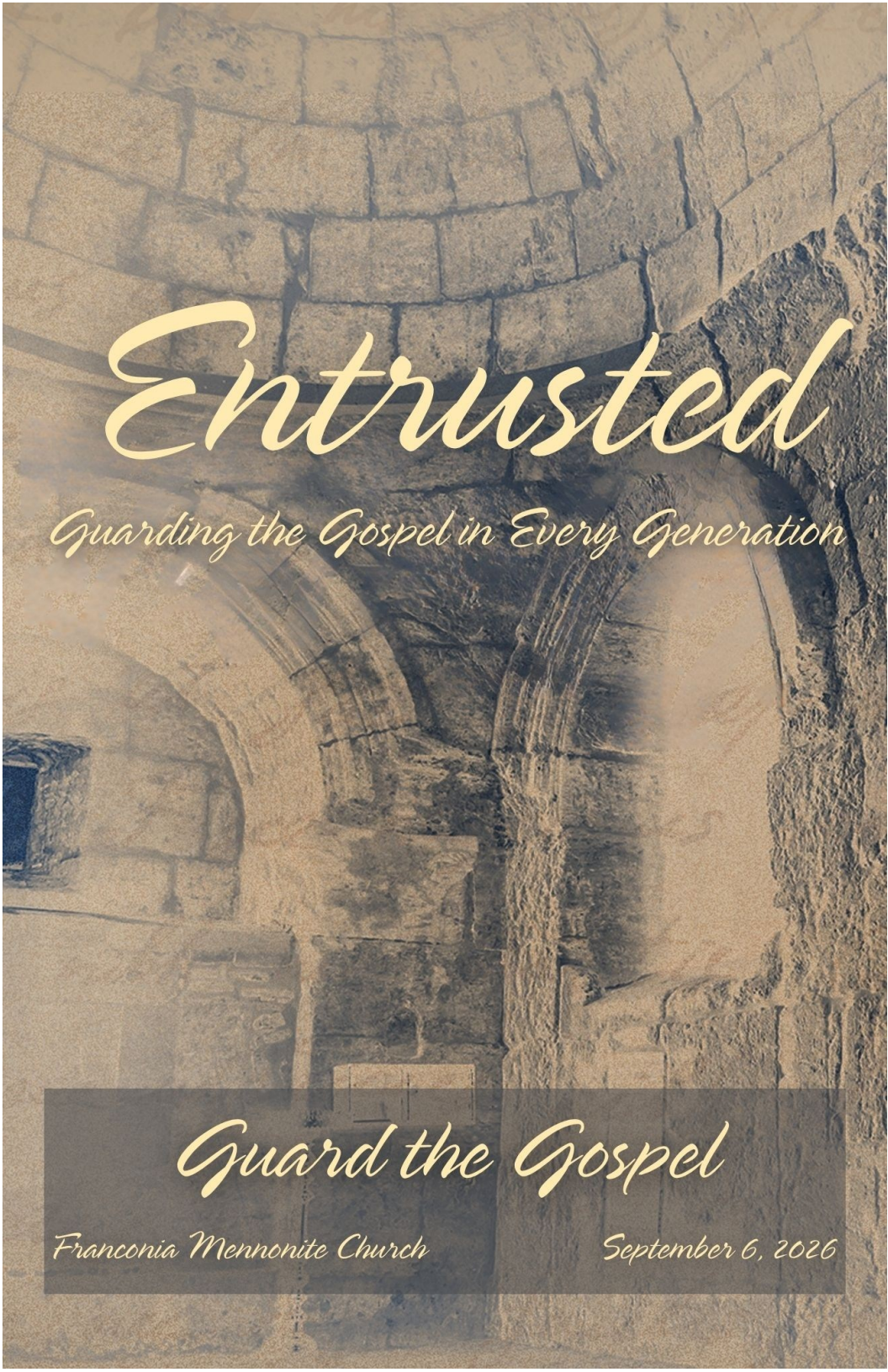




Entrusted

Guarding the Gospel in Every Generation

Guard the Gospel

Franconia Mennonite Church

September 6, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.”
Philippians 1:27*

Prelude

Gathering Song *Pastor Rob Presthus*

Welcome, Opportunities and Call to Worship

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer *Pastor Isaiah Cramer*

Sermon—“Guard the Gospel” *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*
1 Timothy 1:1-20

Song of Response

Sending *Pastor Earl Anders*

Leadership Team

Earl Anders	<i>Pastor</i>	Rob Presthus	<i>Pastor & PT Leader</i>
Isaiah Cramer	<i>Youth Pastor</i>	Kyle Rodgers	<i>Pastor</i>
Bronwen Leister	<i>Dir. Children’s Ministry</i>		

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray God's blessing upon...

