

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
 Tuesday Shine—4 pm
 Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6:00 am
 Sunday Faith or Fear in the New Year —Pastor Earl Anders—10:15 am
 Communion / Foot Washing Service
 Young Adults Ham Dinner immediately following the service

This Week

Jan 18—Small Group Kick Off
 Jan 29—Congregational Business Meeting
 Feb—Wednesday night Bible Studies
 Feb 28—Frolic Drive through
 March 1—Frolic Auction

UPCOMING
Events



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



Today's staff

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

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Becky Derstine & Janelle Godshall
 Infant Church—Lucy Landis & Leslie Gouldey
 2&3 Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt



TITHES AND OFFERINGS Last Week's Offering —\$76,888

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—230
 Worship — 388

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 Monique Kratz: mkratz@franconiamennonite.org
 Diane Nice: communications@franconiamennonite.org

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 ISAIAH & THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2024

A LIGHT TO THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

Order of Worship

"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:5

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship

Special Music—*The Star and The Wisemen*

—Alicia Rodgers, Kyle Rodgers, Jon Eastburn, Steve Kaufman, Rob Presthus

Congregational Prayer—David Baker

Children's Lesson—Bronwen Leister

Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Candle

— Isaiah 60:3; Matthew 2:1-8—Jon and Helen Eastburn

Sermon—"A Light to Those Who Seek Him" — Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Special Music—*Behold the Lamb*—Jon and Helen Eastburn

Closing Songs

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 blessing upon...

- **our governing authorities**, that in the new year He would provide new ways for those in positions of power to hear and obey what God is saying.
- Those traveling during this holiday time, for safety as they return to their homes or school.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children TO BE A GOOD FRIEND (Colossians 3:12)

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

- **Mary Reinford** who is hospitalized for heart related issues.
- **Dave and Bev Moyer** as they grieve the loss of her father, Chester Moyer.
- **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**

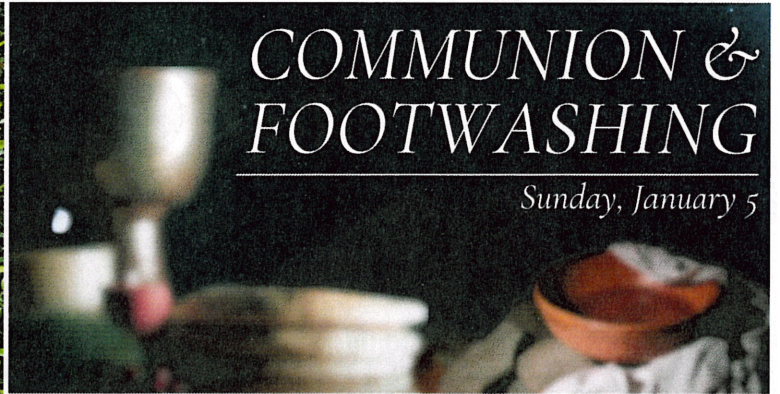
Earl Anders, Interim Pastor
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 29, 2024 ~



Breakfast with the Pastors
January 2 @ 6:00 am
Heritage Restaurant



COMMUNION & FOOTWASHING

Sunday, January 5



Christmas eve offering total to date.

\$47,000

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



Annual Young Adult Ham Dinner

January 5th

in the Upper Fellowship Hall
Immediately following
the morning service.

Donated baked goods needed.



Have you thought about being a Sunday School Teacher for Jr High thru Adult Classes or already serving as one?

The Discipling Ministry Team is offering teacher training led by Renae Derstine and Paul Veltre on Sunday, January 12 following the morning service. Lunch will be provided.

No signup required, just come.

Women's Winter Social

Join us for fellowship, food and crafts in the Upper Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 25th @ 9 am

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.

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)

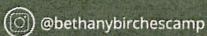


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through our Support a Staff program!



BETHANY BIRCHES CAMP

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Text questions to
802-432-8150

MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 9-10 2025
See Pastor Kyle if you are interested in this event.

SpruceLake
Professional Services Group



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

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

December 10, 2024

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from preaching the Gospel in Vietnam and Laos and wanted to express my gratitude for your generous gift to Samaritan's Purse for U.S. Disaster Relief. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Our disaster relief teams continue to help families in four states as they begin to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. We are tarping damaged roofs, mudding out homes, clearing debris and fallen trees, spraying for mold, and more. In Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, plans are underway to rebuild houses and replace mobile homes over the next two to three years. Samaritan's Purse also has staff and volunteers helping people on Maui who lost their homes and possessions due to wildfire.

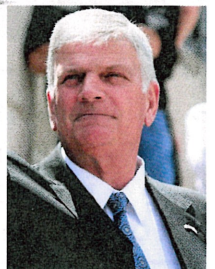
As we share God's love with people who are hurting, we want them to know they can find the hope and peace that only comes from a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. He said, *"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). May God bless you—and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

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sermon on the mount

Following Jesus in All Things

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JAN

Giving, Sacrifice, Wealth

Matthew 6:1-4; 16-24

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Judge Not

Matthew 7:1-6

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And When You Pray...

Matthew 6:5-14

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Ask, Seek, and Knock

Matthew 7:7-14

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JAN

Do Not Be Anxious

Matthew 6:25-34

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A Tree and Its Fruit

Matthew 7:15-29

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Music Sunday