

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
 Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
 Wednesday Boy's and Girl's Club—6:30 pm
 Jr High—Bible Study & Fun night—6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting—E203—7 pm
 Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors - 6:00 am Heritage
 Sunday They Walked With God "Lazarus"—Rob Presthus
 Family Children's Event 4:30—8:00 pm

This week

September 14—Affiliation Lunch & Information Session
 October—Leadership Appreciation Month
 October 1—Congregational Meeting
 October 8, 15, 22, 29—Wednesday Night Bible Study



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



Today's staff
 Infant SS—Teena Gehman & Tricia Mellinger
 Infant/2&3 Church—Danni Goodwin & Kim Godshall



Next week's staff
 Infant SS—Glenn & Reenie Hoover
 Infant Church—Steve & Cathy Derstine
 2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Week ending Aug 17—\$18,640 Aug 24—\$8,317

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



Attendance Worship in the Park - 325
 Attendance Aug 17—281 Worship Service
 Attendance Aug 17—184 Sunday School

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end
he will stand on the earth. Job 19:25

Prelude

Gathering Song

Pastor Rob Presthus

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer

Rod Hunsberger

Scripture Reading—Job 1:1-12, 2:1-7, 19:25-27

Janet Crawford

Sermon—"Job—When Life Doesn't Make Sense"

Pastor Earl Anders

Song of Response

Sending

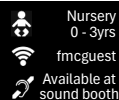
Pastor Kyle Rodgers

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



JAARS IS IN TOWN!

Learn How We Cover the Last Mile of Missions

Mission Dinner

OCTOBER 3, 2025 • 6:00 p.m.

Franconia Heritage Banquet Center
508 Harleysville Pike, Unit A, Telford, PA 18969

FREE ADMISSION!

RSVP to 267.377.5605

by September 15 for meal count.



Helicopter Rides at Franconia Fall Fest



RIDES
\$45 pp

OCTOBER 4 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 5 • 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.



Franconia
Community Park
671 Allentown Road
Telford, PA 18969

Twice the fun—
Our R66 and Bell 206
will be on-site for rides!

Benefit Concert and Missionary Stories

With Nashville Artists Jeff and Sue Duffield

OCTOBER 5, 2025

6:00–8:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Franconia Mennonite Church

613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969

FREE ADMISSION!

An offering will be taken for JAARS.



JAARS

For further information, please email martha.detweiler@jaars.org
or call Martha at 267.377.5605. Thank you!



Volunteer registration is open for the Feed My Starving Children Pottstown

MobilePack to be held on Friday and

Saturday, September 19 and 20, at Berean

Bible Church in Pottstown. Sign up for a two-and-a-half hour music-filled session and hand-pack nutritious meals of soy, rice, vitamins, and dehydrated veggies. These meals are then

donated to FMSC partners overseas to feed children facing food insecurity. We need volunteers to pack meals, carry food and supplies to packing stations, assemble boxes, and place labels on meal bags. Ages 5-95+ are welcome!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray God's blessing upon...

- the **Pastoral Search team** as they continue their work of discernment and waiting on God for his leading.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have Purpose. (Psalm 33:11)

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

- Glenn and Linda Boll** whose grandson **Joshua**, took his life this week.
- The family of Bill Freed.** Bill passed away on Sat, Aug 23. Visitation will be held at SMH on Friday, Sept 12 from 5:00 to 7:00pm and visitation and memorial service at Franconia Mennonite Church on Saturday Sept 13 from 10:00 to 1:00.
- Linda Godshall** in the passing of her husband Larry. A Memorial Service is being planned for Saturday, October 18. Sign up for the meal train here.
- Tammy Landis**, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
- Bev Moyer**, for peace and strength as she begins treatment for her breast cancer.
- Harry Linsinbigler**, who is recovering from spine surgery this week.

Those enduring long-term illness...

- Bev Moyer** - Breast cancer
- Shirley Hackman** - Depression
- Dave Cressman** - COPD
- Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast cancer
- Kate Derstein** - Thyroid 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.