- **our Leadership Team** to have deep peace, physical strength, and daily protection from discouragement. Bless their marriages, guard their homes, and draw their children close to your heart. Provide for all their needs and surround them with grace.
- **those** attending the Sing! conference in Nashville this week.
- our **college students** who are adjusting to new surroundings and learning opportunities. May God would give them confidence and clarity.
- the **people of Nepal** who experienced loss from recent floods that swept away villages and homes.

Student Prayer...

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

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

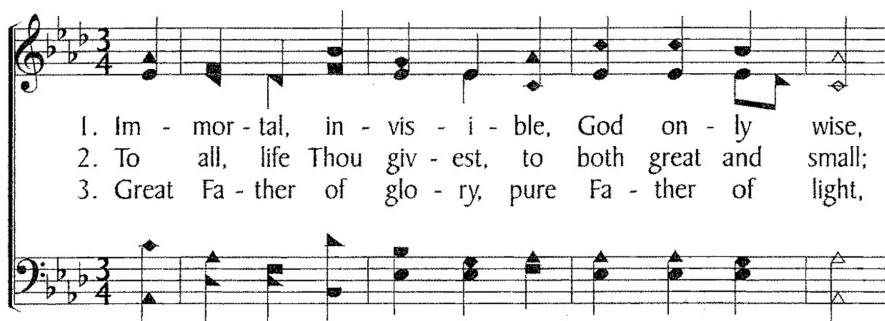
- **John Alderfer** who was able to be moved to Doylestown Hospital for scheduled open heart surgery. The family is so grateful for the support and prayers of the their church family.
- **those** suffering from physical pain/illness that God would give strength and hope.

Those enduring long-term illness...

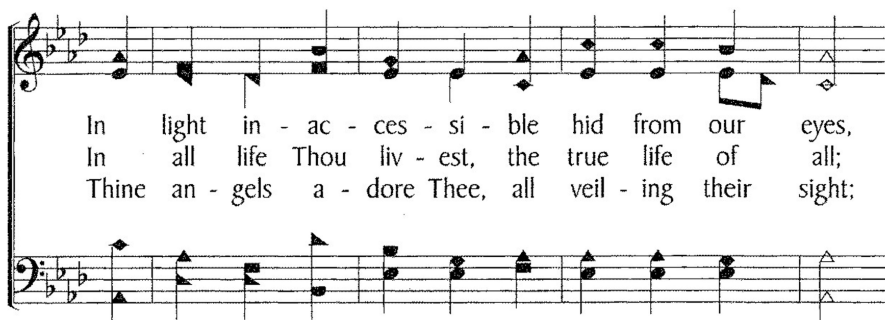
- **Bev Moyer** - Breast cancer
- **Curtis Kratz** - various health concerns
- **Ron Widrick** - Back fractures
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression

*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.*

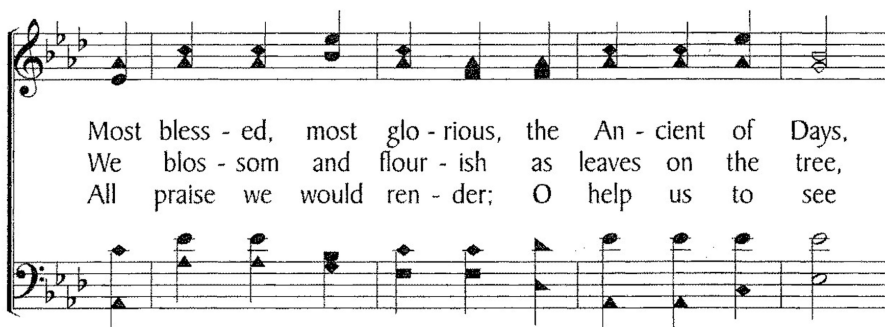
IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



