The background of the entire page is a detailed architectural drawing of a church building. The drawing shows the 'NORTH ELEVATION' at the top and the 'EAST ELEVATION' at the bottom. The church has a gabled roof, a central entrance with a pediment, and large windows. A yellow banner with a scalloped edge is superimposed over the middle of the drawing, containing the text 'I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH' in blue, bold, italicized capital letters.

# I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

DATE  
Sunday June 8, 2025

PLAN TITLE

## Overcoming Obstacles and Continuing the Build

PROJECT SITE

### FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us...Acts 15:8

## **Prelude**

## **Gathering Song**

*Scott Kratz and Worship Team*

## **Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**

*Bronwen Leister*

## **Singing and Worship**

## **Congregational Prayer**

*Tricia Bergey*

## **Scripture Reading**—Acts 15:1-21

*Dan Landis*

## **Sermon**—"Overcoming Obstacles and Continuing the Build"

*Pastor Rob Presthus*

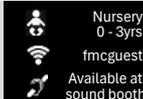
## **Closing Song**

## **Sending**

*Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

**LEADER-  
SHIP  
TEAM** Earl Anders, *Interim Pastor*  
Bronwen Leister, *Dir. Of Children's Min.*  
Rob Presthus, *Pastor of Admin. & Care*  
Kyle Rodgers, *Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Y.A.*

**CHURCH  
BOARD** Nate Weaver, *chair; Dale Bergey;*  
*Butch Cassel; Anthony Detweiler;*  
*Andrew Landis; Kevin Landis; Rob*  
*Presthus; Paul Veltre; Ben Yoder*



# PRAYER REQUESTS

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

## Pray God's blessing upon...

- **our graduates** as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone. May they find comfort from our church community's continued embrace and support as they journey through life.
- **for the Kidz Blast Committee and for the volunteers** who will be serving in June to help plant seeds. Pray also for the children that come, that their hearts are cultivated to accept God's Word and that Jesus receives all the glory for the finished work that He has done.

## Student Prayer...

- Praying for our children to turn to God in Prayer. Ephesians 6:18

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

- **Elmer Gerber** who is scheduled for heart bypass surgery Friday, June 13.
- The family of **Pauline Nice**, who went to be with the Lord on May 30.
- **Brent Fischer's** father Robert, who received some very disappointing news about his aggressive cancer. Pray for the doctors and wisdom for the family as they support him.

## Those enduring long-term illness...

- **Dave Cressman** - Lung cancer
- **Kate Derstein** - Thyroid cancer
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- **Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast cancer
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer

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*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.*

# *High School Graduates*



## **Sadie Bernd**

Parents: Brent and Kristen Bernd

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Palm Beach Atlantic University, Florida



## **Peyton Blum**

Parents: Tim and Sue Blum

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Baylor University, Texas



## **Stellan Derstine**

Parents: Zach and Kara Derstine

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Baylor University, Texas

# *High School Graduates*



## **Carissa Fallon**

Parents: Brian and Jill Fallon

Graduated from: Souderton Area High School

Future Plans: Elizabethtown College



## **Myra Landis**

Parents: Eric and Bethany Landis

Graduated from: Souderton Area High School

Future Plans: Montgomery County Community College



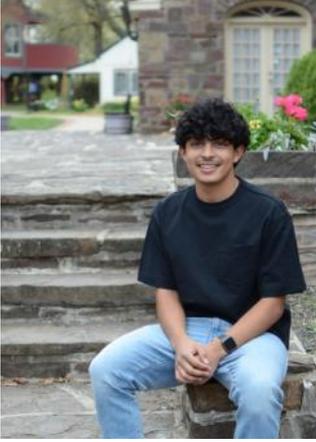
## **Colson Nyce**

Parents: Chris and Diane Nyce

Graduated from: Homeschool

Future Plans: Bergey's Electric

# *High School Graduates*



## **Jayden Ramos**

Parents: Rey Sr & Jaselyn Ramos

Graduated from: Dock Mennonite Academy

Future Plans: Liberty University, Virginia



## **Kaden Reinford**

Parents: Kendall and Gail Reinford

Graduated from: Homeschool

Future Plans: K. Reinford Plumbing



## **Kelsey Stitt**

Parents: Scott and Julie Stitt

Graduated from: Homeschool

Future Plans: Liberty University, Virginia

# College Graduates



## **Kylie Godshall**

Parents: Jim and Kim Godshall

Graduated from: Temple University

Future Plans: work as a registered nurse



## **Taylor Nyce**

Parents: Chris and Diane Nyce

Graduated from: Cedarville University

Future Plans: Elmwood Park Zoo (summer)  
Looking for work in zoology or conservation



## **Jayden Ramos**

Parents: Rey Sr & Jaselyn Ramos

Graduated from: Liberty University

Future Plans: Masters Degree at Lynchburg  
University, Virginia

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 8, 2025~

## YTD Finance Report as of May 31, 2025:

Income:	\$611,830
Expenses:	\$632,017
(Short)/Over Expenses:	(\$20,187)
Budget:	\$664,790



August 24, 2025



## Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

### Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

See you in the fall

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

### Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

See you in the fall

**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

June 14—Iron Pigs game

**Jr High Contact: Renita Leatherman,** [drleath5@verizon.net](mailto:drleath5@verizon.net)

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

July 7-12 – Service Trip

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

## Young Adult Highlights

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

June 18—VBS work night

June 25—Bible Study in the Park

July 26—27—Canoe/Camping Weekend

**YA Contact: Pastor Kyle,** [krodgers@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:krodgers@franconiamennonite.org)

# Church Picnic

# Outdoor & worship

Sunday, June 22, 5 pm in the pavilion

Meal and drinks will be provided.