LIBERIA EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2025/2026 school year

Children in Liberia are heading back to school in September. Our commitment for the 2025/2026 school year includes:

\$18,600 Charles K. Wesley Academy: tuition assistance and teacher/staff salaries

\$13,206 Orphan sponsorship program: tuition, school uniform, and basic school supplies for 44 children

\$31,806 TOTAL needed by September
(\$10,955 already received)

Heartfelt thanks for your generosity. Your gifts are bearing much fruit in the lives of God's children in Liberia!
Questions? Contact Donna Godshall



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SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

WE NEED YOU!
SweatshirtofHope.org

Free Community Event!
FOOD • KIDS EVENTS • RESOURCES

HOPE 2025
SPORTS & MUSIC FEST
SEPT. 20 & 21

CAR SHOW • NATIONAL RECORDING ARTISTS
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT • RECOVERY WALK

Sweatshirtofhope.org
741 N County Line Rd. Souderton, Pa.

TEEN/ADULT CORNTOURNAMENT
SEPT 21 2025 - 11-2PM

SHARE HOPE & VOLUNTEER
Click to See Details & Register

MDS project to Asheville, NC

October 12-18. More details to follow.

Any interest see Nate Leister. (267)718-8538

JESUS said in Matthew 25:40, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

Inviting men to a weekend of spiritual challenge and renewal at Men's Encounter. Freedom in Christ is experienced through worship, teaching, testimony and drama. More Info and registration at mensencounterpa.org.

Children's Ministry is "O-fish-ally Moving Up!"

New Classes Begin on Sunday September 7th

Turn in your completed list of books read to receive your one year subscription to Focus on the Family Clubhouse magazine to Ms. Bronwen by **August 31st.**

SHOWERS OF BLESSING

1. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing;" This is the prom - ise of love;
 2. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing;" Pre - cious re - viv - ing a - gain;
 3. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing;" Send them up - on us, O Lord!
 4. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing;" O that to - day they might fall,
 5. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing;" If we but trust and o - bey;

There shall be sea - sons re - fresh - ing, Sent from the Sav - iour a - bove.
 O - ver the hills and the val - leys, Sound of a - bun - dance of rain.
 Grant to us now a re - fresh - ing; Come and now hon - or Thy Word.
 Now as to God we're con - fess - ing, Now as on Je - sus we call!
 There shall be sea - sons re - fresh - ing When we let Christ have His way.

Show - ers of bless - ing, Show - ers of bless - ing we need;
 Show - ers, show - ers of bless - ing

Mer - cy drops round us are fall - ing, But for the show - ers we plead.

WORDS: D. W. Whittle (1883)
 MUSIC: James McGranahan (1883)

FMC SMALL GROUPS

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

GET TOGETHER **ENCOURAGE TOGETHER** **GROW TOGETHER** **WORK TOGETHER**
LEARN TOGETHER **STRUGGLE TOGETHER** **HOPE TOGETHER**
PRAY TOGETHER **DISCERN TOGETHER** **REJOICE TOGETHER** **SHARE LIFE TOGETHER**

NEW GROUPS FORMING SEPT. 1

SIGN UP HERE
OR REQUEST FORM FROM CHURCH OFFICE

Ministry Teams

The Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee is pleased to present the following nominees for 2-year terms on various Ministry Teams beginning September 7, 2025. These include new persons and re-affirmations (*).

Share any comments/concerns with a member of the SGDC: Bev Anders, Tricia Bergey, Anthony Detweiler, Ruth Ann Kulp, Rob Presthus.

Administrative Ministry Team

Brian Fallon
 Jeff Godshall

Congregational Life Ministry Team

Reenie Hoover
 Issac Moyer

Discipling Ministry Team

Elmer Gerber
 Lucille Landis*

Outreach Ministry Team

Janet Crawford
 Rod Hunsberger*

Worship Ministry Team

Quang Dang
 Janelle Godshall
 Lori Cassel*

SGDC has added Reenie Hoover to the Congregational Life MT nominees

Look for an email affirmation ballot on Sunday, August 31.