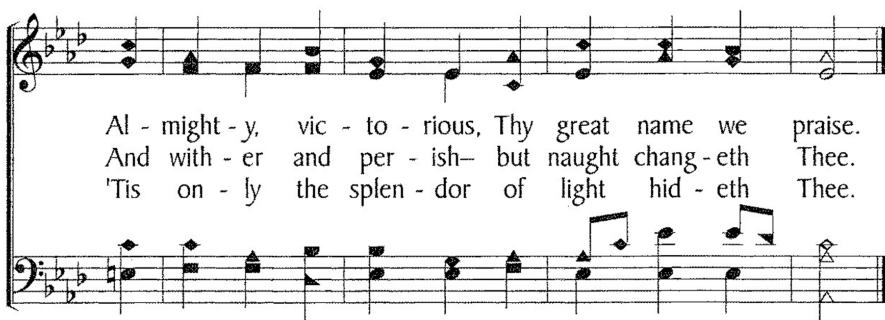
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

THY WORD

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, F major. The vocal melody (treble clef) begins with a half note F, followed by quarter notes G, A, B, and C. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features a steady eighth-note bass line of F, G, A, B, C, D, E, F, with chords of F major, G major, A major, and B major.

When I feel a-fraid, Think I've lost my way, Still You're there right be - side me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal melody includes a half note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note bass line and chord progression.

Noth-ing will I fear As long as You are near; Please be near me to the end.

The third system features a more active vocal melody with eighth and sixteenth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and chord progression.

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

The fourth system repeats the first line of the hymn. The vocal melody and piano accompaniment are identical to the first system.

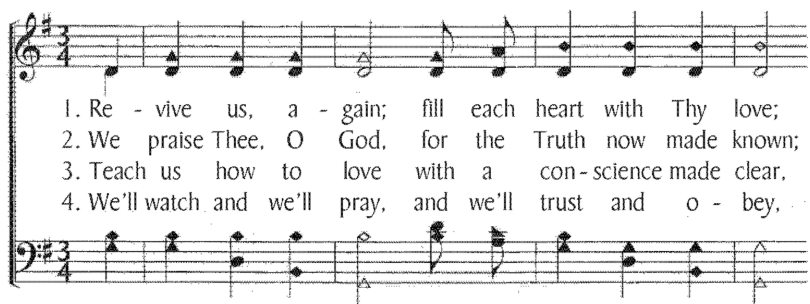
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Tune: Michael W. Smith (1984)

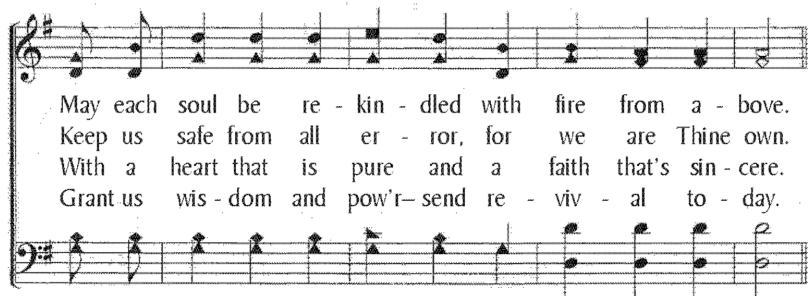
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F - 4 - DO

REVIVE US AGAIN



1. Re - vive us, a - gain; fill each heart with Thy love;
 2. We praise Thee, O God, for the Truth now made known;
 3. Teach us how to love with a con - science made clear,
 4. We'll watch and we'll pray, and we'll trust and o - bey,



May each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.
 Keep us safe from all er - ror, for we are Thine own.
 With a heart that is pure and a faith that's sin - cere.
 Grant us wis - dom and pow'r—send re - viv - al to - day.

CHORUS



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Re - vive us a - gain.

Hymn: Irr. • William P. Mackay (1863)
 Tune: John J. Husband (c. 1820)

G - 3 - SOL

ANCIENT WORDS

1. Ho - ly words long pre - served For our walk in this world;
2. Ho - ly words of our faith, Hand - ed down to this age,

They re - sound with God's own heart; O let the an - cient words im - part.
Came to us through sac - ri - fice; O heed the faith - ful words of Christ!

Words of life, words of hope Give us strength, help us cope;
Mar - tyr's' blood stains each page; They have died for this faith.

In this world, wher - e'er we roam, An - cient words will guide us home.
Hear them cry through all the years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

CHORUS

An - cient words, ev - er true, Chang - ing me and chang - ing you.

We have come with o - pen hearts; O let the an - cient words im - part.

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD!

1.-4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay.
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day!
 3. Wound - ed and wear - y, Help me, I pray!
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway!

