

Sunday October 11, 2026
FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

The Lord is My Banner



Ordination Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.
2 Corinthians 2:14

Prelude

Gathering Song

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship

Singing and Worship *Emilie Presthus & Worship Team*

Congregational Prayer *Dale & Tricia Bergey*

Scripture Reading—Exodus 17:8-16 *Pastor Isaiah Cramer*

Sermon—“The Lord is my Banner” *Bill Hilker*

Song of Response

Ordination

Scripture Reading—Exodus 21:2-6; Romans 6:20-23

Examination *Mark Yoder*

Charge to Candidate

Prayer of Consecration *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

Charge to Congregation *Bronwen Leister*

Response of Congregation

Response of Candidate *Pastor Rob Presthus*

Song of Blessing

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>		



Nursery 0-3yrs



FMC_Guest



Available at sound booth

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray God's blessing upon...

- **Pastor Rob** as he is ordained today. Pray that God continues to give him strength for the ministry at Franconia. May The Lord guide Rob's mind and heart as he shepherds. Pray also for Emilie, Daniel, and Chloe as they support Rob.
- **our leadership team.** Our hearts are full of gratitude for our pastors. Thank You for calling them to shepherd this flock, to feed us with Your Word, and to guide us gently along the path of discipleship.
- **Brody Moyer** and **Marykate Wilson** as they unite in marriage this afternoon. Pastor Kyle will be officiating.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to be a people of peace. Colossians 3:15

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

- **LaRaine Alderfer** who was hospitalized this week with health concerns and testing.
- **Walt Morris** whose cancer has returned. Pray for his relief of excessive pain and for God's grace to sustain both he and Deb at this very difficult time in their lives.
- **The Widrick family** as they continue to deal with Mabel's declining health and Caryn's depression.
- **Jane Seaman's** grandnephew Leland, born May 2026, to Dan & Danielle Goslen who is scheduled for open heart surgery on November 16. He is legally blind and completely deaf with kidney and swallowing issues.

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.***

ORDINATION

Examination Questions

Mark Yoder

To the minister:

Do you believe that you are truly called by God and the church to this ministry?

Will you accept the office of ministry entrusted to you by this ordination?

Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and contain all things necessary for salvation?

Will you be faithful in the study of these Scriptures so that you may have the mind of Christ?

Will you endeavor to minister so that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Will you do your utmost to pattern your life—and that of your family—in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example?

Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, and offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

To the minister's wife:

Emilie, your husband has been called to serve as an ordained minister of the Church and of our congregation. We also recognize that you have many gifts and ask if you are still willing share them as you minister with your husband and among us.

Pastoring is a calling, and consequently your life will be greatly affected by the covenant that Rob is making to the Lord and to His Church.

Will you encourage Rob to use his gifts and to remain steadfast in this call—in all seasons and circumstances? Will you help him as is fitting in Christ?

Charge to Candidate

Mark Yoder

- *Be a faithful servant of the Scriptures and of the church which is Christ's body*
- *Rely fully on the Holy Spirit as your teacher, guide, and strengthener*
- *Proclaim the good news*
- *Invite all people to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord*
- *Nurture believers in true discipleship*
- *Inspire care and concern for wholeness in all of life*
- *Equip your people for ministry "in the name of Christ"*
- *Practice the disciplines of prayer and waiting upon God*
- *Establish all your objectives in terms of the kingdom of God*
- *Model a life that wholly responds to Jesus Christ—
in your home, in your congregation, and in your community*

Prayer of Consecration

Kyle Rodgers

Charge to Congregation

Bronwen Leister

Leader We have called Rob to serve us in specific ministry. His calling becomes a call to us as well. Our attitudes and responses to our pastor can either assist or resist his best efforts. Let us find ways in which we can reinforce the work of our pastor. Let us make prayer our chief investment in his work as we find supportive ways of serving in our own callings as fellow members of Christ's body. Remember that one who ministers is just as fully human as those who are served.

Love and support his family, and seek to protect them from loneliness, isolation, and spiritual attack. Provide for them according to their needs and the living patterns of our congregation. Let our covenant together with him make audible the call of Christ to this generation and make visible the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Response of Congregation

Congregation The charge to you becomes a charge to all of us, for we are all members one of another. As you exercise your gifts in equipping God's people for their work of ministering, we also will exercise our Spirit-given gifts. They are His to use even as your gifts are at His disposal.

In common vocation with you as servants, we pledge to you our ungrudging support that you might freely exercise the ministries of leadership committed to you. Our material gifts, our prayers, our counsel, and our encouragement will be freely shared to support you.

We are fellow servants and seek to have you and ourselves realize the true fulfillment of the people of God. We earnestly desire that for us and for all whom you will serve, you will be a "good minister of Jesus Christ."

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER



October

Leadership
Appreciation
Month

Please find a box at the welcome center for any notes of thanks and gift cards that you want to pass along to the Leadership Team Members. You may also drop off your items at the church office

Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Oct Wednesday nights— Bible Study and crafts — 7 pm

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

Oct Wednesday nights — Frolic projects—7 pm

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

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer icramer@franconiamennonite.org

Oct 14—Bible Movie—7:00-8:00 pm

Oct 21—Bible Study—7:00-8:00 pm

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Oct 14—Bible Study—7-8 pm

Oct 21—Service Night 7-8 pm

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

Contact Andrew and Danielle Landis dm2225@gmail.com



The Friendship and Care Ministry invites you to join them at Souderton Mennonite Home Chapel, Sunday, October 11 at 6:30 pm for a Hymn Sing led by Donna Godshall followed by a time of fellowship and dessert



Arlin and Sandra Freed - October 16- 61 years



OCTOBER WED MEALS

volunteers sign up for serving or desserts with the QR code or call the church office





Ladies
Wednesday
Bible Studies



October
Bible Studies



Fall WORSHIP NIGHT

WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • FOOD



OCTOBER 18
6:30 PM



IN THE
PAVILION



FAVORITES
FROM THE 90S!



Bring cookies, bars, or another easy-to-grab snack to pass around. Hot drinks will be provided.



We'll bring the hay bales— you bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets!

Monday Celebrate Recovery - 7 pm

Tuesday Sewing Circle - 8 am
Prayer Shawl - E200 - 7 pm

Wednesday Women's Bible Study - LFH - 8:45 am
Fellowship Meal—UFH—5:45 pm
Boys' & Girls' Clubs—Sr High, Jr High & Children's Min, 7 pm
Fall Bible Study series—UFH—7 pm

Sunday The Church As Family - Pastor Kyle Rodgers - 10:15 am
Fireside Worship Night - 6:30 pm

This week

November 1 Combined SS Hour
Mature & Multiple Sunday

November 14 Men's Fall Breakfast

November 18 Chili Cookoff



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

Today's staff

Infant SS—Chris & Gayle Bencsik
Infant Church—Maxwell & Kaitlin Keeler
2&3 Church—Chad & Courtney Clemens

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Janelle & Mary Godshall
Infant Church—Shirley Geiser & Linda Godshall
2&3 Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver



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Offerings

Last Week's Offering —\$21,842

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—261 Worship—337



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