


Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
 Tuesday NO Shine
 Christmas Eve Service —6:30 pm
 Sunday A Light to Those Who Seek Him—Pastor Kyle Rodgers—10:15 am

This Week

Jan 5—Communion Service
 Jan 5—Young Adults Ham Dinner
 Jan 29—Congregational Business Meeting
 Feb—Wednesday night Bible Studies



NURSERY MINISTRY

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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Tasha & Sarah Alderfer
 Infant Church / 2&3 Church—Adam & Cherise Halteman



Next week's staff

Infant SS—Ryan & Becca Kulp
 Infant Church / 2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford



TITHES AND OFFERINGS Last Week's Offering —\$43,319

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—258
 Worship — 344

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FORETOLD & FULFILLED
 ISAIAH & THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2024

TO US A CHILD IS BORN

Order of Worship

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests".
Luke 2:14

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Singing and Worship

Christmas Carol Monologue—*Once in Royal David's City* —Louise Halteman

Congregational Prayer—Lucy Landis

Children's Lesson—Bronwen Leister

Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Candle—

Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8-14—Phil and Bev Anders

Sermon—"To Us a Child is Born" — Scott Kratz

Closing Song

Blessing for the Eastburn Family

Sending—Pastor Rob Presthus

*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...

- **our missionaries** who will spend Christmas apart from loved ones. Pray God will give them comfort, peace and joy.
- **those** who are experiencing loneliness and loss at this Christmas time.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have PURPOSE (Psalm 33:11)

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

- **Barry Freed** as he continues to have tests to determine the reason for his dizziness. Pray for wisdom and understanding for the doctors as they monitor Barry's heart.
- **Jean Anders** who is dealing with AFib and low blood pressure, leaving her very tired and weak. Please pray for healing and restored strength.
- **Dave Cressman** who is recovering from a recent hospital stay.

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 22, 2024 ~

Christmas Eve

- SERVICE -



Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 pm

An Offering will be taken to benefit Samaritans Purse
Hurricane Relief and the MAMA Project

Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Jan 8— TBA

Jan 22— TBA

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Jan 8—TBA

Jan 22— 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

Jan 3-5—Winter Retreat

Jan 8—Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30—8 pm

Jan 22 —Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30—8 pm

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

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

Jan 12—Devo Game Night at Church

Jan 17-19—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

Jan 5—Ham Dinner

Jan 10-12—Winter Retreat

YA Contact: Pastor Kyle, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

YTD Finance Report as of November 30, 2024:



Income: \$1,366,492

Expenses: \$1,230,160

(Short)/Over Expenses: \$136,332

Budget: \$1,427,945

Coffee Time



Appreciation and Farewell Blessing

for Helen, Jon, Selah and Norah Eastburn

Sunday, between SS and Church



Annual Young Adult Ham Dinner

January 5th

in the Upper Fellowship Hall

Immediately following

the morning service.

Donated baked goods needed.



MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 9-10 2025

See Pastor Kyle if you are interested in this event.

Spruce Lake



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

A new intergenerational Sunday School class will be starting January 5th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Initial nature of the class will be sermon discussion based on the previous week's sermon. Come prepared with notes and/or questions for great discussion. If you've been looking to get back into Sunday School, are new to the church, want to start with a brand new class, or just looking for a change, then give this a try! This class will be held in room A102 (front left of auditorium) at 9 am.

Bethany Birches Camp - Opportunities to Serve

God - Community - Nature - Fun

Are there teens and young adults in your life that you hope will grow and learn in faith-filled communities? Bethany Birches Camp offers a summer in VT in a Mennonite community serving children who do not have the support of a church community. As a Bethany Birches staff member they will be guided to grow personally, professionally, and spiritually! A summer at camp helps the young people in your life spend intentional time with God, develop skills for their future, learn more about themselves and their abilities, and is a great resume builder. Additionally, because of our remote location, and housing and food being included, it is easy to go home with more than \$3000 in their savings account. Encouraging teens and young adults in your life to spend a summer at Bethany Birches will give them the chance to experience God's presence in real and honest ways. Check out the QR Code to see summer positions available, like counselor, cook maintenance, office, and health staff. Or email camp@bethanybirches.org for more info.

Specific roles to use their gifts in!

Counselor - Cook - Maintenance - Office - Health Staff - Program Team

"It isn't the most glamorous summer job, sure, but it's certainly the most fulfilling. Every time I go back I am coming home, to a place and a community which makes me feel like the best version of myself. Bethany Birches is a place I know I will always be welcome and appreciated. Counseling there is more than a job—it is an opportunity to discover who you are in new contexts. In the middle of the woods, surrounded by the sassiest nine year olds you've ever met, or cooking pancakes over the fire, you will always find something new to learn about yourself." - Frida (current staff member)

WHY WORK AT CAMP?

Challenge Yourself & Grow
Enjoy Creation & Community
Gain Skills for Future Jobs
Quality Feedback & References
Disciple Young Children
Spend Time in Nature

JOBS AVAILABLE
(mid June - mid August)



Earn an ADDITIONAL **\$1,000**
through our Support a Staff program!



BETHANY BIRCHES CAMP

PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

