

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters: service)	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1 <sup>st</sup> service)	John & Betty Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	Jim & Lynn Swartley (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Lauren & Lydia Good (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery: service)	Corinne Guntz & Ginger Wint (1 <sup>st</sup> ser)	Rose Longacre & Diane Wise (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	Bev Ehst & Ellen Rutt (S.S.) Lynn & Hannah Swartley (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Tara Gilmore & Jina Reinford (S.S.) Shirley Kiefer & Ginger Wint (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

<u>Sunday School Class Locations and Topics</u>	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Third classroom – 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fourth classroom – Jr. High Boys Fifth classroom – High School
Main floor hallway:	Last room on left – Preschool Second last room on left – Nursery facilities
Gym:	Second room – Men’s Class, “God Establishes a Faithful People” Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Corner of gym – “Just Walk Across the Room” led by Kris Wint (11 weeks) Library - The class on “Grief” led by John Drescher is continuing Around a table – “Preparing for Baptism” class led by Pastor John Sanctuary - “Basic Christianity” –led by Jim Dougherty & Mark Livezey

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Scott Litwiller of MMN began serving with the Colombia Mennonite Church in the Caribbean Coast area last month. Pray for Scott and the young adult leaders he helps to train for active ministries in beginning new churches and responding to needs around them.

**Jan. 28, 9am-4pm, THE SECRET CHURCH.** Millions of Christ’s followers around the world meet in secret places, worship in hiding and practice their faith behind closed doors. If exposed, they face prison, torture, even death. Yet their devotion to God and His Word is unwavering, even heroic. Do we take God that seriously? Learn about & pray for the persecuted church from Menn. Missions speaker Steve Wiebe-Johnson. Absorb the video lessons by Pastor David Platt on **“How to Study the Bible”**. This conference for both new, life-long believers & everyone in between is only \$10 and includes lunch, refreshments, conference and workbook. Please RSVP by Jan. 21 to Kris or Ginger Wint at [gwint91@gmail.com](mailto:gwint91@gmail.com) or 215-527-6802.

# Finland Mennonite Church

*Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out*

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*The family that prays together stays together.*

**Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10–8:20 am at front of sanctuary**

First Service 8:30 am – Second Service 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45-10:30 am

Fellowship and refreshments 10:30-11:00 am

*Nursery care is provided during all morning services for children 3 years and under.*

**FIRST SERVICE**

**Worship in Song** - (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to.)

**Offering** - (Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p.753, blue pew Bible p.1653) *John 4:43-54*

**Message** - *“Love – With No Strings Attached”* *Pastor John*

**Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection**

**Sharing Time** *Alan Kratz – Elder in Charge*

*Kris Wint will introduce “The Secret Church”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Blessing**

**SECOND SERVICE**

**Worship in Song** - (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to.)

**Offering** - (Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle)

**Sharing Time** *Alan Kratz – Elder in Charge*

*Kris Wint will introduce “The Secret Church”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p.753, blue pew Bible p.1653) *John 4:43-54*

**Message** - *“Love – With No Strings Attached”* *Pastor John*

**Closing Blessing**

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**There will be a special baptism** next Sunday at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. Jeff Janton, our newly-elected Elder, will be baptized at 3:00 pm.

**To Our Guests:**

*We welcome you to our fellowship. We would like to get to know you better. Please tell us about yourself by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering basket.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**[ ] I am attending for the first time.**

**[ ] I would like information about your church.**

**[ ] I would like a call from the Pastor.**

**How can we minister to you?**

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**Just a reminder that we need volunteers for these areas of church life:**

- Snack for Sunday mornings – Sign up on the sheet posted in the gym.
- Ushers – Contact Alan or Tara Gilmore if you'd like to help.
- Offertories – Talk to Jeff Janton about scheduling a date.

**Please note that** Arlin Benner is our new church treasurer. Continue to put receipts & information in the Treasurer's Mailbox as usual, but to Arlin's attention instead of Kris Wint. Thank you, Kris, for your faithful service as church treasurer!

**Four rooms** are still available for the Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron February 3-5. Please contact Mary Carlson or Norma Linck if you would like to reserve a room and get in on the fun.

**Everence** has a history of making a difference. Founded in 1945 by the Mennonite Church, Everence grew out of a long tradition of church communities putting faith into action by sharing resources with each other. One of these resources is the Sharing Fund Matching Grant to assist people experiencing financial hardship. Finland has been the recipient of numerous grants through the sharing program in 2011. They also offer other services and counseling regarding finances. Marvin Reinford is the Everence Advocate for our church. Contact him if you would like more information about the services offered.

**Deep Run Mennonite Church East** will host their annual **Men's Banquet** on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:15 pm. Guest speaker will be Erik Kratz from the Philadelphia Phillies. See poster and details on entrance door. Registration is required.

**Sunday School Meditations** invites you to a Dinner Meeting, 6:00pm, Saturday, January 28, at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland, PA. The speaker will be John Leaman with music provided by the Stumptown Quartet. See poster on the bulletin board for details on making a reservation. Receive a blessing and delicious meal.

**Living Branches** has many job openings at Dock Meadows, Dock Woods and Souderton Mennonite Home. See information posted on the bulletin board.

**Pick up a free** desk or pocket calendar below the mailboxes from *"Life With God."*

**Upcoming Events**

**Jan. 15, 3:00pm** – Baptism at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church, Pennsburg

**Jan. 20 & 21** – Elders' Retreat

**Jan. 28, 9am to 4pm** – *The Secret Church* – see note in bulletin. Reserve a spot.

**Feb. 3-5** – Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA.

**Feb. 10-12** – Youth work weekend at Spruce Lake

**Feb. 18, 6-10:00 am** - Fundraising Pancake Breakfast here. Invite your friends.

**March** – Family Month – more details will follow.

**March 3** – Youth Auction

***This Week at Finland***

**Today, 6:00 pm** – WALTER at Les and Martha's

**Today, 6:30 pm** – Marv Reinford's small group

**Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rose Longacre's

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** - Worship team practice led by Jared Landis

**Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Boys & Girls Club at the lower campus

**Wednesday, 7:00 pm** – John Drescher's small group

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth Bible Study

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Post High **IGNITE**

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**Last Week**

**Attendance**

First service – 60

Second service - 97

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**The youth** were planning to attend Infinity Mennonite Church in New York City this morning, but because Pastor Al Taylor is sick, it will have to be rescheduled. Pray for Pastor Al's recovery.

**Today** an 8-week S.S. class will begin in the sanctuary on Basic Christianity led by Jim Dougherty & Mark Livezey. We'll use the Bible as our basis to discuss sin, salvation, faith, repentance, baptism and the Lordship of Christ. Bring questions you would like to have addressed. Although it's geared to new believers, anyone who wants to further their knowledge of Christ will find the discussions helpful.

**A 7-week women's Bible study** will begin Thursday, January 19, 7:00-8:30 pm and continue each Thursday night through March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will use the study **"Walking by Faith: Lessons I Learned in the Dark"** by Jennifer Rothschild. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions call Sarah Burdge, Diane Dougherty or Bev Ehst.

**Men**, please note that we are changing the dates for the men's Bible study on Hebrews. We will meet **every Thursday**, Jan. 19 through March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00-8:30 pm instead of every other Monday night. This will coincide with the women's Bible study and we will both be finished in time for Family Month gatherings in March.

**Thank you to each person who agreed** to use his or her gifts in various areas of service at Finland Church. An overwhelming majority approved all the names on the affirmation ballot taken last Sunday. Terms of service will be effective immediately.

Gifts Discernment Committee