

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Jalecia Reinford & Natalie Janton (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Tim & Mary Moyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Rich & Rose Longacre (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Greg & Cheryl Ingram (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery: service)	Barb Hess & Sarah Kolb (1 <sup>st</sup> service)  Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Donna Benner & Ginger Wint (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser)	Rose Longacre & Sue Rice (1 <sup>st</sup>  Tara Gilmore & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.) Brenda Madrill & Ginger Wint (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser)
Ushers:	Mary Carlson (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Kevin Bannon (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Mary Carlson (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Kevin Bannon (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)

	<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 – “I Am Second” 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

**Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that God’s presence may be felt by all participants as the Anabaptist 1643 Community in Australia goes through changes to conform to local government requirements. May God grant wisdom to Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN as they walk alongside fellow community members during this time of uncertainty.

**The Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$1,448.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Marvin Reinford serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information or if you have questions.

**“The Least of These”** is a ~~We Care~~ Prison Ministry Banquet Tour featuring Mike Strehlow as speaker, and vision update by David R. Landis, President on Thursday March 1, 6:15 pm at Franconia Heritage Restaurant. No charge, but reservations needed by Feb. 25. Call Alvin & Dawn Landis at 215-234-4815.

# 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** *Roni Janton - Offertory*  
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)  
**Message** - “Jesus’ Love Changes Everything” *(John 6:22-29) Pastor John*  
**Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection**  
**Sharing Time** *Mark Livezey – Elder in Charge*  
**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Closing Blessing**

**SECOND SERVICE**

**Worship in Song** - (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to.)  
**Offering** *Roni Janton - Offertory*  
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle)  
**Sharing Time** *Mark Livezey – Elder in Charge*  
**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Message** - “Jesus’ Love Changes Everything” *(John 6:22-29) Pastor John*  
**Closing Blessing**

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**Everyone is welcome** to come to the Sermon Response Bible studies Mondays at 7:00 pm. Be prepared to dive into the Bible and find applications for our lives.  
**Next Sunday’s sermon:** “One thing God can’t do” taken from Matthew 18:21-35.

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

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**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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“**The Valley Walks Together**” runs from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, through Easter Sunday. It adds the miles walked or run by individuals with hopes of reaching enough total miles to “walk” from our church to Jerusalem. The twin churches have asked us to partner with them to reach this goal. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the gym if you’d like to be part of the program and see the T-shirts that are available. Talk with Rose Longacre if you have questions or want more info.

**March 3** – Youth Dinner & Auction. **Note this change:** In an effort to keep from getting too late for families with young children, the auction will begin at **3:30 pm**. The meal will be served at **4:30 pm**, and the auction will resume at **5:30 pm**. Be creative in what you would like to donate, thinking especially in terms of something that will build relationships. Fill out a form and give it to David or Lisa Landis.

**March** is Family Month. Various aspects of family life will be covered every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning in March. The Hospitality Committee will provide supper at 6:00pm each Wednesday with small groups bringing dessert and helping to serve and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the fellowship area. Please sign your name and the number of people in your family planning to eat here so we know approximately how many to expect for the meal. Sessions run from 7-8:30 pm with something for all ages and interests. Extra help is needed to provide for the children’s care each Wednesday evening. If you’d be willing to volunteer any Wednesday in the nursery, with younger children or with the Jr. High, please let Dee Dee, Rose or Jana know. Thanks!

**Finland’s Christmas morning service** has been put on DVD and placed in our church library. If you’d like a personal copy, please talk to Les or Martha Guntz.

**The Finland Community Festival** will be held on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> this summer. If you’d like to be part of the committee that plans this fun event, let Rose Longacre know. The committee will begin to meet in April after Easter.

**Vacation Bible School** will be August 6 through 10. Mark your calendar now to reserve the dates and begin thinking of how you would like to help this year.

**Community Events**

**A new list of job openings** at Living Branches is posted on the bulletin board.

**Friday**, Feb. 17, 7 pm, you are invited to Arts Day at Christopher Dock. Classes compete in all forms of art in Clemens Auditorium. The theme is “**The Heavens.**”

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012** there will be a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for the risk of stroke and other vascular conditions. Packages range from \$129-\$159 per person. The Pre-Registration form on the bulletin board in the hallway just outside the gym gives you a \$10 discount on either package. If you are interested, please fill in your name, address, phone number, date of birth and check which package you prefer. You will be contacted with appointment time.

***This Week at Finland***

**Today** – Youth return home this afternoon from their Spiritual Life Weekend

**Today, 6:00 pm** – WALTER (small group) at Les and Martha’s

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

**Monday, 7:00 pm** – Sermon Response Bible Study in the gym open to everyone

**Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am** – Women’s Bible study at Betty’s “**Mercy Triumphs: James**”

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** – Lisa’s worship team practice

**Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am** – Mom’s Group play date

**Wednesday, 7:00 pm** – Youth meet to go bowling (**note time change**)

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

**Wednesday, 7:30 pm** – Book Club “**They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky**”

**Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Women Bible Study “**Lessons I Learned in the Dark**”

**Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Men’s Bible Study on the “**I Am**” sayings of Jesus

**Thursday, 7:30 pm** – WSPC meeting at Monica Bauman’s

**Saturday, 7:00-11:00 am** – Pancake Breakfast with Post High helping to serve

**Saturday, 4:30 pm** – Potluck meal. **6:30 pm** – Congregational Meeting

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**Last Week Attendance**

First service – **107**

Second service – **74**

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**Pancake Breakfast** is this Saturday, 7-11:00 am. Please bring donated items for the breakfast on or before Friday. Also baked goods for the youth bake sale should be brought Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

**Saturday** - Potluck meal at 4:30 pm for everyone. A-L bring a main dish & dessert, M-Z bring a main dish & salad. A congregational meeting will follow at 6:30 pm.

- Reports from Ministry Directors and Elders
- Brief update from the Search Committee
- Introducing a new initiative to form a partnership with a church in the Bronx
- Building plans will be presented and a congregational vote to give direction
- Financial report and a vote to approve the budget

**Next Sunday is Friendship Sunday.** There was an invitation in your mailbox last week to give to a friend, especially someone who doesn’t already have a church family. Invite them to join us at Finland next Sunday. Extra invitations are available under each set of mailboxes. Feel free to pick some up to hand to a friend.

**Note** that there are 3 new family pages in your mailbox today to slip into the empty protector sheets at the back of your church directory. Please do not lose them.

**Remember** to talk to Jeff Janton if you’d like to volunteer for an offertory sometime.