



Building a community of Christ's love to serve the world

This Winter at Franconia UMC

We invite you to be part of our Franconia UMC family.
Grow with us. Serve with us. Belong with us.

During the Week

Ways to Belong

Sunday

Morning Worship Services --- 9:00 AM (Traditional) & 11:00 AM (Contemporary)

Worship Services are both in-person and available for livestream on our Facebook and Youtube pages. (Scroll to bottom for weblinks)

Children's Chimes--- 10:15am - 10:45am

For children in grades 2-6, this group meets in the stage room No music experience is needed. Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have questions: childrensministry@franconiaumc.org

Coffee & Conversation --- 10:15am - 10:45am

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the small kitchen. Please contact Joana Arthur if you have questions: JoanaArthur@msn.com

Kingdom Kids --- 11:00am

A separate time of worship for the children in our faith community, meeting exclusively in-person on Sunday mornings during the 11 a.m. service for the remainder of the 2025 year. Children ages 4 to grade 5 get to experience the weekly Bible story and then play a game or do an object lesson to reinforce the Bible point of the week. Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have any questions: childrensministry@franconiaumc.org

Federal Employees 3B Group --- 12:15pm

The Federal Employees 3B Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the parlor, to support and encourage one another. The group is for current and former Federal Employees including contractors and people who want to support and volunteer on behalf of Federal Employees. Please contact David Arnold at belonginglead@franconiaumc.org

Cast On --- 1:30pm

This group meets the 4th Sundays of the month in the parlor. This 3-B group for ages 18-35 will spend time together chatting, growing in our faith together, and serving the community. We're currently learning how to knit and crochet together, but you don't have to want to know in order to be part! Come hang out! Please contact Sarah Chambers if you have any questions:
youth@franconiaumc.org

Youth Sunday School --- 3:00pm - 4:00pm or 5:00pm-7:00pm

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) meets at 3:00pm-4:00pm Sundays in the Youth Room upstairs in Cokesbury (2nd and 4th Sundays). Youth Co (our collaborative youth group with other churches) will meet this fall on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month (meeting 5:00pm-7:00pm). Meeting times may vary to incorporate fun events and mission opportunities. So please check the schedule and contact Sarah Chambers if you have any questions:
youth@franconiaumc.org

Monday

Monday Night Bible Study (ZOOM) --- 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights For A Season of Hope
In Voices of Advent, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. Listen carefully to the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas; you'll hear hope in all of them. Voices of Advent helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus. Books can be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. The Zoom link can be found [here](#) or on the church calendar on the website. Please contact Pastor Melissa if you have any questions:
pastormelissa@franconiaumc.org

Grace Notes --- 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Handbell Choir for Youth and Young Adults meets to rehearse in the Sanctuary. Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have any questions:
handbells@franconiaumc.org

Tuesday

Bells of Praise --- 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join the adult handbell choir! No experience necessary. Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have any questions: handbells@franconiaumc.org

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study --- 10:00am - 12:00pm

This group meets in Cokesbury 304. Please contact Heather Upp if you have any questions: becominglead@franconiaumc.org

S.A.L.T. (ZOOM) --- 10:30am - 12:00pm

Studying and Learning Together meets on ZOOM. Please contact Dar Davis if you have any questions: DarDavis01@gmail.com

Franconia Puppets --- 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Puppets is for children (starting at 2nd grade), youth, and adults and meets in the stage room. This is a great option for those children and youth who have stage fright or want to explore life behind the curtain. This group will work up skits to add to our Children's moment in our worship service as well as participate in special services. Please contact Sarah Chambers if you have any questions: youth@franconiaumc.org

Prayer & Meditation Service (ZOOM) --- 6:30pm

Join us for a short, quiet time of prayer and meditation. Get your mid-week spiritual vitamin on Wednesdays! The zoom meeting info can be found on our church calendar. Pastor Melissa if you have any questions: pastormelissa@franconiaumc.org

Chancel Choir --- 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Chancel Choir for meets in the Sanctuary. Please contact Amy McCarthy if you have any questions: music@franconiaumc.org

Franconia Musica --- 8:30pm

This instrumental ensemble meets in the Sanctuary. Please contact Amy McCarthy if you have any questions: music@franconiaumc.org

Thursday

Phoenix Rising --- 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meets the Thursday (prior to the 4th Fridays) in Cokesbury to assemble dry meal kits. Please contact Suzanne Ackley if you have questions: Xackleysue@cox.net

Bunco Game Group - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Meeting on the 1st Thursdays each month in Cokesbury, Bunco is a social, group dice game that, honestly, requires no skill. Players attempt to roll specific numbers on the dice depending on the round. It's a fun way to get to know others in the church on a more social basis. Join us for some old-fashioned fun and snacks at Bunco night! Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have any questions: handbells@franconiaumc.org

	<p>Thursday Night Live - 7:30pm - 8:45pm</p> <p>Meeting weekly in the Youth Room, this program provides an opportunity for all kids in 6th - 12th to gather together for weekly study, social time and snacks. Some youth meetings are in a different room within the church or off for holidays. To get the full schedule please check our church calendar (scroll down for weblink). Please contact Sarah Chambers if you have any questions: youth@franconiaumc.org</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Phoenix Rising --- 5:30pm - 6:30pm</p> <p>Meets the 4th Fridays each month in Cokesbury to deliver meals. Please contact Suzanne Ackley if you have any questions: Xackleysue@cox.net</p> <p>Living IT! --- 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>Meets on 2nd and 4th Fridays in the Stage Room, for 4th - 6th graders. Please contact Linda Biscardo if you have any questions: childrensministry@franconiaumc.org</p>
<p>Saturday</p>	<p>Community Garden --- 9:00am</p> <p>Meets in the back parking lot (until last harvest). Please contact Joana Arthur if you have questions: JoanaArthur@msn.com</p>
<p>Special Activities</p>	<p>Special services, service events, and opportunities for growth and fellowship</p>
	<p>Saturday, December 6: A Night In Bethlehem</p> <p>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Back Parking Lot</p> <p>Saturday, December 13: Leadership Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Cokesbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10:00 AM - 1:00PM Leadership Board ▪ 12:00 PM - 2:00PM Mission and Management Teams <p>Sunday, December 14: Christmas Comfort Service</p> <p>7:00 PM in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Sunday December 21: Christmas Cantata Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 AM in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Children’s Service</p> <p>4:00 PM in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24: Lessons and Carols Service</p>

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 31: Youth Co. New Year's Eve Party

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM in the Stage Room

Sunday, January 4: Epiphany Sunday Worship and Installation of Church Leadership

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 11: Baptism of the Lord Sunday and Baptism Renewal

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 11: Neighborkind Planning Meeting

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Cokesbury

Saturday, January 17: NoVa District Training Day

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, Herndon, VA 20171

https://novaumc.org/training_day/

Sunday, January 25: Youth Spaghetti Lunch

12:30 PM in Cokesbury

Tuesday, February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Cokesbury

Sunday, February 22: Financial Workshop

2:00 PM in Cokesbury

Resources

Web Links

www.franconiaumc.org

<https://www.youtube.com/@franconiaunitedmethodistch8645>

www.facebook.com/franconiaumc

www.franconiaumc.org/subscribe-eneews

Church Calendar

<https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/923692>

For More Information

Contact the church office for more information:

churchoffice@franconiaumc.org

703-971-5151
