

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm  
 Tuesday Shine—4 pm  
 Friday CR Conference  
 Saturday CR Conference  
 Sunday New Member Class—Library—9 am  
 Rodney Holmstrom—10:15 am  
 Women’s Movie Night—UFH—6:30 pm

**UPCOMING  
Events**

May 11—Parent Child dedication  
 June 16-19—Kidz Blast—10-2 (everyday for kids completing 2nd-5th grade)  
 July 13-17—Wonder Junction VBS—6:15—8:15 pm (age 4 to 5th grade)



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



Today’s staff

Infant SS—Glenn & Reenie Hoover  
 Infant Church—Nate & Kristen Weaver  
 2&3 Church—Kelsie Landis & Sage & Tanya Frankenfield

Next week’s staff

Infant SS—John & RuthAnn Kulp  
 Infant Church—Keith & Janet Crawford  
 2&3 Church—Chad and Courtney Clemens

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

April 6 - Offering —\$29,209  
 April 13 - Offering—\$32,388

**Offering—Ways to Give**

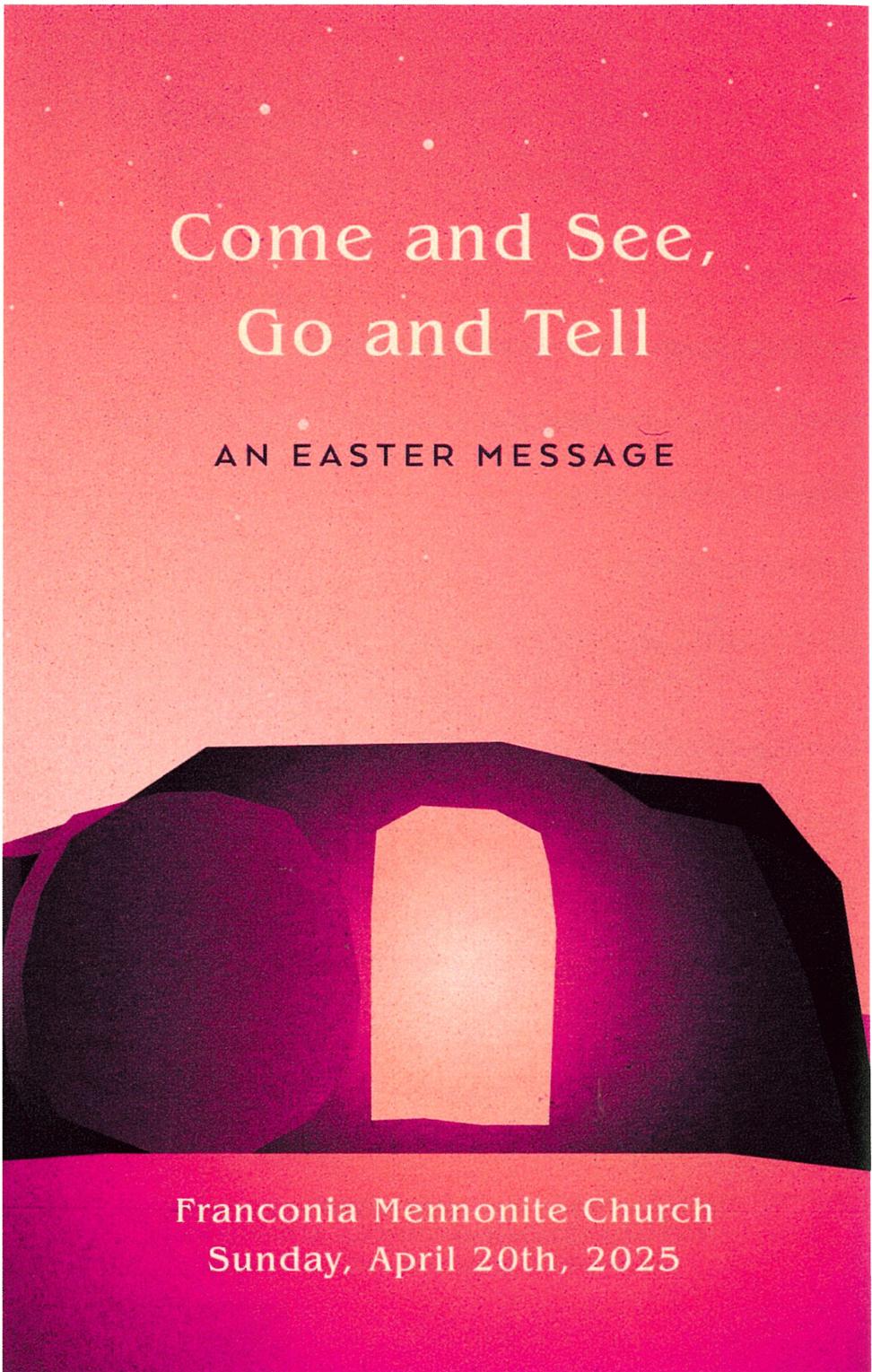
- \* Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- \* Online at [franconiamennonite.org](http://franconiamennonite.org) thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code below)
- \* **Electronic Funds Transfer**—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- \* Mail to Church Office



