



Franconia Mennonite Church

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# HOPE

for a Hopeless World

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Sunday November 30, 2025



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.”**  
**Isaiah 9:1**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** *Donna Godshall & Worship Team*

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship** *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer** *John Weaver*

**Childrens’ Lesson** *Bronwen Leister*

**Scripture Reading**—Isaiah 9:1-7 *Gary & Kim Weider*

**Sermon**—Hope for a Hopeless World *Pastor Rob Presthus*

**Song of Response**

**Sending** *Pastor Earl Anders*

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Earl Anders, *Pastor*  
Bronwen Leister, *Dir.-Children’s Min.*  
Rob Presthus, *Pastor-Admin. & Care*  
Kyle Rodgers, *Pastor-Outreach, Sr. High*

## 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

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

## Pray God's blessing upon...

- **our pastors**, to have wisdom, clarity, and boldness to lead and to proclaim Your Word without compromise. Help them to hear Your voice above the many distractions they may face.
- **our brothers and sisters in Christ** who are living in places where they face persecution. Pray for strength and boldness to remain faithful to Christ.
- **those who work in retail this holiday season**. Pray for strength and patience for them; pray God's blessing upon them as they work to provide for themselves and their families.
- the **children** of the **SHINE** ministry, that they learn about the true light of Christmas and for the **leaders**, give them strength and encouragement.

## Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to turn to God in Prayer. Ephesians 6:18

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

- **Marcia Houck** as she anticipates a medical procedure scheduled for December 23. Pray that this will help her to physically function better and that her insurance will cover the expense.
- **the people you know** facing health struggles. Ask God to give them grace and courage to trust God in the midst of fears and doubt.

## 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 30, 2025

# BREAKFAST

## WITH THE PASTORS

**ALL WELCOME!  
THURSDAY 6AM  
FRANCONIA HERITAGE**

## 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

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

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

**Dec 13**—Amish Dinner—5 pm

FRANCONIA MENNONITE ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS EVE

# Candlelight SERVICE

DECEMBER 24

6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



Come out to support Franconia Mennonite Church's float as it participates in the Souderton Parade, December 6th at 11 am.



## Christmas Cookie Walk donations

to benefit the children and youth ministries.

Use the QR Code or the link in the Midweek Newsletter to sign up 2 dozen per slot - Chocolate chip, Snickerdoodles, Sugar, Hershey Kiss or PB cups, Novelties. Bring cookies to the church on Tuesday 12/16 7-8 pm or drop off at the church office on 12/17.



## Come take part in the Christmas Cookie Walk

December 17, 6:30—8:00 pm in the UFH

Enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate as you watch the youth participate in the gingerbread competition.

Choose from a large assortment of homemade Christmas cookies.

\$10 per dozen, benefits children and youth ministries



# 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!



# 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.



## 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.



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

USE THE ONLINE PROMO CODE **FALL15** FOR  
15% OFF OVERNIGHT CAMP TUITION BY NOVEMBER 30  
[SPRUCELAKE.ORG/YOUTH-CAMPS/SUMMER-CAMP](http://SPRUCELAKE.ORG/YOUTH-CAMPS/SUMMER-CAMP)



FACEBOOK.COM/WILDERNESS.CAMP  
SLSUMMERCAMP ON INSTAGRAM



**Monday** Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

**Tuesday** Shine—UFH—4 pm

**Wednesday** Boys' & Girls' Clubs—6:30—8 pm  
Jr High—6:30—8 pm  
Prayer Meeting - E203—7 pm

**Thursday** Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6 am

**Sunday** Quiet and Steady: Joseph—Pastor Kyle Rodgers  
Congregational Christmas Hymn Sing—UFH—6:30 pm

*This week*

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—Becky Derstine & Janelle Godshall

Infant/2&3 Church—Adam & Cherise Halteman

### Next week's staff

Infant SS—John & Cathy Weaver

Infant Church—Steve & Cathy Derstine

2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford



TITHES AND  
OFFERINGS

Last Week's Offering —\$21,731

### 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—255

Worship—352

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