



A NEW LIFE

Franconia Mennonite Church

May 3, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**“Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God:
sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you,
provided that you continue in his kindness.” Romans 11:22**

Prelude

Gathering Song

Emilie Presthus & Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship

Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer

Lowell Gehman

Children’s Lesson

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:1-10

Alex Landis

Sermon—“*A New Life*”

Pastor Kyle Rodgers

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* 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** we nominate for Church Board. May the Holy Spirit make it clear who we should appoint and may they lead us well in the strength that God provides.
- **Men's Fellowship and their ministry**, that through the fellowship breakfasts and other events that the men will be encouraged in their role as godly men.
- **our** family members and loved-ones that have wandered away from you Lord. Help them to look to the scriptures for your life changing instructions and seek your word to experience a new spirit.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have unspeakable joy. John 15:11

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

- the family of **Shirley Hackman** who passed away on Monday. Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00am at the Souderton Mennonite Home chapel with a visitation from 9:15 to 10:00am.
- **Kathryn Nice** remains at Montgomery Rehab and continues to wait for an opening at Living Branches.

Those enduring long-term illness...

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

*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

MAY 3, 2026



Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

May 6 – Human Dutch Blitz

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

May 6—TBA

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

May 6—Bible Study & Wiffle Ball

May 17—Waltz Golf Farm after church until 3:30 pm

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

May 29—Lock—in 9 pm to 7 am

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer icramer@franconiamennonite.org

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

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler akcdetweiler@gmail.com

May 16th: Bible Study, Games & Fire Pit, 6pm @ Andrew and Danielle's



MEP meetings

Sunday May 3 and May 10, 11:45 am
following worship in room A101



back of auditorium

School Year 2026-2027



Gary & Deb Schultz—May 4—52 years

David & Geraldine Cassel—May 6—65 years



To the Franconia Mennonite Congregation,
We would like to send our deepest gratitude back to all of you for praying over us as Hurricane Melissa hit Jamaica last year and continuing to pray and give generously as we've been working to rebuild. Our property sustained damage to several buildings, including the PT clinic, covered parking area, chicken coop and the playground. The clinic needed to be fixed immediately but the other projects took a back seat to reaching out and supporting the needs of the surrounding community. Recently we were able to begin focusing resources back to our own property and we felt led to take charge of restoring the playground. Our girls love to play there, but it also serves as a safe place for kids in the community to play during the week and for those that come to our weekly bible study on Saturdays and summer VBS.

With some of the funds that were raised we were able to rebuild the playset in the playground area. Check out the video to see what we built! Special thanks to Rich and Lucy Landis for coming down to deliver some supplies and help build! We were also able to hire some local guys in the community to help out, which I was grateful to have the funds for since meaningful work can be challenging to find in this area.

The work will continue with projects like rebuilding the chicken coop, which is managed by a former patient recovering from a stroke as well as repairing the house of a displaced family that is currently living on the property. It is an amazing experience to get to be involved in work like this. We thought it was just going to be physical therapy services, but God had a lot more in store for us here. None of it would be possible without faithful support and generosity so please know how much we appreciate you all.

God bless! Derek, Stephanie, Addie and Moriah Landis

You can view the before and after video of the playground by scanning the QR Code here.



You are invited to serve in the **Community Garden** at Scott and Julie Kratz's house! All ages are welcome; no experience necessary, just a willing heart. All of the produce from the garden is donated to



local food pantries to help those in need.

If interested, please contact Julie at jskratz@gmail.com.

After-Church Picnic

Save the Date—June 7



Do you have a family member that is graduating from High School or College this spring or over this past winter? We would like to include them in our upcoming Graduate Recognition. Please send the following information to dnice@franconiamennonite.org.

- Where they are graduating from
- Future plans
- Current picture

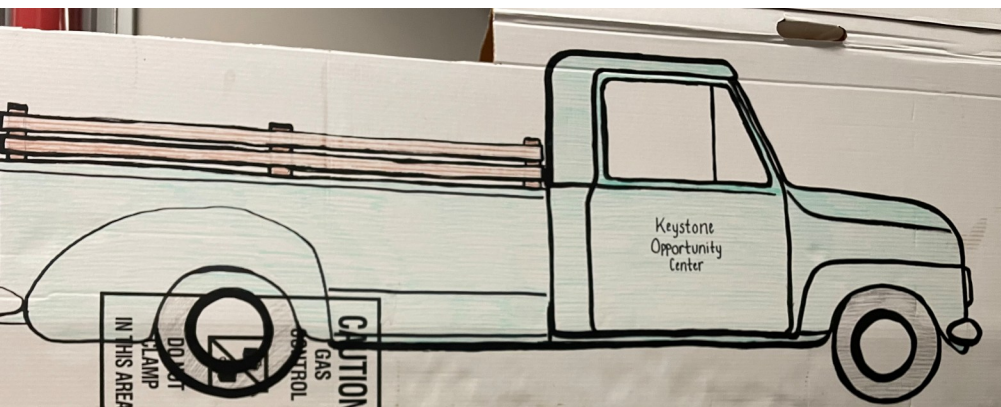
Children's Ministry Update!



Thank you to everyone who gave generously to the children's Rice Bowl offering we collected \$610. The money collected goes to feed orphan children around the world.

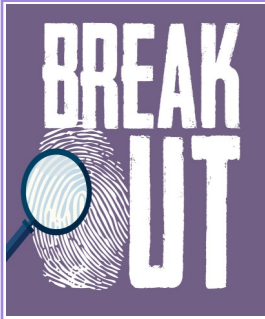
Please help us **"Fill the Truck"** Children's Ministry is collecting nonperishable food items

to donate to Keystone Opportunity Center. Donations can be placed in the "truck" outside the superintendents office. We will be collecting till May 24.





Dock Mennonite Academy Choir will join us, Sunday, May 17, 2026



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!

FOLLOW THE WORD FMC

**VBS 2026
PSALMS 23**

**JULY 12TH - 16TH, 2026
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**VBS WORK NIGHT WED
MAY 13 - CALL DANIELLE
330-465-5822**

MOM'S MARKET

SATURDAY - MAY 9
9:00 AM - NOON

Franconia Mennonite Church | 613 Harleysville Pk, Telford

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm
Wednesday Boys' and Girls' Clubs—6:30 pm
 Jr High—6:30 pm
Thursday Breakfast with the Pastors—Heritage—6 am
 Senior High Youth Group
Saturday Mom's Market—9 to noon
Sunday Baptism and Church Membership Class—A 200—9 am
 "A New Family"— Pastor Earl Anders

This week

May 17	Dock Touring Choir	
May 24	Combined BFG and Sunday service in the UFH	
May 31	Baptism and Membership Sunday—NO Sunday School	
June 7	Church Picnic following morning Church service	
June 15—18	Kidz Blast	
July 12— 16	VBS	



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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Janelle & Mary Godshall
 Infant Church—Tasha & Sarah Alderfer
 2&3 Church—Kendall & Gail Reinford

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Butch & Rhonda Cassel
 Infant Church—Lucy Landis & Joyce Halteman
 2&3 Church—Anthony & Kara Detweiler



Last Week's Offering —\$21,164

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—292
 Worship—510