**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

April 6—Sunday School—214  
 April 6—Worship — 323  
 April 13—Sunday School—292  
 April 13—Worship—510

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# Order of Worship

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

## **Prelude**

**Gathering Song**—Emilie Presthus and Worship Team

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**—Bronwen Leister

## **Congregational Singing**

### **Flowering the Cross**

**Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed –**

*Kara Detweiler, Emilie Presthus, Alicia Rodgers*

**Congregational Prayer**—Pastor Rob Presthus

**Impromptu Choir**—Lori Cassel

**Scripture Reading**—Mark 16:1-8—Judy Weaver

**Sermon**—Come and See, Go and Tell—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.*



## **Student Prayer...**

- Praying for God for our children to be a LIGHT (Matthew 5:16)

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

- **Jaselyn Ramos** who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently undergoing tests to determine the best course of treatment. May God grant our prayers for healing.
- **Brent Fischer's father Robert**, who has been recently diagnosed with aggressive cancer that has spread throughout his body. Pray for the doctors as they work on a plan to fight this disease and Brent's parents as they move to PA.
- **Caryn Widrick** - hospitalized at St Lukes Sacred Heart in Allentown dealing with depression.
- **Curt Kratz** at Peter Becker with undiagnosed health issues.
- **Wilson & Jean Anders** who are dealing with life changes. Jean is currently at Souderton Mennonite Homes in health care.

## **Praising God for new life!**

- **Emilia Mae** was born on April 13 to parents **Maxwell & Kaitlin Keeler**. (Kaitlin is daughter of Allen and Jennie Caroff).
- **Blaine Francis** was born April 8 to parents **John & Deanna Herman**. Deanna is home recovering well while Blaine remains in the hospital
- **Maverick Brian and Waylon George** were born April 10th to parents **Darian & Alicia Derstine**. Alicia is home now, but the boys remain at the hospital as they were born early. (Darian is the son of Brian and Denise Derstine).

## **Those enduring long-term suffering...**

- **Dave Cressman** - Lung cancer
- **Kate Derstein** - Thyroid cancer
- **Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast cancer
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- **Verna Mae Detweiler** - Hospice Care

**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

~ APRIL 20, 2025 ~

## Youth Pastor Search: Let's Keep Praying!

- That God would bless, protect, and grow all of our current pastors, staff, ministry leaders and their families.
- That God continue to call the one He intends to serve in this role.
- That God would empower this man with the Holy Spirit, strengthen his dependence on the Word, and bless his wife and family.
- That the whole congregation would see and rejoice in God's hand powerfully working in our youth ministry and among the young families as God establishes His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.



**Mennonite Education Plan meetings** will be held Sunday **April 27 and May 4** immediately following the church service in room A101. All Parents of students attending Dock or Quakertown Christian this fall **are required** to attend one of the two meetings in order to sign up for the plan.



## Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

May 10—Mother/Daughter tea  
May 21—TBD

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

### Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

May 7—TBD  
May 21—TBD

**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

May 7—Bible Study—Fun Night  
May 9—8th Grade Event 5:30—9 pm  
May 21—Bible Study—Fun Night

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

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

May 2—Sight & Sound /Lock in

**Sr High Contact: Pastor Kyle**, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

## Young Adult Highlights

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

April 26—Chip-n-Putt  
May 3—Rook Night

**YA Contact: Pastor Kyle**, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

## SERMON DISCUSSION

All are invited to join the Sermon Discussion class every Sunday morning at 9am in room A102 in the front of the sanctuary. Come prepared to discuss and dive deeper into the sermon from the previous week.



## Happy Anniversary

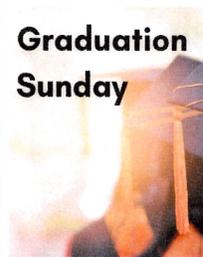
Dennis & Joan Moyer—April 22—64 years

Ron & Mabel Widrick—April 22—58 years



Dear church family, we would like to thank you for the cards and words of support during Keith's sister Michele's passing. It is so comforting to know we are loved and cared for during this difficult time. God bless, **Keith and Janet Crawford**

## Graduation Sunday



Do you have a family member that is graduating or graduated this season that is actively involved at FMC? We would like to include them in our upcoming Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please send the following information to [dnice@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:dnice@franconiamennonite.org) as soon as possible so we are sure to include everyone.

