

I AM

*the*

BREAD

*of* LIFE

the one who comes to Me will not be hungry, and  
the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty.

JOHN 6:35

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." - John 6:53

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song**

*Scott Kratz & Worship Team*

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**

*Pastor Rob Presthus*

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**

*Butch Cassel*

**Footwashing**

***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***

**Scripture Reading**—John 6:25-40

*Ruth Ann Kulp*

**Meditation**—"From Routine to Reverence"

*Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

**Sharing Bread and Cup**

*Pastor Earl Anders and Isaiah Cramer*

**Song of Response**

**Sending**

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Earl Anders ..... *Pastor*  
Isaiah Cramer ..... *Youth Pastor*  
Bronwen Leister *Dir. Children's Min.*  
Rob Presthus ..... *Pastor of Admin; Care*  
Kyle Rodgers ..... *Pastor of Outreach*

## CHURCH BOARD

Nate Weaver, chair; Dale Bergey;  
Butch Cassel; Anthony Detweiler;  
Andrew Landis; Kevin Landis;  
Rob Presthus; Paul Veltre;  
Ben Yoder



Nursery  
0 - 3yrs



Fmcast



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 congregation** as we share communion together today.
- **each of us** as the new year begins, to live each day for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- the **Sr. High MYF and their sponsors** who will be on Winter Retreat next weekend. Pray for deepening relationships with God and each other.
- **the Care Team** and any tasks that may arise this year to support our Church family, as well as individual relationships with one another, particularly shut-ins.
- **our partners in missions and their families** as they expand His Kingdom. Strengthen them and protect them.

## **Student Prayer...**

- Pray over our children to learn to know God's voice. John 10:27-28

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

- **Bev Moyer** who is recovering from surgery on Friday.
- **David Mellinger** as he awaits an injection to relieve his back pain.

## **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
- **Art Keener** - Weakening Health

*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

JANUARY 4, 2026



Len and I would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, messages and pastoral visit Len received this past weekend! He is thankful to be home and feeling good! Blessings!  
Len and Esther Ruth

Thank  
you

## Group Activities

*Email contact person for more information*

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

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

Jan 7—Splatter painting

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

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

Jan 7—Escape room

### For General Info about Children's Ministry, Boy's & Girl's Clubs:

Contact Bronwen Leister [4kids@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:4kids@franconiamennonite.org)

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

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

Jan 7—Bible Study

Jan 16-18—Ignite Winter Retreat @ Spruce Lake

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

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer [ic900@cairn.edu](mailto:ic900@cairn.edu)

Jan 9-11—Sr. High Winter Retreat

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

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

Jan 4—Ham Dinner fundraiser

# Annual Church Business Meeting

January 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm UFH

nursery will be staffed and activities for 4 year olds through 2nd grade in Children's Singing room.



Support our Young Adults Ham Dinner in the Upper Fellowship Hall today following the morning service

## Barnabas Fund Blessed to be a Blessing

The Barnabas Fund was established to provide an avenue by which the congregation can give and disperse monies for mission and service projects.

### DISTRIBUTIONS

Applications are now being accepted. Any church member may make a request for a grant to benefit a non-profit that they are involved in. Applications are available through the QR code below or the church office. Requests will be accepted through February 1, 2026.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The Barnabas Fund is one of the ways through which members and friends of the congregation can contribute gifts and estate bequests and receive qualified and impartial administration of these funds. Contact a member of the Barnabas Fund Committee.

Kevin Landis, Morgan Landis, Vanessa Myers, Rob Presthus





The church mailboxes will be going back into storage January 11, 2026, so please make sure your mail has been removed. Thank you.



**FMC's annual Dock Mennonite Academy board & leadership meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm in classroom E100. This meeting is open to anyone from the church.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Family Service Project to First Fruits Farm April 17-19.**

If interested in learning more about this opportunity please plan on attending an



In January, a team from our congregation will be traveling to visit our brothers and sisters in **Liberia**. We ask for your prayers that God will lead and guide as we continue to work in planning for the trip. Those on the team will be Martha Zoegar, Jeff and Donna Godshall, Pastor Kyle Rodgers, and Al and Iris Driver.



**Mark your calendar**

Date: February 14, 2026

More information to follow.

*Valentine's  
Dinner*





**Bethany Birches Camp** is looking for help in the kitchen for 2026 Winter Camps! *You can cook from your own kitchen or find a weekend to join us.* Use the Winter Food QR Code to sign up for food to prepare at home and drop off at Franconia Church by Jan 21st. If you'd like to join us at BBC for a weekend of snow, fun and service please email [amber@bethanybirches.org](mailto:amber@bethanybirches.org) for more details!



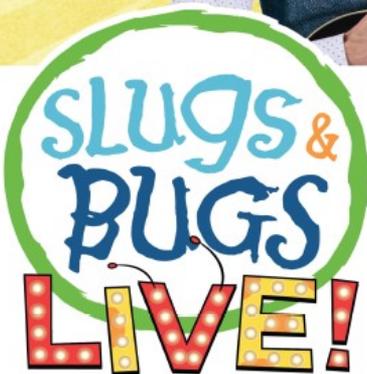
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**R**EWARDING

The Discipling Ministry Team appreciates all who take the time to study and teach an adult Sunday School class. As a sign of our appreciation, **all adult teachers (and those who enjoy teaching)** are invited to a Teacher Appreciation and Training Luncheon on January 25th at 12 noon in the Lower Fellowship Hall. A light luncheon will be served and Paul Veltre will speak on his many and varied teaching experiences. Spouses are invited.

**COMING TO PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL!**



**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY 10TH**  
**3:00 PM**



**A FREE EVENT WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL SING-THE-BIBLE AND MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!**

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(FREE TICKET REQUIRED)

**Monday** Celebrate Recovery—7 pm  
**Tuesday** Shine—UFH—4 pm  
**Wednesday** Congregational Meeting—UFH—6:30 pm  
**Thursday** Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6 am  
**Sunday** “New Creations”—Pastor Rob Presthus

*This week*

January 18—Parent Child Dedication  
 January 18—Family service project information meeting  
 January 21—Annual Dock—Parent meeting  
 January 25—Teacher Appreciation Lunch

UPCOMING  
EVENTS



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

**Today's staff**

Infant SS— Steve & Lisa Kauffman  
 Infant Church—Tricia Bergey & Joyce Halteman  
 2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich

**Next week's staff**

Infant SS—Keith & Janet Crawford  
 Infant Church—Tricia Bergey & Joyce Halteman  
 2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich



Christmas Eve Offering—\$16,913  
 Last Week's Offering —\$38,002

**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



Christmas Eve Attendance—573  
Last Sunday Attendance—Sunday School—224  
 Worship—335

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