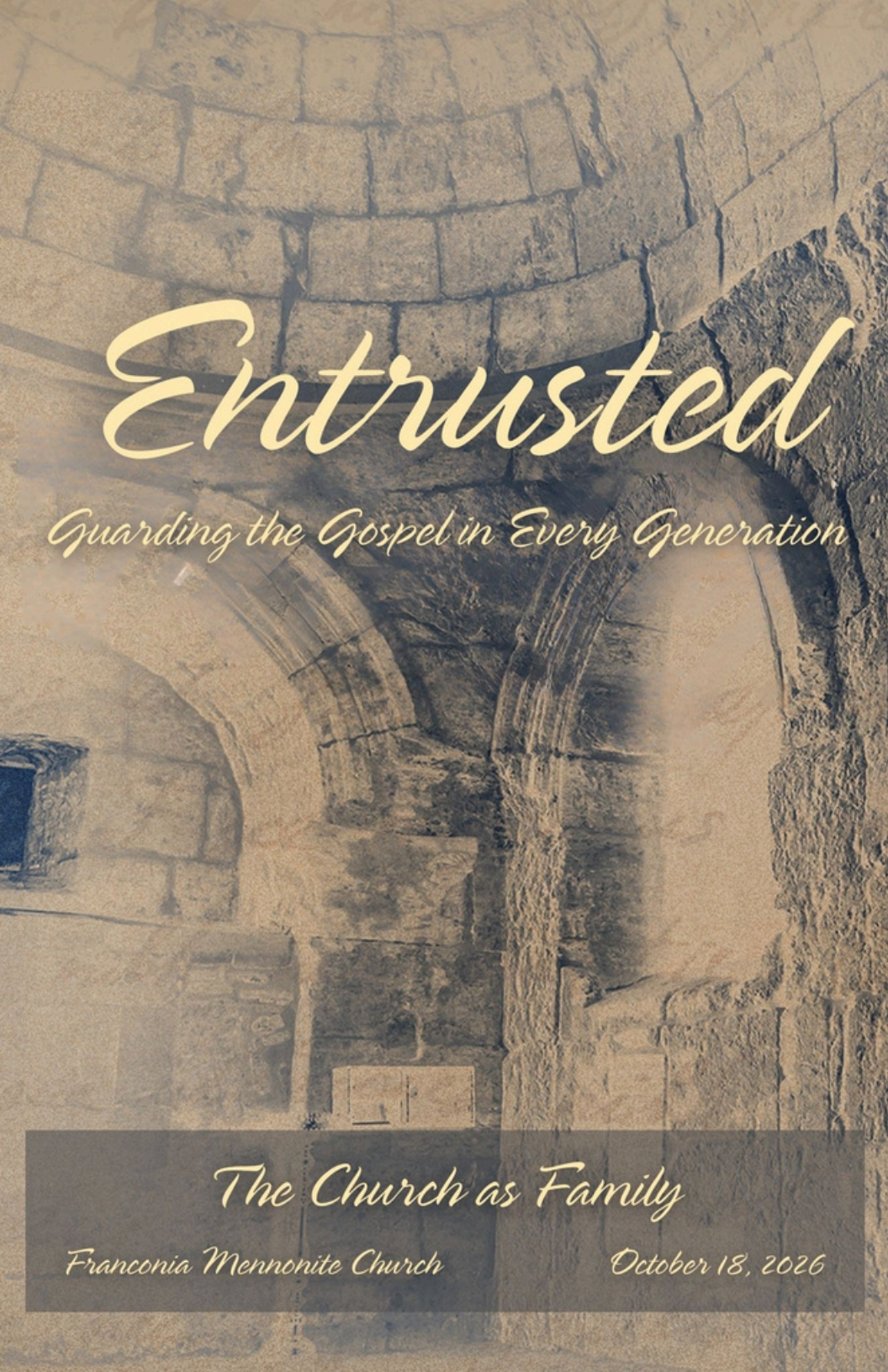




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Guarding the Gospel in Every Generation

The Church as Family

Franconia Mennonite Church

October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5

Prelude

Gathering Song *Scott Kratz & Worship Team*

Welcome and Opportunities *Bronwen Leister*

Announcement: Invite One Sunday *Pastor Kyle Rodgers*

Call to Worship

Singing and Worship

Congregational Prayer *Pastor Earl Anders*

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 5:1-16 *Maxwell Keeler*

Sermon—“The Church as Family”

Song of Response

Song of Blessing

Sending *Pastor Rob Presthus*

*Pastor Isaiah and Abby Cramer are attending his grandmom’s funeral services in Florida

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...