September Family Event Sunday, Sept. 7
 4:30-8 pm at the Pavilion
 Families in Children's Ministry come join in the fun with a bounce house, dunk tank & free food truck!
 No RSVP needed



FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER
~ AUGUST 31, 2025~



Breakfast with the Pastors
September 4 @ 6:00 am
Heritage Restaurant

Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 3—Outdoor Scavenger Hunt at church—6:30—8pm

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

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Sept 3—Pool Party at Glen Bergey's 6:30—8 pm

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

Sept 3—Bible Study & Fun night 6:30—8:00 pm

Jr High Contact: **Josh & Tasha Alderfer** jtalderfer@gmail.com

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

Sept 6-7—Fall Retreat at Hemlock Springs

Sept 17—Bible Study at church—6:30—8 pm

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

Young Adult Highlights

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

Sept 5—Game Night & Fire pit—Andrew & Danielle's

YA Contact: **Anthony & Kara Detweiler** akcdetweiler@gmail.com

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new, That I may
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure; Un - til with
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine; Un - til this
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die, But live with

love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch (1878)

MUSIC: Robert Jackson (1878)



Pastor Earl Anders has a new email address.

eanders@franconiamennonite.org

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS GENESIS

A new Intergenerational Adult Sunday School class will begin on Sept. 7 in room 101. This class will be studying the book of Genesis. If you would like more information please reach out to Bryce & Lakelyn Kauffman.

SATISFIED

1. All my life long I had pant - ed For a drink from some cool
 2. Feed - ing on the husks a - round me Till my strength was al - most
 3. Poor I was, and sought for rich - es, Some - thing that would sat - is -
 4. Well of wa - ter, ev - er spring - ing, Bread of life, so rich and

spring That I hoped would quench the burn - ing Of the
 gone, Longed my soul for some - thing bet - ter, On - ly
 fy; But the dust I gath - ered round me On - ly
 free, Un - told wealth that nev - er fail - eth, My Re -

REFRAIN

thirst I felt with - in. Hal - le - lu - jah! I have
 still to hun - ger on.
 mocked my soul's sad cry.
 deem - er is to me.

found Him, Whom my soul so long has craved! Je - sus sat - is - fies my

long - ings; Thru His blood I now am saved.

WORDS: Clara Tear Williams (1875)
 MUSIC: R. E. Hudson (c. 1875)

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH

1. I know that my Re - deem - er liv - eth, And on the earth a - gain shall
 2. I know His prom - ise nev - er fail - eth, The word He speaks it can - not
 3. I know my man - sion He pre - par - eth, That where He is there I may
 and on the earth

stand; I know e - ter - nal life He giv - eth, That grace and
 die; That cru - el death my flesh as - sail - eth, Yet I shall
 be; O won - drous tho't, for me He car - eth, And He at
 again shall stand;

pow'r are in His hand. I know, I know that Je - sus
 see Him by and by.
 last will come for me. I know, I know,
 that grace and pow'r

liv - eth, And on the earth a - gain shall stand; I know, I know
 And on the earth I know, I know

that life He giv - eth, That grace and pow'r are in His hand.
 That grace and pow'r

WORDS: Jessie Brown Pounds (1893)
 MUSIC: James H. Fillmore (1893)

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1-22; 19:25-27

Job 1:1-22

¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

⁴ His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 19:25-27

²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
3 My sin! O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin! not in
4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more,
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN

It is well, it is well with my soul.
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
"E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul,

WORDS: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)
MUSIC: P. P. Bliss (1876)

BE STILL, MY SOUL

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth un-der-take To guide the
3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-
fu-ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing
be for-ev-er with the Lord; When dis-ap-point-ment, grief and fear are

vide; In ev-ry change He faith-ful will re-main.
shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last.
gone; Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.

Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'n-ly Friend
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Thru thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
All safe and bless-ed, we shall meet at last.

WORDS: Kathrina von Schlegel (1752); Tr. Jane Borthwick (1855)
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius (1899)

I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW

1. I don't know a-bout to-mor-row, I just live from day to day;
2. I don't know a-bout to-mor-row, It may bring me pov-er-ty;

I don't bor-row from its sun-shine, For its skies may turn to gray.
But the one who feeds the spar-row Is the one who stands by me.

I don't wor-ry o'er the fu-ture, For I know what Je-sus said;
And the path that is my por-tion May be through the flame or flood,

And to-day I'll walk be-side Him, For He knows what is a-head.
But His pres-ence goes be-fore me, And I'm cov-ered with His blood.

CHORUS

Man-y things a-bout to-mor-row, I don't seem to un-der-stand;

But I know who holds to-mor-row, And I know who holds my hand.

WORDS and MUSIC: Ira F. Stanphill (1950)