



The Woman in the Garden

Franconia Mennonite Church
Sunday April 5, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection” 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Prelude *Betty Lou Godshall*

Kids’ Bells

Welcome and Call to Worship *Bronwen Leister*

Singing and Worship *Emilie Presthus & Worship Team*

Flowering of the Cross
The Beauty of the Cross *Lori Cassel and Betty Lou Godshall*

Congregational Prayer *Pastor Rob Presthus*

Impromptu Choir *Thine Is The Glory* Blue Hymnal 269

Scripture Reading—John 20:1-17 *Pastor Earl Anders*

Sermon—“The Woman in the Garden” *Pastor Isaiah Cramer*

Song of Response

Sending *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

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* Kevin Landis... *Treas.*
Dale Bergey..... *Sec.* Rob Presthus... *LT Rep.*
Butch Cassel Paul Veltre
Anthony Detweiler... *V.C.* Ben Yoder
Andrew Landis



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...

- **those** preparing for baptism and church membership as a new class cycle begins. Please contact the church office or one of the pastors if you are interested in joining, there is still time.
- **family relationships** in the home and across the generations for healing and restoration.
- **someone** God is putting on your heart today to offer a word of encouragement and hope. Pray for this individual and ask God how you might bless them.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have common sense. Proverbs 8:14

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

- **Jake Clemmer** is showing improvement in his heart and kidney function, as he remains in critical care in Florida.
- **Kathryn Nice** remains at Montgomery Rehab and hopes for an opening at Living Branches.
- **Elmer Gerber** as he continues radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

Those enduring long-term illness...

- **Bev Moyer** - Breast cancer
- **Curtis Kratz**-various health concerns
- **Shirley Hackman** - Depression
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- **Ron Widrick**—Back fractures

*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

APRIL 5, 2026

MEMBERSHIP *class*

Discover who we are as a church and how you can connect, grow and serve.

Please use the QR Codes to see specific information



Monday, April 6th, at 6:30pm in the church foyer, **ALL** are invited to hear an update from **Jamy Landis** on the status of **Big Sky Bible Camp**. Refreshments will be provided.



Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

April 15—TBD

April 29—Family Worship Night

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

April 15—TBD

April 29—Family Worship Night

For General Info about Children's Ministry, Boys' & Girls' Clubs:

Contact Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Tasha Alderfer jtalderfer@gmail.com

April 15—Bible study 6:30—8 pm

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

April 16—Youth Group Night 6:30—8 pm

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer icramer@franconiamennonite.org

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

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler akcdetweiler@gmail.com

April 12—Lunch and planning meeting following the service



Start Your Day Right

Saturday Men's Breakfast Series Begins

April 11 at 7:00am in the church upper fellowship hall
First up is ex-professional baseball player Erik Kratz!

He will share about how God worked through him in his faith journey and his professional life.

To sign up email mkratz@franconiamentnonite.org
or talk to one of the Men's Ministry Team: Kyle Rodgers, John Weaver,
Tim Nice, Connor Derstine, Andrew Landis, Matt Leavy



You're Invited!

Family Fun Fair

Saturday, April 25, 9 am – 1 pm

Pulled Pork Sandwich w/side dishes: Lunch 11- 1 pm
Come just for lunch! (\$10, \$5 ages 3 - 12, 0 - 2 free)



Dock Mennonite Academy E-8 Campus
420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA

Have a blast with interactive games and fun learning stations.
Free outing for young children to grandparents.

Indoors & Outdoors, Rain or Shine. Come and leave anytime.



Wednesday, April 29

Dinner begins at 5:45

Come, enjoy dinner together and then a fun evening of singing, games and a presentation by the Amazing Yo-Yo Entertainer, you may also learn a yo-yo trick yourself!



The **Soup Ministry** is almost 1 year old and things are going really well! Over 225 qts. of soup have been handed out so far! If you would like to participate please see JoAnn Moyer.



Sometimes our ordinary life can make us feel trapped. We can feel trapped by our worries, our doubts, our fears, and our sin.

Sometimes we just wish we could break out and be free from these struggles. We will learn that with God we can BREAKOUT,

Escape from Ordinary to Extraordinary!

Kidz Blast June 15-18. For kids entering 3rd grade through those finishing up 5th grade. Registration coming soon!

2026

BARNABAS GRANTS

New ministries that were given grants this year

Feed My Starving Children



Every Good Gift

Bringing hope.
Giving joy.
Changing lives.



