



FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

THEY WALKED WITH GOD...

Prodigal Son

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

“For You have delivered my soul from death, and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.” Psalm 56:13

Prelude

Gathering Song

Alicia Rodgers and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship

Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer

Kyle Rodgers

Scripture Reading—Luke 15:11-32

Lori Menzies

Sermon—“Prodigal Son”

Pastor Rob Presthus

Song of Response

Sending

Pastor Earl Anders

**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

 Nursery
0 - 3yrs
 fmcguest
 Available at
sound booth

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray God's blessing upon...

- the **worship and youth pastoral search committees** and the **church** to put their hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future.
- the **participants of VBS** that the seeds of God's love would grow and bear fruit in the lives of the young people who attended.
- **Spruce Lake, Bethany Birches** and **Big Sky** camps during this busy season. May both campers and others attending feel His Spirit and connect with God and each other.

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

- **the family of Ed Jackson Sr**, who passed away last week as a result of a traffic accident.
- **all those** with unspoken needs and those that wish to remain unnamed, the Lord knows you by name and we offer you up for healing and may you feel God's tender touch as you patiently carry on each day.

Those enduring long-term illness...

- **Shirley Hackman** - Depression
- **Dave Cressman** - COPD (lung disease)
- **Kate Derstein** - Thyroid cancer
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- **Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast cancer
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer

*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.*

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER ~ JULY 20, 2025~

Every voice counts!

Remember to complete the **2025 Music and Worship Survey**.

The Church needs your thoughtful and honest feedback as we seek to honor God in in worship, together as one body!

Grab a paper copy from the Welcome Center or fill it out online!



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—9th-12th Grade

July 23—Pool Party

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

FMC SMALL GROUPS

**GET
TOGETHER**

**ENCOURAGE
TOGETHER**

**GROW
TOGETHER**

**WORK
TOGETHER**

**LEARN
TOGETHER**

**STRUGGLE
TOGETHER**

**HOPE
TOGETHER**

**PRAY
TOGETHER**

**DISCERN
TOGETHER**

**REJOICE
TOGETHER**

**SHARE LIFE
TOGETHER**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.
Acts 2:42



NEW GROUPS FORMING SEPT. 1



SIGN UP HERE
OR REQUEST FORM FROM CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Board is happy to report that the term renewals and titles for Pastors Kyle Rodgers and Earl Anders have been strongly affirmed.

- **Pastor Kyle** is called to a 3-year term as Pastor of Outreach & Sr High Youth through July 31, 2028.
- **Pastor Earl** is called to a 2-year and 1 month term as Pastor through July 31, 2027.

Thank you for taking the time to affirm these brothers. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to serve God and our congregation.

GUESS *Who's Coming to* DINNER

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner is on Saturday, August 9th at 6:00 PM

Please sign up in the lobby by **August 3rd**.

Any questions, contact Linda Souder at Souderfamilyfarms@gmail.com.

John & Janet Alderfer say "It is a meaningful & blessed time, in a home setting, sharing life experiences, smiles & chuckles. Establishing deeper relationships with fellow believers. Definitely a recommendation!"

2025-2026 Student Prayer Cards

The 2025-2026 school year is quickly approaching. Please send your school age though college student information to: dnice@franconiamennonite.org before August 3. Please include a current picture, name, grade and school they will be attending.

Grayson Landis
Oak Ridge
Kindergarten

Harper Landis
5th Grade
Oak Ridge Elementary

Sadie Landis
2nd Grade
Oak Ridge Elementary



All Kids in Pre-K - 5th grade are invited to a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 10 during Sunday School—Let's celebrate summer & get ready for another school year. Come hungry!



Upward's focus on building character and having fun is such an important value to offer in today's organized sports options. Keep up the **amazing work you do!**

Upward parent

UPWARD SPORTS

Register

Learn more

Looking for a Christ-centered youth sports experience? **Upward Flag Football & Cheerleading** is a Christ-centered youth sports experience your whole family can get excited about! Upward offers a fun, family-friendly environment where kids are encouraged to develop their skills, learn the value of teamwork and sportsmanship, and build their faith. **Our Fall League is for boys and girls Kindergarten to Grade 8**, with one 1-hour practice and one game per week. Learn more

and link to registration at upwardnorthpenn.org, and use the discount code **SAVE30** to get \$30 off your registration fee. And don't forget to tell a friend! p.s. The Upward ministry is a great way for churches to share Christ's love with our community. Drop us a line if you'd like to learn more about opportunities to coach, referee, or serve in other ways. Email: upwardnorthpenn@gmail.com. Call 215..527.7813

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Sweatshirt of **HOPE** 2025

SPORTS & MUSIC FEST

SAT. Sept. 20 • 9 am - 9 pm
SUN. Sept. 21 • 8:30 am - 2 pm

741 N County Line Rd
Souderton, PA 18964
Exit Rt. 309 - 30 miles North of Philadelphia

DONATIONS APPRECIATED
to cover event expense

Sweatshirt of Hope is a 501c3 Faith-Based Non-Profit Organization



Recovery Walk - Saturday, September 20 @ 9 AM
Register at www.pennfoundation.org
1st Annual Car Show - Full Schedule at SweatshirtofHope.org

Thank you

Greetings. I am safely back home. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the pastors, leadership and members for their prayers and full support towards my beloved mom home-going. My family is forever grateful. **David Zoegar**



Puzzling Addition to the Library

As you enter the library, you will notice an area with a variety of jigsaw puzzles. Feel free to borrow one or add to the selection. No checkout necessary. We hope you enjoy this added attraction!



Annual Cornhole Tournament

August 10, 2025; 1 pm check-in
783 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969
livingstreamsrancho.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://livingstreamsrancho.org/cornhole-fundraiser/>

Living Streams Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization. EIN:823138370

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

This week

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Sunday “Daniel” Dare to be a Daniel —Pastor Earl Anders—10:15 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 9—Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

August 10—All kids PreK—5th grade—breakfast for Sunday School hour

August 10—Youth Sunday

August 24—Worship in the Park

September 7—Family event 4:30—8 pm



Visitors, feel free to use our nursery.

Download the free KidCheck app for a secure check-in.

Today’s staff

Infant SS—Devin & Ashley Bergey

Infant/2&3 Church—Nate & Kristen Weaver

Next week’s staff

Infant SS—Glenn & Reenie Hoover

Infant/2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Last Week’s Offering —\$21,742

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- * Online at 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—186

Worship—325

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Diane Nice: communications@franconiamennonite.org