Desserts to share are optional.

Worship time to follow the meal.

Please bring your own chairs and games if desired.

## Happy Anniversary

Blaine & Linda Souder—June 9—52 years

Wayne & Anna Mae Derstine—June 12—60 years

Elmer & Jean Gerber—June 14—56 years

### LADIES' WALK DATES:

#### at Franconia Park

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

#### at Green Lane Park

(2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane)

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9 AM

All are welcome! This is an informal gathering for fellowship, exercise, and enjoying God's creation. Come for as long as you like!



- Getting ready for your summer vacations?
- Need some good reading material?
- Come check out the church library for a variety of fiction, non-fiction, DVD's, and children's books.



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>



**KIDZ  
BLAST**

# MISSION POSSIBLE

the life of paul

Mon—Thurs  
June 16—19  
10 am—2 pm  
3rd—5th Grade

God has given each of us a mission – to tell the world about Jesus. Although it is a big job that may seem impossible at times, with God leading us, our mission cannot fail. Kids will learn that we are on a mission – to share the good news of Jesus.

Register at [FranconiaMennonite.org](http://FranconiaMennonite.org) or call 215-723-3220 by June 9



**Volunteers needed to set up for VBS.**  
Please use the QR Code here to sign up.



Who is Jesus?

Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory

### Wonder Junction VBS

Date of Travel  
July 13th-17th

Class  
Ages 4 to 5th

Arrival Time 6:30 pm  
Departure Time 8:30 pm



From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
Psalm 113:3

Wonder Junction

Ages 4 to 5th grade

6:30pm - 8:30pm

613 Harleysville Pike

Telford, Pa 18969

[Franconiamennonite.org](http://Franconiamennonite.org)



## Franconia's 2025 Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, June 9th	8:30	Heidelberg	Twin Town
Wednesday, June 11th	6:30	Schwenkies	Franconia



### Community Garden Volunteers are needed!

All are welcome to help (there are opportunities for children and seniors); no gardening experience is necessary, just willing hands! All produce from the garden (located at



Scott and Julie Kratz's house) is donated to local food pantries to help those in need. This is a great opportunity for service and fellowship! Work days will be announced by email to those who have indicated interest, so please contact Scott or Julie if you would like to be included on the email list ([jskratz@gmail.com](mailto:jskratz@gmail.com) or 717-525-3040).

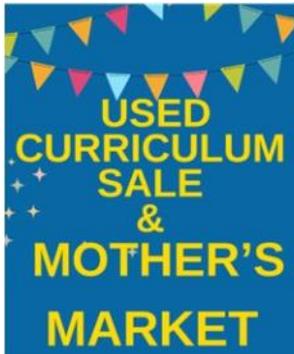


Looking for **volunteers** to make and set up coffee stations before church. You only need to get up early and make coffee approx. 6 times per year. We will train you! Contact Renae Derstine if interested.



### Splash into Summer Family Event

Come out and celebrate the beginning of summer! Slide down the water slide, splash in the kiddie pool and enjoy some cool water ice. Thursday, June 19 6-8pm by the pavilion



★ Saturday, June 21, 2025  
10AM - 1PM

COME SELL AND BROWSE LOCAL HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM, BOOKS, GAMES, TOYS AND GENTLY USED CLOTHING!

THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT

**MUST SIGN UP TO SELL**

Franconia Mennonite Church  
613 Harleysville Pike Telford, PA

questions and to register to sell contact Diane Nyce 267-218-6453

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm  
 Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am  
 Shine—4 pm  
 Friday Salt & Light—UFH—6:30—8:30 pm  
 Saturday Salt & Light—UFH—8:30—4:30 pm  
 Sunday Baptism and New Member Sunday—10:15 am  
 “From Prison to Praise”—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

*This week*

June 16-19—Kidz Blast—10-2 Life of Paul (kids completing 2nd-5th grade)  
 June 22—Church Picnic & Worship Night  
 July 13-17—Wonder Junction VBS—6:30—8:30 pm (age 4 to 5th grade)  
 August 24—Worship in the Park



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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Dan & Carol Landis  
 Infant/2&3 Church—Lindsey & Reenie Hoover

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Phil & Bev Anders  
 Infant/2&3 Church—Allen & Jenny Caroff



Last Week's Offering —\$44,313

**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—230  
 Worship—327

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 Monique Kratz: [mkratz@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:mkratz@franconiamennonite.org)  
 Diane Nice: [communications@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:communications@franconiamennonite.org)