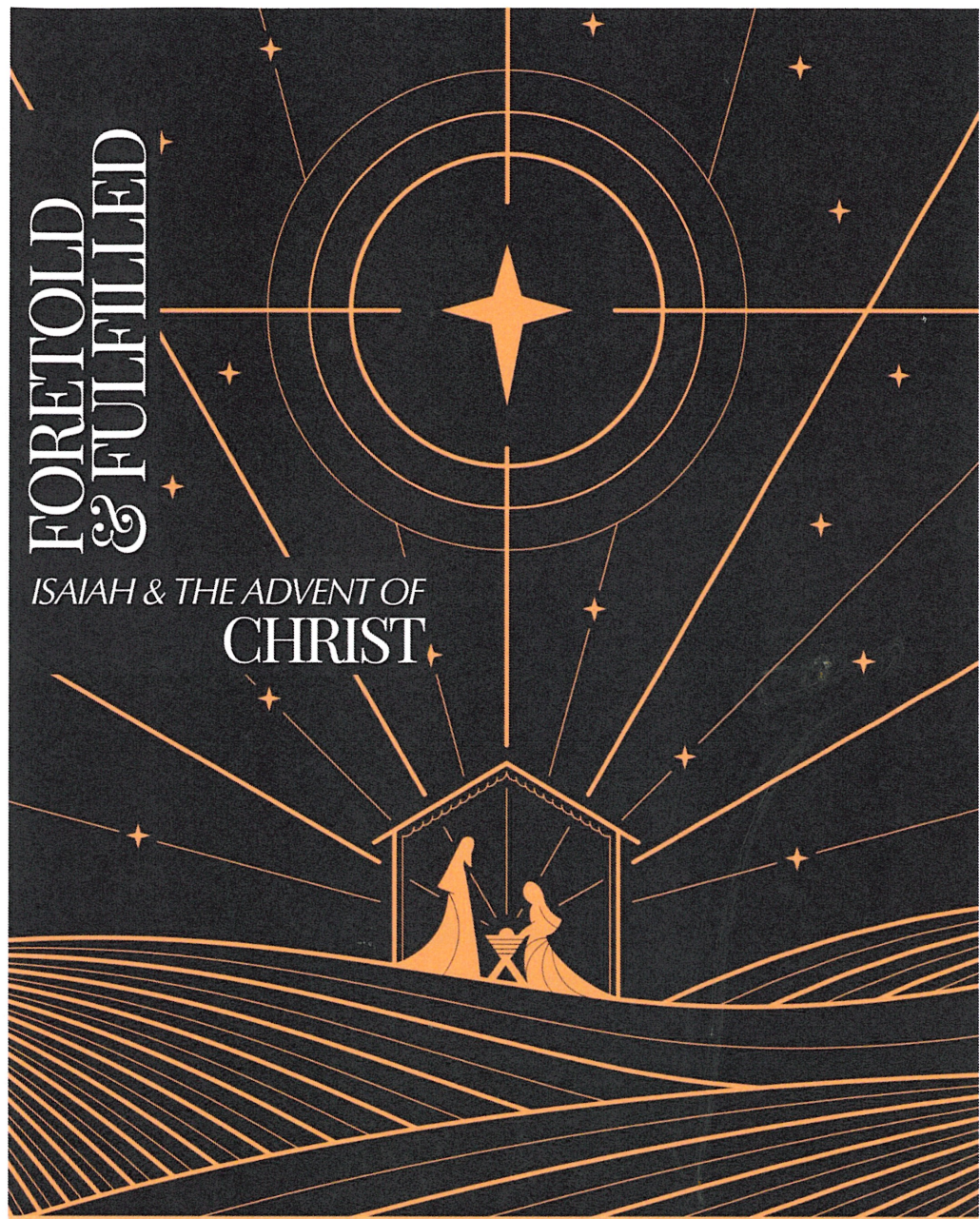
Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- * Online at 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—252
 Worship — 328

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 ISAIAH & THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024

PREPARE THE WAY

Order of Worship

...for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God... (Lk. 1:76-78)

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Singing and Worship

Christmas Carol Monologue—*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
—Anthony Detweiler

Congregational Prayer

Children's Lesson—Bronwen Leister

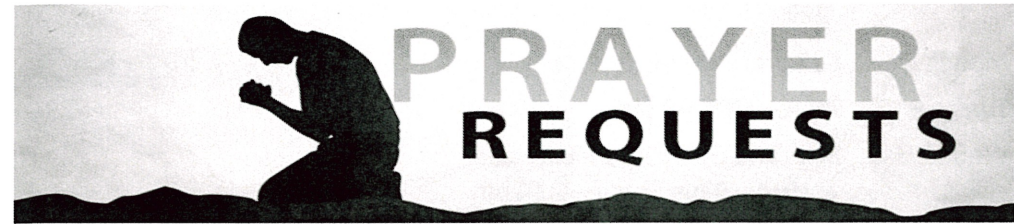
Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Candle
Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 1:76-80 — Evan and Kate Alderfer

Sermon—"Prepare The Way"— 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...