- **our leadership team.** Pour out Your wisdom and discernment upon them as they study, counsel, and lead. Bless their family, protect their marriage, and fill their home with Your overwhelming peace and joy.
- **those** who gather to worship at the pavilion this evening, may they experience God's grace and good fellowship.
- the **kitchen committee and volunteers** who have served the many meals through the month of October.
- **each of us** as we remove every root of bitterness, hatred and unforgiveness from us. Teach us to forgive, repent, love and keep our hearts clean before You.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to love others as He Loves. Colossians 3:12-14

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

- **LaRaine Alderfer** has been transferred to personal care at Souderton Mennonite Home for rehab.
- **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.

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.*

The Church as Family Sermon Notes

1. The Family of God _____ (v 1-2)
2. The Family of God _____ (v 3-8)
3. The Family of God _____ (v 9-10)
4. The Family of God _____ (v 11-15)
5. The Family of God _____ (v 16)

Reflection Questions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH IS

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

YTD Finance Report as of September 30, 2026:

Income:	\$ 1,101,279
Expenses:	\$ 1,165,632
(Short)/Over Expenses:	(\$64,353)
Budget:	\$1,262,278



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 21—Bible Study—7:00-8:00 pm

Oct 28—Bible Movie —7:00-8:00 pm

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Oct 21—Service Night—7-8 pm

Oct 28—Bible Study — 7-8 pm

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

Contact Andrew and Danielle Landis dm2225@gmail.com

Fall WORSHIP NIGHT

WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • FOOD



OCTOBER 18
6:30 PM



IN THE
PAVILION



FAVORITES
FROM THE 90S!

Tonight



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!

Thank You! Dear Church Family: Where does one begin to express our deep felt thankfulness? We were so overwhelmed and humbled by all the prayers and expressions of care we experienced; from our families, friends, our pastors and church family, as well as the church community at large! It was wonderful. We felt undeserving but so thankful for each one! As we travelled from one surprise to the next one and then through a successful surgery; we surely felt all your prayers! They were sooo evident and obvious! Our deep gratitude to each of you! We treasured the visits, daily Bible verses sent to our phones, cards and delicious meals. These special acts of kindness and care aided in John's healing and was a Blessing to me! We Are Truly Blessed!!! Our Sincere Thank You & Love!! **John & Janet Alderfer**

Franconia's 20th ANNIVERSARY of Hosting CR!

On **Monday, October 19th** we will be having a special night of worship and Celebration.



WORSHIP
Beginning at 6:45,
we will have a time
of worship...



**WORD OF
ENCOURAGEMENT**
from Pastor Kyle.



LIVE TESTIMONY
from Jason Gillhoolley,
Eastern PA CR Rep
Coordinator.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
— Starting at 6:45 —



OCTOBER WED MEALS

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



Walk Thru the Bible

is an interactive and engaging way to
learn the Bible.

One Story.
God's Plan.
All of Us.



Children's
Ministry



Jr High



Sr High

will be participating in this combined event



Sunday, November 8

during Sunday School and Worship time.

We are excited to offer this hands on learning
opportunity where we will walk thru the
Old Testament timeline.



If you are interested in joining us please reach out
to either Pastor Isaiah or Bronwen.



SAVE THE DATE



November 14

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Monday	Celebrate Recovery - 7 pm	<i>This week</i>
Tuesday	Shine - UFH - 4 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	Honor and Accountability in Leadership - Pastor Earl Anders	

November 1	Combined SS Hour - Matt Showalter (RI) Mature & Multiple Sunday - Jeremy Miller (RBC)	UPCOMING EVENTS
November 14	Men's Fall Breakfast	
November 18	Chili Cookoff and Parent Equipping with John King	



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—Shirley Geiser & Linda Godshall
 2&3 Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Tricia Bergey & Aaron Esbenshade
 Infant Church—Joanna & Katie Leatherman
 2&3 Church—Jordan & Angie Nyce



<i>Tithes And Offerings</i>	Last Week's Offering —\$26,495
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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—252 Worship—351

