

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm  
 Tuesday Shine—4 pm  
 Wednesday Dock parent meeting—6:30 pm UFH  
 Women's Bible Study—6:30 pm E203  
 Sunday Giving, Sacrifice, Wealth—Pastor Rob Presthus, 10:15 am

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



Next week's staff

Infant SS—Steve & Lisa Kauffman  
 Infant Church—Joel & Tiff Landis  
 2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich



**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Last Week's Offering —\$48,631

**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—218  
 Worship — 298

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**Franconia  
 Mennonite  
 Church**

*faith*  


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*fear*  
 Romans 8:28

**January 5, 2025**

# Order of Worship

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Romans 8:31

## Prelude

**Gathering Song**—Alicia Rodgers and Worship Team

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**—Pastor Rob Presthus

**Mission Moment**—Craig Young

## Singing and Worship

**Congregational Prayer**—Butch Cassel

**Scripture Reading** Romans 8:28-32—Joel and Renae Derstine

**Sermon**—"Faith or fear in the New Year?" — Pastor Earl Anders

## Foot washing

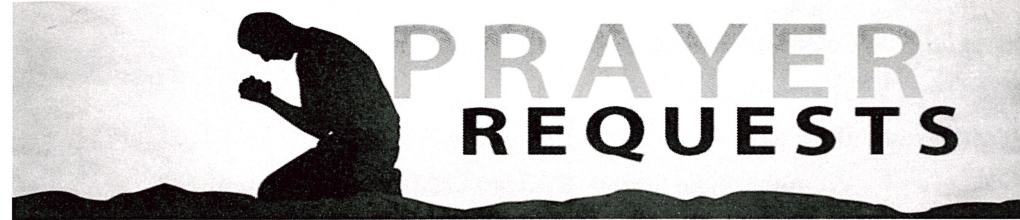
## Communion

**Special Music**—Craig Young Family

## Closing Song

**Sending**—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

*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...

- **The Jr High** retreat at Camp Hebron this weekend.
- Those committed to helping with the worship service in this transitional time. Give them strength and encouragement. Pray for others who are considering using their gifts to serve you.

## Student Prayer...

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

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

- **Merrill Derstine** at GVH for internal bleeding.
- **Ron Nice** as he is home recovering from brain surgery.
- **Mary Reinford** who is home recovering from heart surgery.
- **Barry Freed** as he continues to have his heart monitored. He still is experiencing shortness of breath and heart palpitations.
- **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  
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries  
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care  
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ JANUARY 5, 2025 ~

**Annual Young Adult Ham Dinner**  
TODAY! UFH



**FMC'S Annual Dock Mennonite Academy Board Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:30pm, in our upper fellowship hall. This meeting is open to ANYONE from the church. Questions for the Dock Board can be asked by anyone in the church as well. We ask that questions be submitted by January 6th to Kyle Rodgers at [kroddgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:kroddgers@franconiamennonite.org)

The **2025 church budget** was overwhelmingly approved by the congregation. Any questions submitted will be followed up by the appropriate group.

## Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Jan 8— Craft Night

Jan 22— Escape Room

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

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](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

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

Jan 12—Devo Game Night at Church

Jan 17-19—Winter Retreat

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



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.

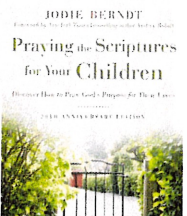
## Women's Winter Social

Join us for fellowship, food and crafts in the Upper Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, January 25th at 9:00am

### January Women's Bible Study: *Praying for our Children*

We will be studying and discussing how to cover our children's lives in prayer, based on "Praying the Scriptures for Your Children" by Jodie Berndt and "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie Omartian.

We cannot control everything that happens to our children or protect them from everything bad. Likewise, we cannot save our children, only God can. This study will consist of teaching and discussion about how we can and should cover all areas of our children's lives in prayer, whether they are still young or grown up, whether they are making good decisions or wandering away from God.



**Wednesday evenings in January, starting Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00pm.**

This is a video study. No homework required.

All are welcome. Meeting in Room E203

Led by Julie Kratz. Email [jskratz@gmail.com](mailto:jskratz@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up.

Join the circle-



### KIDS ON A MISSION

Feeding hungry children!

**\$1.50 provides one meal of MAMA's**

**Super porridge for a malnourished child**

MAMA Project is a faith based nonprofit 501(c)3 working with "Transformation of the World in Christ" in South Sudan to support refugees and displaced persons facing an enormous crisis.

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Children's Offering Project

**Thank you** to each of you that were part of the miracle that happened this week. During Wednesday morning rounds the surgeons were amazed by the turn around in Ron's cognitive and mobility abilities. Ron told them we had an army of prayer warriors praying for him. The PT and OT personnel also were impressed by his transformation. With that we were headed home! Ron still has 4 to 6 weeks of recovery in front of him but we are giving all the honor and praise to our good good God! I wish we could thank each of you personally but that would be over whelming. Thank you for carrying us through this crisis. With love and appreciation **Ron and Diane Nice**.

## Get Ready to Frolic!

Drive thru meal Friday Feb 28—Auction Saturday March 1

## BETHANY BIRCHES CAMP

PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

**Bethany Birches Camp** is looking for help in the kitchen for 2025 Snow Camps! *You can cook from your own kitchen or find a weekend to join us. Use the Winter Food Sign Up link in the 1/1/25 mid week email to sign up for food to prepare at home and drop off at Franconia Church by Thursday, Jan 16th. If you'd like to join us at BBC for a weekend of snow, fun and service please email [amber@bethanybirches.org](mailto:amber@bethanybirches.org) for more details!*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



The new intergenerational  
Sunday School class  
starts Today!

The 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, or want to start with a brand new class, then give this a try!

This class will be held in room A102 (front left of auditorium) at 9:00 am.