

FRANCONIA  
MENNONITE  
CHURCH

| January 11, 2025

# RENEWAL

IN THE NEW YEAR

NEW CREATIONS

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song**

*John Rittenhouse & Worship Team*

**Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship**

*Bronwen Leister*

**Singing and Worship**

**Congregational Prayer**

*Scott Stitt*

**Scripture Reading**—2 Corinthians 5:11-21

*Janet Crawford*

**Sermon** —“New Creations”

*Pastor Rob Presthus*

**Song of Response**

**Sending**

*Pastor Earl Anders*

## 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

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

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

- the **Sr. High MYF, Young Adults and their sponsors** who are on Winter Retreat this weekend. Pray for them to experience Him in a fresh new way.
- **those** who give much time and energy to make worship meaningful. Pray for the brothers and sisters serving in many ways: sound, computer/live stream, ushers, and nursery.
- **Mennonite Central Committee** in the US and around the world as they seek to serve in the name of Christ and bring hope and healing.

## **Student Prayer...**

- Pray over our children to believe the Truth of who they are. Ephesians 2:10

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

- **Tim Brown**, who is scheduled for a procedure on Monday for blockage and a possible stent.
- **Bev Moyer** during her recovery from surgery.
- **David Mellinger** as he continues to deal with 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 11, 2026

## YTD Finance Report as of December 31, 2025:

Income:	\$1,642,718
Expenses:	\$1,422,713
(Short)/Over Expenses:	\$220,005
Budget:	\$1,595,497



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

*Happy Anniversary!*

Glenn and Joyce Halteman—January 17—56 years

## Group Activities

*Email contact person for more information*

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

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

Jan 21—TBA

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

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

Jan 21—TBA

### For General Info about Children's Ministry, Boys' & Girls' 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 16-18—Ignite Winter Retreat @ Spruce Lake

Jan 21—Bible Study—6:30 - 8pm

Feb—We will meet every Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Join us for a

# Sweetheart Dinner

**Saturday, February 14, 2026, 6:00pm**  
**at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant**

RSVP [mkratz@franconiamennonite.org](mailto:mkratz@franconiamennonite.org) by Feb 6

\$50 per couple pay at the door

An enjoyable evening with several  
couples sharing their love story!

## 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



child  
care



The Nursery committee is looking for childcare volunteers to staff the nursery during the Wednesday night February Bible Studies.

Use the QR Code or the link in the Mid-Week Newsletter to sign up. Thank you.



DOCK  
MENNONITE ACADEMY



**Wednesday, January 21st** we'll once again have the opportunity to meet with reps from Dock Mennonite Academy (**6:30pm in room E100 at Franconia Mennonite Church**). This is a chance for two-way dialogue: We will meet some of the new leadership and hear updates from the school. There will also be an opportunity for Dock officials to hear from and respond to our congregants.

If you'd like to ask a question during the meeting, please submit it by using the QR Code. We're collecting questions ahead of time for two reasons: (1) ensure that we have thoughtful questions to offer and (2) ensure we receive the best possible answers. Questions should be submitted by Friday, January 16.

If you submit a question(s), you'll be invited to read it out loud during the meeting (unless you prefer not to, in which cases someone will ask it on your behalf). Anyone in the congregation can submit questions, though depending on the number we receive, priority will be given to questions submitted by current Dock parents. If you prefer to submit a question anonymously, that is fine as well.

Thank you! Jordan Nyce, Discipling Ministry Team

**T**RAINING  
**E**DUCATING  
**A**SSESSING  
**C**ARING  
**H**ELPING  
**E**NCOURAGING  
**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.

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.



**New Ladies Bible Study** starting the last week of January 1, 2, 3 John – How Should a Christian Live? By Dee Brestin We will meet in the morning, day & time TBD. Childcare will be provided. Interest or questions? Email Julie Kratz – [jskratz@gmail.com](mailto:jskratz@gmail.com)



**MY COINS COUNT** (Mennonite Central Committee) BRINGS RELIEF AROUND THE WORLD. Support MCC relief with My Coins Count! My Coins Count is back! Coins add up. Each year, spare change is collected by churches, for MCC's work around the world. Join the fun! Read about MCC's work with clean water at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org). My Coins Count jugs are found by the auditorium doors. Collection will be taken until February 22.



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.



**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!



**Monday** Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

**Tuesday** Sewing Circle—8 am  
Shine—UFH—4 pm  
Prayer Shawl—E200—7 pm

**Sunday** Parent Child Dedication  
“Treasure in Heaven”—Pastor Kyle Rodgers  
Family service project information meeting

*This week*

January 21—Annual Dock—Parent meeting

January 25—Teacher Appreciation Lunch

February—Wednesday Night—Winter Bible Study

February 14—Sweetheart Dinner

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 & Leslie Gouldey  
Infant Church—Alicia Rodgers & Mary Lou Landis  
2&3 Church—Nate & Kristen Weaver

### Next week's staff

Infant SS—Keith & Janet Crawford  
Infant Church—Paul & Charity Veltre  
2&3 Church—Chad & Courtney Clemens



Last Week's Offering —\$44,499  
Young Adult Ham Dinner—\$6,000

### 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—229

Worship—315

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