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# PSALMS

for every season

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Sunday November 23, 2025

TRUTH SHALL SPRING  
OUT OF THE  
EARTH

**Franconia Mennonite Church**



# PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## **Pray God's blessing upon...**

- **Isaiah Cramer and family** as our church family discerns if it is the Lord's will to call Isaiah to minister to the next generation as Franconia's youth pastor.
- **those who are alone** this Thanksgiving. Ask God to identify a person to whom you can send words of encouragement or include in your celebration.
- **all those** traveling to be with others for Thanksgiving. Pray for safety, peace and energy for their travels.

## **Student Prayer...**

- Pray over our children to be people of PEACE. Colossians 3:15

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

- **Deb Godshall**, as she was discharged from Lifequest Nursing Center and returned home.
- 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.

## **Praise for answered prayers...**

- **Jaselyn Ramos** whose doctor report showed complete response to the chemo and no cancer in the breast or lymph nodes.
- **Ron Nice** who received great news about the success of his August ablations.

## **Those enduring long-term illness...**

- **Bev Moyer** - Breast cancer
- **Dave Cressman** - COPD
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- **Art Keener** - Weakening Health
- **Shirley Hackman** - Depression
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- **Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast 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

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## Youth Pastor Candidate—Isaiah Cramer

Letter of introduction can be found with  
this QR Code.



Affirmation ballots by church members  
using this QR Code are due—TODAY

## Group Activities

*Email contact person for more information*

### | Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover [lindseyhoover3@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyhoover3@gmail.com)

**Dec 3**—Christmas party

**Dec 17**—Gingerbread Contest and Cookie Fundraiser

### | Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis [mat.landis@chlsystems.com](mailto:mat.landis@chlsystems.com)

**Dec 3**—TBA

**Dec 17**—Gingerbread Contest and Cookie Fundraiser

### | Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Tasha Alderfer [jtalderfer@gmail.com](mailto:jtalderfer@gmail.com)

**Dec 3**—Bible Study and Pillow Polo 6:30—8 pm

**Dec 13**—Christmas Party

### | Senior High (Grades 9-12)

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

**Dec 10**—Christmas Dinner and Movie Night at the Broad

**Dec 17**—Gingerbread Contest and Cookie Fundraiser

**Nov 20**—Go Kart Event

### | Young Adults (Ages 18-25) \*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!\*

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler [akcdetweiler@gmail.com](mailto:akcdetweiler@gmail.com)

**Nov 26**—Food & Fellowship@the Detweilers (following Thanksgiving service)

**Dec 13**—Amish Dinner—5 pm

# HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY HURRICANE MELISSA



**Derek and Stephanie Landis** (son and daughter-in-law of **Rich and Lucy Landis**) are currently serving for a Mission Agency in Jamaica. They are handing out food, clothing and other supplies to nearby areas that were devastated by Hurricane Melissa. The need is great! If you would like to help, please consider a donation to their agency, Friends of the Redeemer Jamaica. The money will be used for food and supplies for the surrounding areas. You can donate through your blue offering envelope or Vanco online on the church website.

## Christmas Cookie Walk

December 17

6:30—8 pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Benefits our children and youth ministries



Bethany Birches Camp

## Bethany Birches Camp - Opportunities to Serve God - Community - Nature - Fun



Bethany Birches Camp offers a summer in VT in a Mennonite community serving children who do not have the support of a church community. As a Bethany Birches staff member you will be guided to grow personally, professionally, and spiritually! Additionally, because of our remote location, and housing and food being included, it is easy to go home with more than \$3000 in your savings account. Give yourself or a teen or young adult in your life the chance to experience God's presence in real and honest ways. Check out the QR Code to see summer positions available, or email [camp@bethanybirches.org](mailto:camp@bethanybirches.org) for more info.



# Christmas Card Exchange

JOIN IN THE MUCH-LOVED FMC TRADITION OF  
BLESSING EACH OTHER WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS!

