



FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

# THEY WALKED WITH GOD...

*Abraham*

SUNDAY JULY 6, 2025



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.  
Galatians 3:7

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** *Pastor Rob Presthus and Worship Team*

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer** *Artin Freed*

**Scripture Reading**—James 2:20-23 *Shane Landis*

**Sermon**—“Abraham” *Caleb Benner*

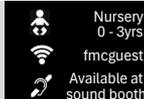
**Song of Response**

**Commissioning for Sr High Service Trip**

**Sending** *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

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

**CHURCH** Nate Weaver, chair; Dale Bergey;  
**BOARD** 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...

- the **Sr High youth group** traveling to their service project to Elkhorn City, Kentucky, July 7 to 12, and ask God to open their hearts to serve others and to experience Him in a fresh new way.
- the **VBS Committee and for the volunteers** who will be serving next week. 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 work He has done.
- **the nation**, as we celebrate the freedom we enjoy, we thank the Lord and pray for our government leaders.
- **the ceasefire between Israel and Iran**. That God would bring the fullness of the peace and reign of Christ on these two nations.

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

- **Shirley Hackman**, increased depression and cognitive issues.
- **Bill Freed**, who is in rehab at Rockhill Community.

## Those enduring long-term illness...

- **Dave Cressman** - COPD (lung disease)
- **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.*

# HE LIVES!

1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is  
2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho' my heart grows  
3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-

liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I  
wea-ry I nev-er will de-pair; I know that He is lead-ing, thro'  
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the

hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him, He's al-ways near.  
all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.  
Help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

## REFRAIN *Spirited*

He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and  
He lives, He lives,

talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives, He lives, sal-  
He lives, He lives,

va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

# WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE



1. There is com - ing a day when no heart - aches shall come, No more  
2. There'll be no sor - row there, no more bur - dens to bear, No more



clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye; All is peace for - ev - er  
sick - ness, no pain, no more part - ing o - ver there; And for - ev - er I will



*D.S.* When He takes me by the



more on that hap - py gold - en shore, What a day, glo - ri - ous  
be with the One who died for me, What a day, glo - ri - ous



hand and leads me thru the prom - ised land, What a day, glo - ri - ous

## *Fine* REFRAIN



day that will be. What a day that will be when my Je - sus I shall  
day that will be.



day that will be!



see, And I look up - on His face, the One who saved me by His grace;



# TRUST AND OBEY



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He  
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick - ly  
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Nor a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth  
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the  
5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet, We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,  
drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,  
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,  
al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows, And the joy He be - stows,  
side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go



## REFRAIN



And with all who will trust and o - bey.  
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.  
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's  
Are for those who will trust and o - bey.  
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.



WORDS: J. H. Sammis, 1877

MUSIC: D. B. Townner, 1877

# FARTHER ALONG

1. Tempt - ed and tried we're oft made to won - der Why it should be thus  
 2. When death has come and tak - en our loved ones, It leaves our home so  
 3. Faith - ful till death said our lov - ing Mas - ter, A few more days to  
 4. When we see Je - sus com - ing in glo - ry, When He comes from His

all the day long, While there are oth - ers liv - ing a - bout us,  
 lone - ly and drear; Then do we won - der why oth - ers pros - per,  
 la - bor and wait; Toils of the road will then seem as noth - ing,  
 home in the sky; Then we shall meet Him in that bright man - sion,

**REFRAIN**

Nev - er mo - lest - ed tho' in the wrong.  
 Liv - ing so wick - ed year af - ter year.  
 As we sweep thru the beau - ti - ful gate. Far - ther a - long we'll  
 We'll un - der - stand it all by and by.

know all a - bout it, Far - ther a - long we'll un - der - stand why; Cheer up, my

