



Franconia Mennonite Church

Don't Be too
SURPRISED

Sunday December 14, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26-27

Prelude

Gathering Song

Alicia Rodgers & Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship

Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Lighting of Advent Candles

Jerry and Ruthann Nyce

Singing and Worship

Children's Singing and Bells

Children's Lesson

Bronwen Leister

Congregational Prayer

Matt Leavy

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-33, 2:25-32

Aaron Espenshade

Sermon

Don't Be Too Surprised

Pastor Earl Anders

Song of Response

Sending

Pastor Rob Presthus

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



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...

- **our Christmas carolers** as they share Christ's joy, peace, and love with those listening, to bring hope and share the light of Jesus.
- **for all the missionaries** who will spend Christmas apart from loved ones. Pray God will give them comfort, peace and joy.
- **students** as they finish up before Christmas break. Give them energy for all the needs to accomplish and assurance of Gods' presence.
- **those among us** dealing with the pain of losing a loved one especially during the Christmas season.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have Integrity. 1 Chronicles 29:17

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

- **Bev Moyer**, to have peace as she and her doctors determine her next treatment.
- **Harry Linsinbigler**, who has returned home after a recent hospitalization.
- **Curt Kratz**, who is expected to be moved from Peter Becker to the Gwynedd Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Lansdale.

Praise for answered prayers...

- **Marcia Houck's** medical procedure has been approved and scheduled for December 23, 2025.

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

DECEMBER 14, 2025

TONIGHT

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!

Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Dec 17—Gingerbread Contest and Cookie Fundraiser

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

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

Contact Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Tasha Alderfer jtalderfer@gmail.com

Dec 17—Gingerbread House Contest

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer ic900@cairn.edu

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

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler akcdetweiler@gmail.com

Jan 4—Ham Dinner fundraiser

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

Happy Anniversary

Ron and Diane Nice—December 14—52 years

Thank You

\$11,950 was collected for the Friends of the Redeemer to help those impacted by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Contributions are still welcome.



DECEMBER 24

6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

FRANCONIA MENNONITE ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight SERVICE



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.





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.**



Thank you for supporting our float in the Souderton Christmas Parade

January 4th

Support our Young Adults

Ham Dinner

Upper Fellowship Hall

Following the morning service



Partners in Mission



Partner in Mission	Goal	Current Status
Esteban and Rosanna Arango	\$50,000	\$31,700
Jamy and Lisa Landis	\$55,000	\$44,061
Dave and Mary Landis	Goal	Raised
Dustin and Hannah Leatherman	\$62,700	\$54,200
Troy and Michelle Landis	\$36,000	\$18,000



Enjoy a rousing afternoon of singing at the Mennonite Heritage Center's Winter Hymn Sing on December 14, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.! Led by Blooming Glen Mennonite Church's Michael Bishop, we'll gather at the **Mennonite Heritage Center's Rosenberger Meetinghouse Room** and sing together from the blue Hymnal: A Worship Book (1992). It's sure to be a wonderful time of fellowship and worship.

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 <p># 30-0033</p>	

OTHER EASY WAYS TO GIVE

-  Chosen300.org
-  [\\$Chosen300](https://$Chosen300)
-  P.O. Box 95
Ardmore, PA 19003
-  Gifts of Stock, Investments or Life Insurance

January 1, 2026

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939-987 Camp Road • Telford, PA 18969

Tonight Christmas Caroling—foyer—4:00 pm

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm

Wednesday Boys' and Girls' Clubs—6:30 pm

Jr High— 6:30 pm

Christmas Cookie Walk—6:30 pm—All are invited to attend

Choir practice—auditorium—7 pm

Sunday "When Earth's Most Lowly See Heaven's Highest Glory"

—Pastor Rob Presthus

This week

December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

January 4—New Year Communion

January 4—Young Adult Ham dinner fund raiser



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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Devin & Ashley Bergey

Infant Church—Joel & Heather Nyce

2&3 Church—Tasha & Sarah Alderfer

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Nate & Bronwen Leister

Infant Church—Joel & Tiff Landis

2&3 Church—Andrew & Danielle Landis



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Last Week's Offering —\$103,963

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—297

Worship—357

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