CARDS CAN BE PLACED IN THE LABELED MAILBOXES  
IN THE FOYER. MAKE SURE TO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX  
BEFORE THEY'RE REMOVED ON **JANUARY 11, 2025.**



FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7  
6:30 P.M. IN THE UPPER FELLOWSHIP HALL



## CHRISTMAS HYMN SING



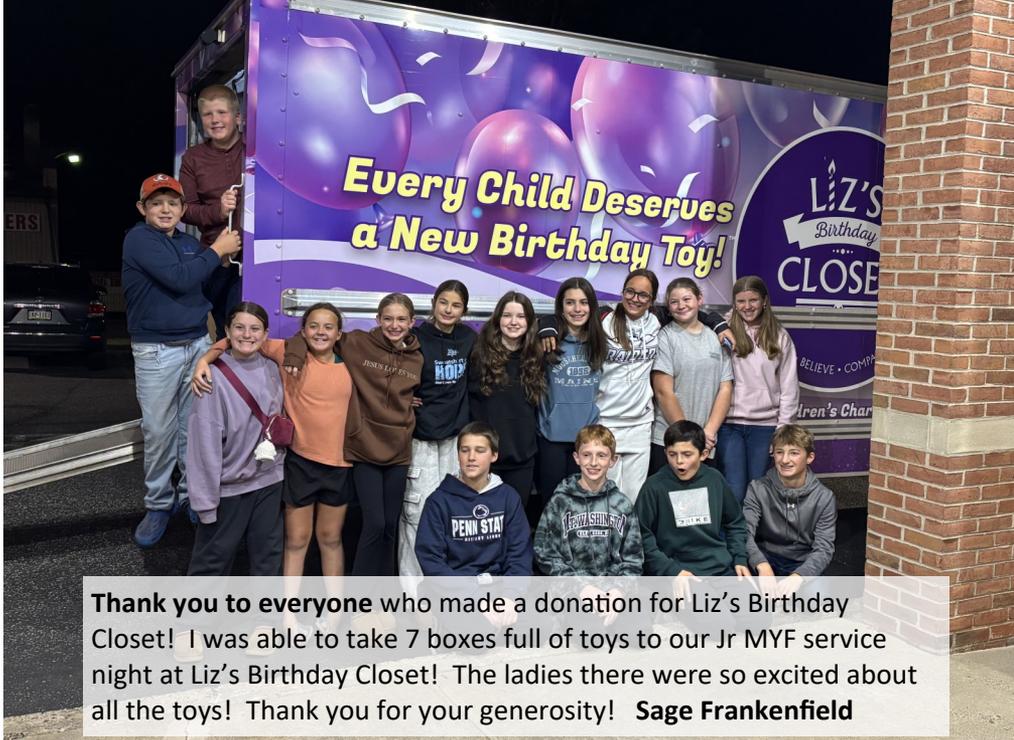
BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DESSERT TO SHARE!

SUNDAY, December 14  
Meet at 4:00 p.m. in foyer

# Christmas Caroling

Giving our time to **go out and encourage**  
our older brothers and sisters,  
as well as our community  
with **JOYFUL** songs of Christ's birth!





**Thank you to everyone** who made a donation for Liz's Birthday Closet! I was able to take 7 boxes full of toys to our Jr MYF service night at Liz's Birthday Closet! The ladies there were so excited about all the toys! Thank you for your generosity! **Sage Frankenfield**

*Are you in it?*

Would you like to...

- have your family added to the directory?
- change your address or phone number?
- add or update your family picture?

Contact the church office or email us at [communications@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:communications@franconiamennonite.org)

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FACEBOOK.COM/WILDERNESS.CAMP  
SLSUMMERCAMP ON INSTAGRAM



*This week*

- Monday** Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday** Shine—UFH—4 pm
- Wednesday** Thanksgiving Eve Service—Mark Bergey—6:30 pm
- Sunday** Prophets Foretold It —Pastor Rob Presthus

December 7—Congregational Christmas Hymn Sing

December 14—Christmas Caroling in Community

December 24—Christmas Eve Service

January 4—New Year Communion

UPCOMING  
EVENTS



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

### Today's staff

Infant SS—Glenn & Reenie Hoover

Infant Church—Danni Goodwin & Kim Godshall

2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich

### Next week's staff

Infant SS—Becky Derstine & Janelle Godshall

Infant/2&3 Church—Adam & Cherise Halteman



TITHES AND  
**OFFERINGS**

Last Week's Offering —\$17,539

### 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—290

Worship—369

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