Comfort for Africa

Eswatini
Sign Language
Scholarships



Care & Share Thrift Shop



Betheline Outreach Center (France)



Barnabas Fund Committee: Renae Derstine, Kevin Landis, Morgan Landis, Vanessa Myers, Kyle Rodgers

MCC Mobile Meat Canner We are hosting the **MCC Mobile Meat Canner April 13, 14 and 15**. Canned meat provides valuable protein and nutrients to people around the world where fresh meat is costly or unavailable. For many families and children, these canned meals are a significant source of nourishment and hope. Visit our website <https://mrc-serves.org/pack-canned-meat/> for more information and to sign up online. Be a part of helping to 'meat' the need!



MEP meetings

Sunday May 3 and May 10. 11:45 am
following worship in room A101
back of auditorium

School Year 2026-2027



Grace Mennonite Church and Franconia Mennonite Church Choirs present

GLORIOUS DAY They Returned Rejoicing



Saturday, April 25, 7PM

Grace Mennonite Church, 630 York Ave, Lansdale

Sunday, April 26, 10:15AM

Franconia Mennonite Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford

Discerning Church Leadership Nominations and Affirmation Ballot

PRAY

THEN THEY PRAYED, "LORD, YOU KNOW EVERYONE'S HEART. SHOW US WHICH OF THESE TWO YOU HAVE CHOSEN..."

ACTS 1:24

LISTEN

BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD, AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM.

PSALM 37:7

AFFIRM

...WITH PRAYER AND FASTING THEY COMMITTED THEM TO THE LORD IN WHOM THEY HAD BELIEVED.

ACTS 14:23

Understanding Our Organizational Structure (*Polity*) Church Board

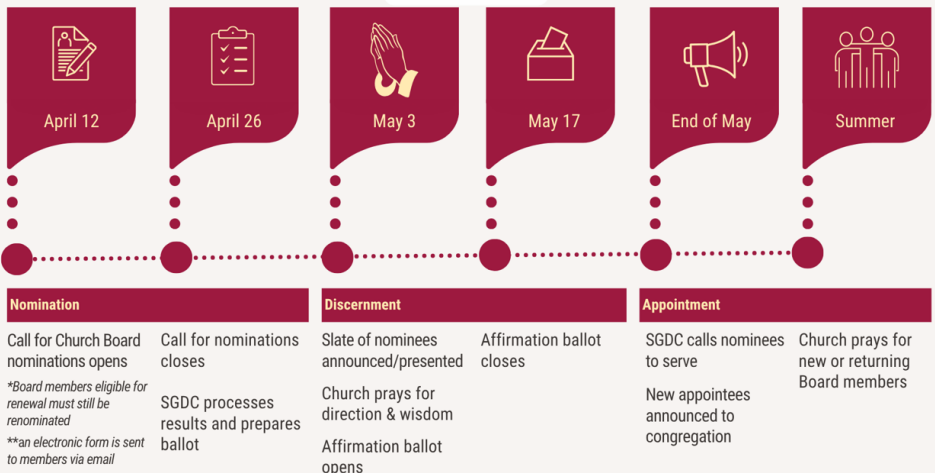
CHURCH BOARD OVERSEES AND SUPPORTS CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND PROVIDES GOVERNANCE OF THE CONGREGATION AND ITS MINISTRIES. IN NEW TESTAMENT TERMS, THEY ARE THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH.

CHURCH BOARD IS COMPOSED OF 8-9 MEMBERS INCLUDING A CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER, THE PASTORAL TEAM LEADER AS WELL AS 3-4 ADDITIONAL CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

QUALITIES, GIFTS, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS:

- Meets leadership qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-8
- Sees the big picture-what's best for all
- Is spiritually mature and discerning
- Is excited about the congregation's vision
- Is an active, available member
- Understands/values pastoral ministry & church structure
- Depends on the leadership of the Holy Spirit
- Is willing to: work at difficult decision-making, deal with conflict, and leave comfort zones

Church Board Selection Timeline Spring 2026



Monday Big Sky Bible Camp—Foyer—6:30 pm
Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

This week

Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm

Wednesday Women's Bible Study—8:45 am

Saturday Men's Breakfast—Upper Fellowship Hall—7 am

Sunday Baptism and Church Membership Class—A 200—9 am
CR Sunday—10:15 am

April 18 Men's Breakfast (April 25 & May 2)
April 26 Glorious Day Choir
April 29 Family Worship Night
May 17 Dock Touring Choir
May 31 Baptism Sunday
June 7 Church Picnic/Worship Night
June 15—18 Kidz Blast

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 & Brenda Nice
Infant Church—Tricia Bergey & Alicia Rodgers
2&3 Church—Bev Anders & Jess Landis

Next week's staff

Infant SS—John & RuthAnn Kulp
Infant Church—Ben & Heidi Yoder
2&3 Church—Chad & Courtney Clemens



Last Week's Offering —\$24,207

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—250

Worship—362

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