

The background of the entire image is a night scene in a desert. At the top center, a bright star with a multi-pointed starburst effect shines against a dark blue, starry sky. Below the star, the title 'Follow the Star' is written in a large, elegant font. The word 'Follow' is in yellow, 'the' is in white and smaller, and 'Star' is in yellow and larger. In the lower half of the image, two camels with riders are silhouetted against the dark landscape. They are standing on a dirt path that leads towards the horizon. The ground is dark, with some faint tracks visible. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

Follow the Star

Franconia Mennonite Church

December 28, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him"
(Matt 2:2 b)

Prelude

Gathering Song *Emilie Presthus & Worship Team*

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*
Young Adult ham dinner
Friends of the Redeemer—Jamaica *Derek Landis*

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer *Arlin Freed*

Special Music—*The Star and the Wiseman*
Alicia Rodgers, Donna Godshall, Kyle Rodgers,
John Rittenhouse, Steve Kauffman and Rob Presthus

Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:1-12 *Lauren Landis*

Sermon—"Following HIS Star" *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



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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 congregation** as we prepare for a New Year. May we live each day for You with a new song in our heart to worship You.
- **the elderly and the shut-ins** during this season, that God may provide visitors and comfort to all those who are in need.
- **our congregation** as we seek opportunities to bear fruit for the glory of our Father.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have transformed hearts. Jeremiah 24:7

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

- Joyce Kratz and her family. Joyce is the sister of **John Nyce** and **Jerry Nyce**. Joyce's husband Richard passed away Thursday, December 18 from brain trauma sustained from a fall.
- **Bev Moyer** whose surgery is scheduled for January 2, 2026
- **Marcia Houck**, who is recovering from a medical procedure.
- **our missionaries** who face opposition and spiritual attack as they serve the Lord of the Harvest out on the field.

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 28, 2025

Annual Church Business Meeting

January 7th 6:30 pm UFH

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

Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Jan 7—Splatter painting

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis 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

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Tasha Alderfer 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

Jan 9-11—Sr. High Winter Retreat

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

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler akcdetweiler@gmail.com

Jan 4—Ham Dinner fundraiser

NOTICE

Breakfast with the Pastors has been moved to January 8th at 6 am at the Heritage Restaurant.



January 4th Support our Young Adults Ham Dinner
Upper Fellowship Hall Following the morning service



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.

Partners in Mission



Partner in Mission	Goal	Current Status
Esteban and Rosanna Arango	\$50,000	\$32,200
Jamy and Lisa Landis	\$55,000	\$45,361
Dave and Mary Landis	Goal	Raised
Dustin and Hannah Leatherman	\$62,700	\$54,200
Troy and Michelle Landis	\$36,000	\$19,000

If you could just
Empty Your Mailbox
That would be great

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

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 information meeting on 1/18 after worship.



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





Kidz Blast
June 15-18, 2026



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SATURDAY
JANUARY 10TH
3:00 PM



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(FREE TICKET REQUIRED)

- Monday** Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
- Tuesday** Shine—Sight & Sound—4 pm
- Sunday** “Communion Sunday”—Pastor Kyle Rodgers
Young Adult Ham Dinner fundraiser immediately following the service

This week

January 7—Congregation Business Meeting

January 8—Breakfast with the Pastors (note date change)

January 18—Parent Child Dedication

January 18—Family service project information meeting

January 21—Annual Dock—Parent meeting

January 25—Teacher Appreciation Lunch



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


Today's staff

- Infant SS—Nate & Bronwen Leister
- Infant and 2&3 Church—Alicia Rodgers & Nicole Nazzaro

Next week's staff

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





Last Week's Offering —\$71,918

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—245

Worship—348