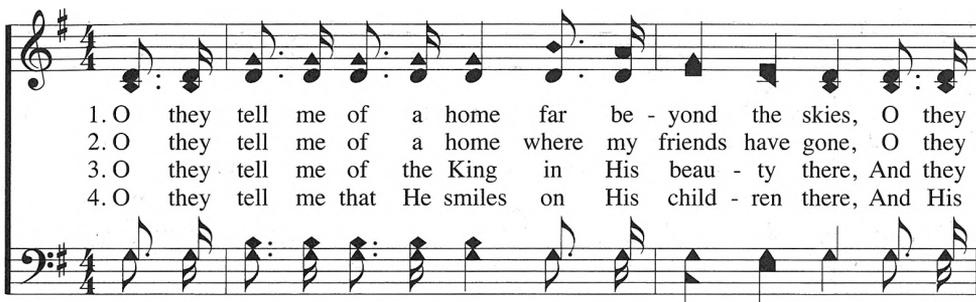
broth - er, live in the sun - shine, We'll un - der - stand it all by and by.

WORDS & MUSIC: W. B. Stevens, Arr. J. R. Baxter, Jr. 1937

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TEMPTED AND TRIED  
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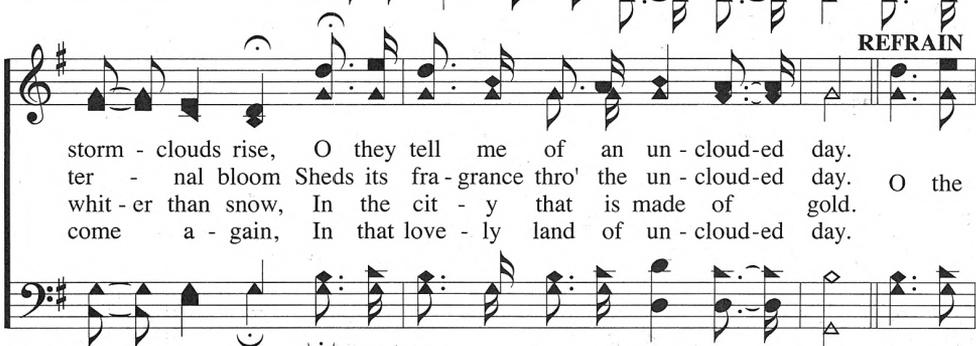
# THE UNCLOUDED DAY



1. O they tell me of a home far be - yond the skies, O they  
2. O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, O they  
3. O they tell me of the King in His beau - ty there, And they  
4. O they tell me that He smiles on His child - ren there, And His

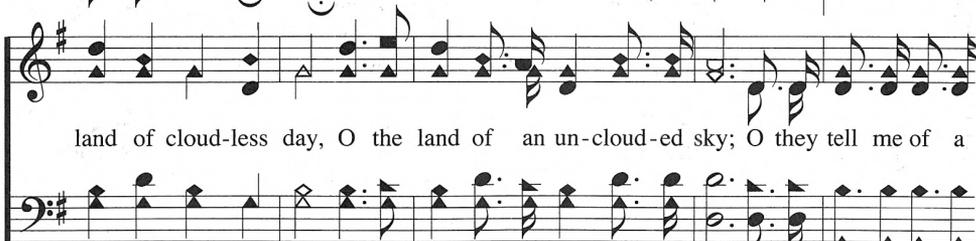


tell me of a home far a - way; O they tell me of a home where no  
tell me of that land far a - way Where the tree of life in e -  
tell me that mine eyes shall be - hold, Where He sits on the throne that is  
smile drives their sor - rows a - way; And they tell me that no tears ev - er

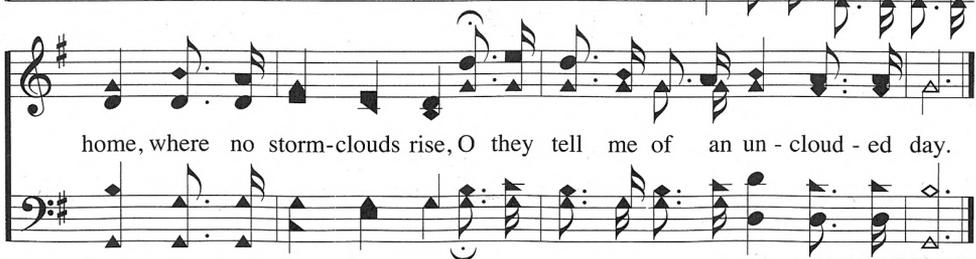


**REFRAIN**

storm - clouds rise, O they tell me of an un - cloud - ed day.  
ter - nal bloom Sheds its fra - grance thro' the un - cloud - ed day. O the  
whit - er than snow, In the cit - y that is made of gold.  
come a - gain, In that love - ly land of un - cloud - ed day.



land of cloud - less day, O the land of an un - cloud - ed sky; O they tell me of a



home, where no storm - clouds rise, O they tell me of an un - cloud - ed day.

# THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME



1. This world is not my home, I'm just a pass-ing thru. My treas-ures are laid
2. They're all ex-pect-ing me, and that's one thing I know, My Sav-ior par-doned
3. I have a lov-ing Sav-ior up in glo-ry-land, I don't ex-pect to
4. Just up in glo-ry-land we'll live e-ter-nal-ly, The saints on ev-'ry



up some where be-yond the blue; The an-gels beck-on me from  
me and now I on-ward go; I know he'll take me thru tho  
stop un-til I with Him stand, He's wait-ing now for me in  
hand are shout-ing vic-to-ry, Their song of sweet-est praise drifts



heav-en's o-pen door, And I can't feel at home in this world an-y-more.  
I am weak and poor And I can't feel at home in this world an-y-more.  
heav-en's op-en door And I can't feel at home in this world an-y-more.  
back from heav-en's shore And I can't feel at home in this world an-y-more.



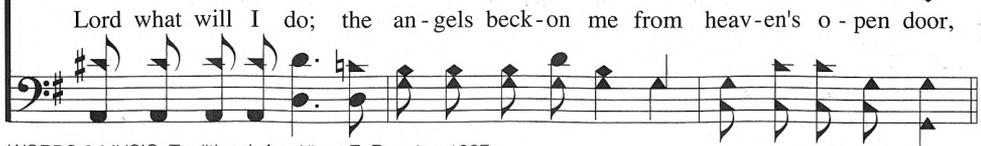
## REFRAIN



O Lord, You know I have no friend like You, If heav-en's not my home then



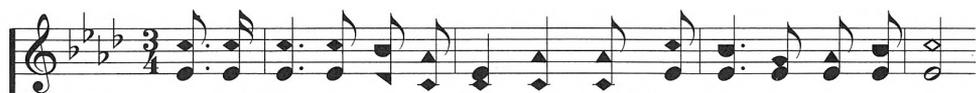
Lord what will I do; the an-gels beck-on me from heav-en's o-pen door,



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# ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME



1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me: What have I to ask be-side?  
2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me, Cheers each wind-ing path I tread,  
3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me: O the full-ness of His love!



Can I doubt His ten-der mer-cy, Who thro' life has been my Guide?  
Gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, Feeds me with the liv-ing bread;  
Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa-ther's house a-bove;



Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell.  
Tho' my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, And my soul a-thirst may be,  
When my spir-it, clothed im-mor-tal, Wings its flight to realms of day,



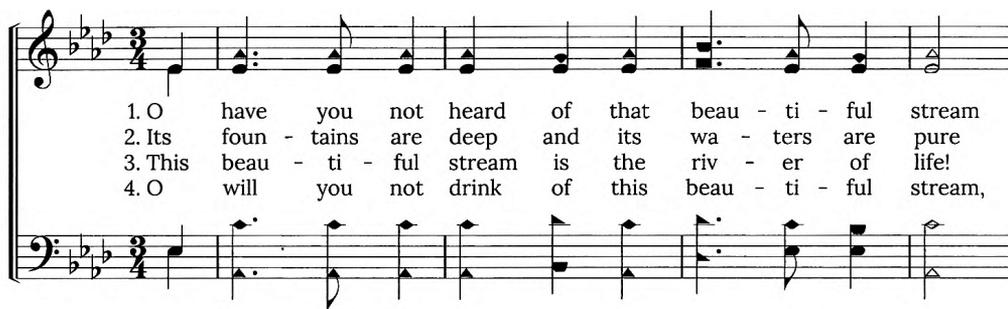
For I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well;  
Gush-ing from the Rock be-fore me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;  
This my song through end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way!



