



## What are your frequently used words? by Tricia Bergey

In September 2024, in Scott Kratz's sermon he referred to smart phones autocorrect feature. Along with many other people, I don't always appreciate that feature. One time while texting, I noticed something that did please me about one of my phone's auto features. My smart phone was recognizing my vocabulary and written words such as Immanuel, Holy Spirit, and God (rather than god), and I was pleased with that!! It brought me joy to see that among the three suggested words on my phone, I now see the words I frequently use as a Christian and as I share prayers or encouragement via text. My delight in seeing this caused me to think of how my phone's suggested words could be filled with a very different vocabulary if I was not careful. I am conscious of communicating as a believer in Jesus and as one who knows that my written and verbal speech are a representation of who I am. If I did not have those convictions, I suppose my phone would suggest unholy, profane words.

What about the person whose vocabulary has changed? Are we limited to what is suggested or presented to us? No; because there is hope in change and restoration of what is broken in our lives. When I was in my early twenties, I said a word that I did not want to speak. I pondered why that came out of my mouth. As I talked with the Lord about that, I realized it was a word that was occasionally in my head. I thought of the verse from Matthew 12:34 that "out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks". In my sorrow of this, I repented and told God that I didn't want to speak that or think of that word again when I have a frustrating moment. God removed it! I never spoke it again, and I don't think I was even tempted to. I thanked God for hearing that desire of my heart, to be transformed in that way. Our phones and lives can be transformed to the likeness of Christ.

*My prayer for us is from Psalm 141:3 "Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."*

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# Making Connections

We welcome three new members to our Women's Ministry!

My name is **Kim Wieder**. My husband is Gary. We became members of FMC in 2023. We have 3 children. Bekah (32) is married to Patrick and lives in Telford. Nick (30) is married to Britta and lives in Buffalo, NY. And Katie (30) has a boyfriend Christian and she lives in Telford. I joined the women's ministry because I enjoy good fellowship with other women and serving others. I'm really looking forward to getting to know more of you through the activities we will be planning for you.

I'm **Kristen Weaver** - I grew up here at Franconia and my husband, Nate, and I returned here two years ago, and we became members last fall. I am a stay-at-home mom to our three kids: Lucy (5), Jack (3) and Henry (1). We have felt welcomed with open arms to Franconia! I am excited to join the women's ministry and help to plan events to strengthen our female friendships within the church and welcome others the way that I have felt since coming here. I look forward to getting to know new-to-me names and faces.

My name is **Rena Derstine**. My husband is Joel, and I have three kids--Dylan, Connor, and Kenzie. Dylan is married to Susanna and Connor is about to be married in August. Kenzie will be a junior at Messiah and is studying nursing. I teach fourth grade at Oak Ridge Elementary School. I'm excited to be a part of the women's ministry at Franconia because getting to know one another and walking life together are two things that are important to me. Hope to see you at our events!



Kim Wieder, Kristen Weaver, Rena Derstine



# Get Involved!

## LADIES' WALK DATES:

### at Franconia Park

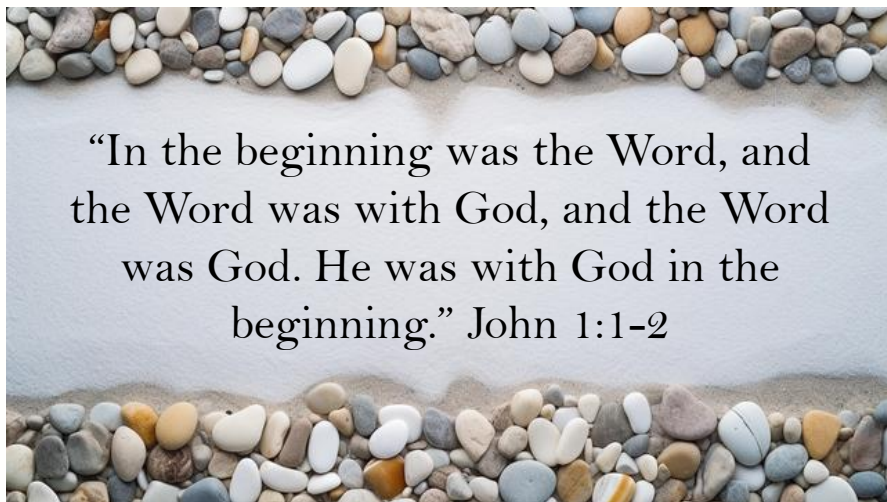
Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

### 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!



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2

### Other Upcoming Activities

#### Sewing Circle

Tuesday, June 10

8 AM – 4 PM

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, June 10 at 7 PM



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