- **each of us** as we discern the blessing of being content and giving thanks for His abundant blessings.
- **Dock Mennonite Academy search committee** to have wisdom and the Spirit's leading, as the superintendent retires in June 2025 and they are searching for their next leader.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to hold fast to the RIGHT PATH (Psalm 25:4)

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

- **Lori and Galen Cassel** as they grieve the loss of Lori's father, Robert Godshall.
- **Bill Freed** as he continues to recover from pneumonia.
- **all struggling with loneliness or discouragement** this Thanksgiving season.

Those enduring long-term suffering...

- **Tyler, Sara, and Nolan Bergey**—*Propionic acidemia (metabolic disorder)*
- **Dave Cressman**—*Lung cancer*
- **Josh & Mia Maier** - *Paralysis following serious accident*

**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

~ DECEMBER 1, 2024 ~



We have been prayerfully waiting for God's leading to revitalize **small groups among our FMC family**. In His perfect timing, a group of Church members has formed to help start, support, and sustain small groups. The team is excited to share that a new cycle of small groups will launch on **Saturday January 25, 2025** and asks members to complete the Small Group Participation form emailed on Sunday, November 24, 2024, to gauge how many groups are currently active and to organize and form additional new groups. You can also access the form by using the QR Code on the left.

Please complete the form by **December 8th**.



Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 4—Christmas craft—6:30 pm

Dec 18—Christmas party—6:30 pm

Girl's Club Contact: Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec—4—TBA

Boy's Club Contact: Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

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

Contact: Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

Jr High—6th-8th Grade

Dec 4—Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30—8 pm

Dec 14—Christmas Party—LFH—6-9 pm

Dec 18—Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30—8 pm

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

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

Dec 5—Broad Street Theater—dinner & movie

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 21—Amish Meal in Lancaster

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org



Breakfast with the Pastors
December 5 @ 6 am
Heritage Restaurant

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
6:30 P.M. IN THE UPPER FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACAPPELLA
CHRISTMAS
HYMN SING

BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DESSERT TO SHARE!

SUNDAY, December 15
Meet at 5:30 p.m. in foyer

Christmas Caroling

Giving our time to **go out and encourage** our older brothers and sisters, as well as our community with JOYFUL songs of Christ's birth!

What happened in Bethlehem?

Come and see

December

13th @

6:15pm and 7:00pm

franconiamennonite.org

Invite your friends: Outdoor Drama Snacks Giveaways and More!



All are welcome to join us

Christmas Hymn Sing

- December 8th @ 6:30pm

What Happened in Bethlehem Nativity

- December 13th @ 6:15pm & 7:00pm

Christmas Caroling

- December 15th @ 5:30pm

Christmas Eve Service

- December 24th @ 6:30pm

Christmas Card Exchange

JOIN IN THE MUCH-LOVED FMC TRADITION OF BLESSING EACH OTHER WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS!

CARDS CAN BE PLACED IN THE LABELED MAILBOXES IN THE FOYER. MAKE SURE TO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX BEFORE THEY'RE REMOVED ON **JANUARY 12, 2025.**



Would you be willing to bake **homemade cookies** for distribution to our guests who come to see the Nativity acted out? Please sign up in your Sunday School Class or the Welcome Center.

MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 9-10 2025



Master Coach BOB KOCH

Thursday Eve. Speaker
Push toward your God-given potential!

- Championship high school coach
- 3-time Hall of Fame honoree
- Operates Bob Koch Hoops, a youth basketball training facility at his home.



BRETT HOLLIS

Friday Speaker
+ Thursday Comedy Show

- Captivating speaker with a uniquely humorous, yet profound, way of presenting truths of God.

Worship by The Good Family

Spruce Lake / 5389 Route 447, Canadensis, PA 18325 / 800-822-7505

STORY TIME

Story Time and Christmas craft with Miss Bronwen.

Tuesday, December 10 @ 10 am

In the Church Library