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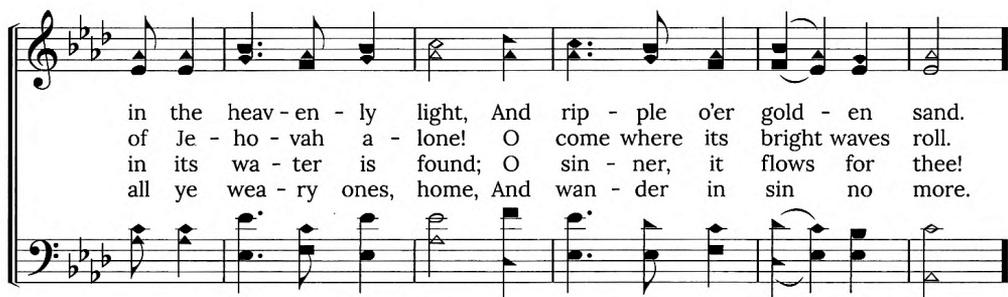
# O HAVE YOU NOT HEARD



1. O have you not heard of that beau - ti - ful stream  
2. Its foun - tains are deep and its wa - ters are pure  
3. This beau - ti - ful stream is the riv - er of life!  
4. O will you not drink of this beau - ti - ful stream,



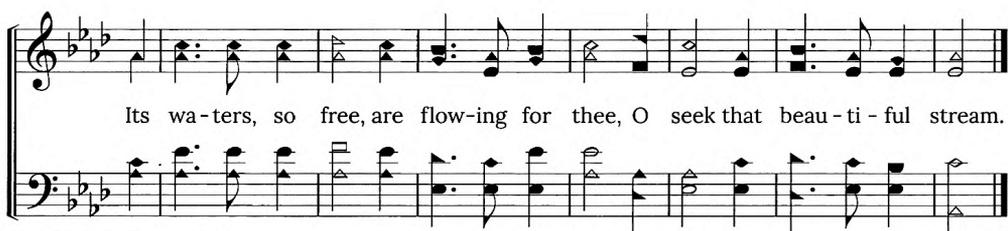
That flows through our Fa - ther's land? Its wa - ters gleam bright  
And sweet to the wea - ry soul; It flows from the throne  
It flows for all na - tions free! A balm for each wound  
and dwell on its peace - ful shore? The Spir - it says, Come,



in the heav - en - ly light, And rip - ple o'er gold - en sand.  
of Je - ho - vah a - lone! O come where its bright waves roll.  
in its wa - ter is found; O sin - ner, it flows for thee!  
all ye wea - ry ones, home, And wan - der in sin no more.



REFRAIN  
O seek that beau - ti - ful stream, O seek that beau - ti - ful stream;



Its wa - ters, so free, are flow - ing for thee, O seek that beau - ti - ful stream.

WORDS: R. Torry, 1864

MUSIC: Asa Hull, 1862

# FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ JULY 6, 2025~



## **SEARCH TEAM UPDATE - Pastor of Music and Worship**

We want to share a brief update on the work of the Pastor Search Team as we begin the process of seeking the person God is calling to serve as Pastor of Music and Worship at Franconia Mennonite Church. Our team has begun meeting regularly. We have had a few inquiries and are in the process of reviewing candidates and prayerfully seeking the Lord's guidance.

We invite you to join us in prayer as we wait on the leading of the Holy Spirit and trust God's perfect timing. Please pray that we will have wisdom, clarity, and unity as we listen and discern together. As you pray and listen along with us, please feel welcome to share with anyone on the search team what you are hearing from God.

Lori Cassel, Amber Clemens, Donna Godshall (chair), Bryce Kauffman, Scott Kratz, Pastor Rob Presthus, Nate Weaver

## **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

### **Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade**

See you in the fall

**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**

See you in the fall

**Jr High Contact: Renita Leatherman,** 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

## **Young Adult Highlights**

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

July 26—27—Canoe/Camping Weekend

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

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 Harleyville Pike

Telford, Pa 18969

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



**Urgent Need:** Reliable truck for missionaries in Guatemala. Our missionary partners, **Esteban and Rosana Arango**, are in urgent need of a pickup truck. Dependable transportation is essential for their ministry and their current 2007 pickup is breaking down frequently and many replacement parts are no longer available.