- Where are they graduating from
- Future plans
- Current picture
- If Dock—senior speech date & time

*Men's Ministry*  
STRONGER TOGETHER

All events  
start at  
7:00AM

### Men's Bible Study

May 3—Men in the Workplace—Paul Veltre

### Men's Golf Outing at Butter Valley Golf Course

May 10—Foursomes or Singles

Sign up for all events at the Men's Ministry table in the Foyer



The Salt & Light Process™ Witness Training is a practical and interactive course that equips and mobilizes all believers to be intentional witnesses for Christ where they **live, work, and play.**

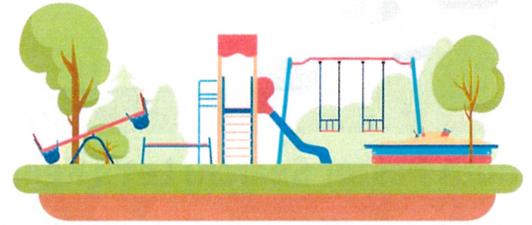
**Salt & Light Process Witness Training at FMC:**  
**Friday June 13 (6:30pm-8:30pm)**  
**& Saturday 14 (8:30am-4:30pm)**

Questions? Contact: Emilie Presthus  
[emilie\\_presthus@gmail.com](mailto:emilie_presthus@gmail.com)

Register Online (before May 31, 2025)  
<https://forms.gle/Nh3fKN2FibxZwTMv5>



## RUN, CLIMB, SLIDE & PLAY



Wednesday, May 14 join Miss Bronwen for a **Playground Picnic** at 11am. Pack your lunch and get ready for some fun.

*Blessing*



Don't forget to encourage your **student prayer partner!** Help yourself to a bookmark at the welcome center to drop them a little note.



The next several Saturdays we will be working in a church parsonage down in Norristown. Light construction- mostly spackling, clean-up work remaining. Please reach out to **Dave Mellinger** or **Nate Leister** if interested.

## Women's Ministry Movie Night

Feature Presentation:  
**Someone like you**



Come Join us in the upper fellowship hall  
**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

Please bring a food item to donate to the bean bag food program.

Feel free to BYOC  
 "Bring your own chair"

Snacks and drinks will be provided



WORLD PROJECT

## Family Fun & Learning Fair

**Saturday, May 3, 9 am - 12 noon**

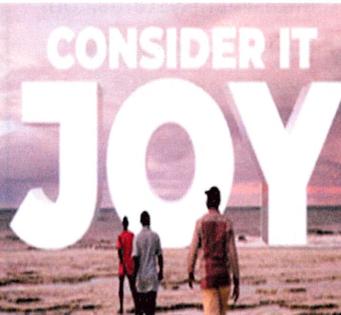
Dock Mennonite Academy E-8 Campus  
 420 Godshall Road, Souderton

Have a blast with interactive games and fun learning stations.

Free outing for young children to grandparents.  
 Indoors, rain or shine. Come and leave anytime.



**Mom's Market Coordinators wanted—** Please contact Jim Godshall of the Congregational Life Ministry Team if you are interested in helping to coordinate the Mom's Market Event.



## Global Disciples Breakfast

Can you know joy when following Jesus means being rejected by your family? Join **Global Disciples** for a breakfast buffet and hear from the men and women who have counted the cost and consider it all joy to follow Christ in their coastal community in Tanzania.

**Thurs - May 1 - 6:30 am**  
**Franconia Heritage Restaurant**



**IN-PERSON TRAINING CONFERENCE** Franconia Mennonite Church  
 613 Harleysville Pike  
 Telford, PA 18969

**April 25-26**

**Volunteers still needed!**

See Tonya Fischer or Scott Kratz if you are interested in helping out!



**\$20 FOR A WARM SWEATSHIRT**

**Sweatshirt of HOPE**  
 God Loves You!  
 BROKEN LETTERS  
 We are ALL broken  
 GOD LOVES YOU  
 only ONE True God  
 THE CROSS  
 the ONLY answer

200	\$4,000
150	\$3,000
100	\$2,000
50	\$1,000

**MORE THAN A SWEATSHIRT**

**OUR SWEATSHIRTS ARE A LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE**

**Children's Ministry Project—** Money will be collected for Sweatshirt of Hope. Every \$20 donated will purchase a sweatshirt that the ministry is able to hand out for free for those in need. Donations can be made in the children's singing room or through your blue offering envelope.