Mold me and make me Af - ter Thy will,
 Whit - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er, Sure - ly is Thine!
 Fill with Thy Spir - it Till all shall see

While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.
 As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me.

LET THE LOWER LIGHTS BE BURNING



1. Bright-ly beams our Fa-ther's mer - cy From His light-house ev - er - more,
2. Dark the night of sin has set - tled; Loud the an - gry bil - lows roar;
3. Trim your fee - ble lamp, my broth - er; Some poor sail - or tem - pest-tossed,



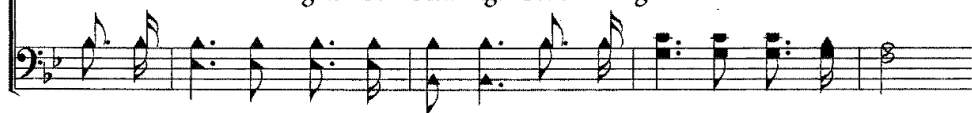
But to us He gives the keep - ing Of the lights a - long the shore.
Ea - ger eyes are watch - ing, long - ing For the lights a - long the shore.
Try - ing now to make the har - bor, In the dark-ness may be lost.



CHORUS



Let the low - er lights be burn-ing! Send a gleam a - cross the wave!



Some poor faint-ing, strug-gling sea-man You may res-cue, you may save.



Hymn: 8.7.8.7. with chorus • Philip P. Bliss (1871)
Tune: Philip P. Bliss (1871)

Bb - 3 - SOL

Compromised Worship: Sermon Notes

I. God Rejects Worship that _____

How do we worship Him?

1. _____

Reflection Question: _____

II. God Rejections Worship _____

How do we worship Him?

1. _____

2. _____

Reflection Question: _____

III. God Rejects Worship _____

How do we worship Him?

1. _____

2. _____

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

YTD Finance Report

as of August 31, 2026



Income: \$ 966,109



Expenses: \$ 985,535



(Short)/Over Expenses: (\$19,426)



Budget: \$1,122,025

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Together, we are making a difference for God's kingdom.

Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Sept 16—Service Project at MRC

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

Sept 16—Service Project at MRC

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

Contact Bronwen Leister 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer icramer@franconiamennonite.org

Sept 16—Youth Group

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Sept 10 Freshman & Sophomore Bible Study 7-8:30 Cramer House

Sept 23—Youth Group Meeting—6:30—8:00 pm

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

Contact Andrew and Danielle Landis dm2225@gmail.com

Fall Ladies Bible Study: "Questions Jesus Asks"

By Dale and Sandy Larsen

"What do you want?" "Do you see this woman?" "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" These are just some of the many questions that Jesus asked throughout the Gospels. Jesus invites us to inquire, reflect, and discuss. This 9-session study is designed to help us dig into some of the questions that shape our view of Jesus and ourselves.

 Wednesday mornings, 8:45–10:00 am in the LFH

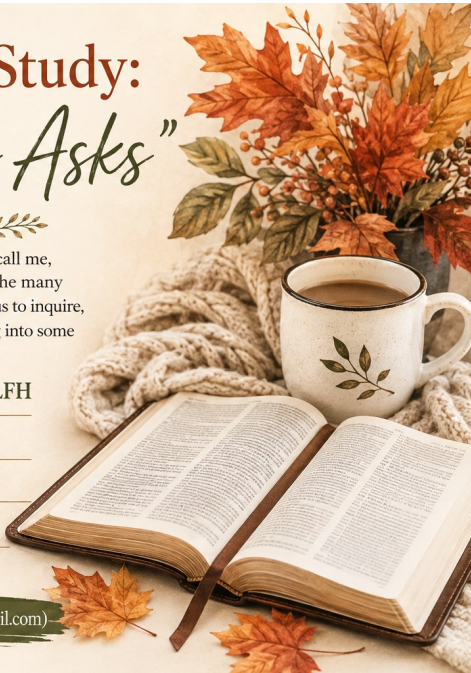
 September 16th – November 11th

 Facilitated by Julie Kratz

 ** Childcare will be provided **

 Study Guides: \$5

Please **SIGN UP** by emailing Julie Kratz (jskratz@gmail.com)



- Sanford and Peggy Kiser—September 10—66 years
- David and Joan Myers—September 11—55 years
- Jerald and Ruthann Nyce—September 11—55 years

MEN'S — MINISTRY —

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, COOKOUT, AND EAGLES WATCH GATHERING

 **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,
4:15PM AT THE PAVILION**



Calling all men in the church - Jr. high and older!
Pick a partner and enter in the cornhole tournament.
Don't want to play? That's okay, bring a friend, hang out,
and watch the Eagles game together. It will be a wonderful
afternoon of fellowship! Dinner will be provided.