Esteban has reached out to their supporting churches requesting help to raise \$20,000 to purchase a reliable used truck. Please prayerfully consider giving toward this important need. Donations can be made using your blue offering envelopes or the church's on-line giving option. Please mark your gift for "Esteban - vehicle." Gifts will be received through July 14th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Outreach Ministry Team. Thank you for supporting the hands and feet of Jesus in Guatemala! **\$10,870** has been raised so far.

# SUMMER



# READING CHALLENGE

### Join our Kids Summer Reading Challenge!

Our goal is to encourage kids to check out the great reads in our church library and in their Bibles. Suggested books will be on display in the library.

Kids ages 6 & younger have someone read to you for 15 minutes for 28 days this summer, fill out your chart and bring it to the church library for a prize.

Kids ages 7 thru 12 check out books from the church library and keep track of them on your Reading Log. For every 12 books you read, bring in your completed sheet. Every child that completes the challenge will be signed up for a one year subscription to Focus on the Family Clubhouse magazine! Papers are available in the library.

## Franconia's 2025 Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, July 7th	6:30	Heidelberg	Twin Town (5 innings)
Monday, July 7th	8:30	Heidelberg	Twin Town (5 innings)
Wednesday, July 9th	6:30	Sacred Heart	Franconia
Thursday, July 10th	6:30	Pennsburg	Eagle AA



**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).



August 24, 2025



### The Mennonite Heritage Center's Annual Used Book Sale! Donate your used books!

The Mennonite Heritage Center's annual Used Book Sale is just around the corner! We are accepting donations for the sale through **July 8, 2025**. We take used books, rare books, children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and puzzles in good condition. Please **no** encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed, cassettes, or VHS.

Mark your calendars for the **Mennonite Heritage Center's annual Used Book Sale, July 15-19, 2025.**



**Aid for the Middle Eastern Christian Immigrant Family** pastor Rob mentioned in worship two weeks ago. We have provided 1-month of rent through our Community Needs budget. We put together a list of needed items which you can contribute to by using the QR Code. Make arrangements with Rob for the larger items, and smaller items can either be dropped off to the family directly or on the table in the foyer by the library at Church.



## Annual Cornhole Tournament

**August 10, 2025; 1 pm check-in**  
**783 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969**  
[livingstreamsranch.org](http://livingstreamsranch.org)

The Ranch helps women and children from our community who are experiencing grief, trauma, and deep emotional pain to find hope and healing in the love of Jesus. **There is no fee for our program.** Our cornhole fundraiser allows you to partner with us, helping our ranchers on their healing journey, and providing a fun outing with friends or family.

### 2025 Team Registration

#### Competitive Division

4 Games Round Robin  
 Double Elimination  
 2 Meal Tickets  
 Cash prizes

#### Social Division

2 Games Round Robin  
 Single Elimination  
 2 Meal Tickets  
 Selection of Prizes for Winners



**2 Player Team: \$100 Donation**

Max: 40 Teams

Meal Includes:

grill items, salads, chips, desserts, beverages

Alcohol is not permitted.



To register: Scan the QR code with a phone camera or visit: <https://livingstreamsranch.org/cornhole-fundraiser/>

Living Streams Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization. EIN:823188370

Player registration is due by Aug 4th.  
 Questions: Contact Deb Eckert  
 215.630.9512

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

*This week*

Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am

Sunday “Enoch” Pastor Kyle Rodgers — 10 am  
VBS Wonder Junction 6:30—8:30 pm (age 4 to 5th grade)

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

August 9—Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

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—Becky Derstine & Janelle Godshall

Infant/2&3 Church—Chad & Courtney Clemens

**Next week’s staff**

Infant SS—Butch & Rhonda Cassel

Infant/2&3 Church—Tricia Bergey & Nicole Nazzaro



**TITHES AND  
OFFERINGS**

Last Week’s Offering —\$41,198

**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—201

Worship—308