**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**
PROVERBS 27:17

The Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee is pleased to announce the strong affirmation of the Board Vice Chair and the Ministry Team Members. Please continue to be in prayer for each of them as they serve our congregation.

Please sign up to join friends around the table on
Saturday, September 19th at 6:00pm

Hosts: How many can you accommodate? **Guests:** How many are in your family, what dish do you prefer bringing, and do you have any allergies?



Register by September 12th!

- online using the QR Code
- at the table in the lobby
- in your Sunday School Classroom,
- contact Monique in the church office



Franconia Mennonite church

IS INVITED TO OUR

9TH ANNUAL

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



POTTSTOWN MOBILEPACK

September 24, 25, and 26th



We hope you can join us again to help us
pack 750,000 meals this September 24, 25,
and 26th.



Volunteer registration is open and you can
register for the time slot you would like to join us.
Slots fill up fast and I want you all to get the
slots you would like.



We added a **new time slot on Thursday evening**
as well in order to pack more meals this year.



This is a fun high energy, team building event.
However, there is a job for everyone from
age 6 to 96.



If people cannot stand for the 2 hours
we have **sedentary options.**



**Use the
QR Code**
to check
times available
and register.



Together, we can make a difference—one meal at a time! ♥

DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU

CHICKEN BBQ

Friday, Sept. 25th

4:00 - 7:00 pm



**Order
ahead
at**

Quakertown
Christian.org/bbq

The Dogs Days of Summer aren't over!

Families with children up to 5th grade are invited to a

Fun Foam Party

on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4:30
Behind the Sewing Building.

Grilled Hot Dog Bar
will open at 5:00 for dinner.



September Ladies Night

When: Wednesday, September 16
6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Renae Derstine's House
1295 Winter Lane
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Trivia Night - test your knowledge as a team.

You will be randomly assigned a team when you arrive.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Bring your bathing suit in case you want to make a splash.

Signup at the womens's ministry table
or email franconiawomen@gmail.com

Franconia Mennonite Church presents
The Collingsworth Family
Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 4pm



The Collingsworth Family is thrilled to announce their brand new Fall 2026 concert tour, Songs of Hope! This uplifting tour will feature powerful harmonies, heartfelt worship moments, and fresh arrangements of the family's most beloved songs.

Tickets are on sale now. www.itickets.com/events/485096

Tickets start at **\$28.75** and can be purchased at the website above or call 1-800-965-9324.





Here is the weekend at a glance:

Friday, September 18 — 6:30 p.m.

- Laura Williams opening for Tenth Avenue North

Saturday, September 19 — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- 9 a.m. — "Recovery is for EVERYONE" Walk
- 10 a.m. — Hope Fest kickoff
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Free food, kids' activities, and 80+ nonprofit resource tables
- 11 a.m. — Freedom in Christ Band
- 2 p.m. — Former New York Giants wide receiver David Tyree
- 4 p.m. — Laura Williams, Band Reeves, and Stephen McWhirter in concert

Sunday, September 20 — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 9 a.m. — Worship
- 10 a.m. — Car show opens
- 10:30 a.m. — Horses & Horse-Power
- 11:30 a.m. — Lunch, with car show awards at 1 p.m.

Monday Church Office—closed
Celebrate Recovery - 7—8 pm NO MEAL

Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am
Prayer Shaw—E200—7 pm

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—E105-107—6:30 pm

Saturday World Team HYMN SING—4—6 pm—UFH

Sunday "Worship and Witness: One God, One Mediator, One Mission"
Pastor Rob Presthus—10:15 am
Men's Cornhole tournament and cookout—Pavilion—4:15 pm

This week

September 19 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

September 20 Youth Sunday
Family Event

September 26 Collingsworth Family concert

September 27 Small Group Kickoff lunch following the service

October 4 Communion Sunday

UPCOMING
Events



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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Adam & Charise Halteman

Infant/2&3 Church—Joyce Halteman & Kathy Moyer

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Dan & Carol Landis

Infant Church—Danni Goodwin & Kim Godshall

2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich



Last Week's Offering —\$42,022

Ways to Give Offering

- * 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—220

Worship—337

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