

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Rich & Rose Longacre (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Greg & Cheryl Ingram (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery: (1 <sup>st</sup> service)	Rose Longacre & Sue Rice (1 <sup>st</sup> ser)  Tara Gilmore & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.) Brenda Madrill & Ginger Wint (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser)	Karen Kratz & Jana Scheetz  Mindy Rahn & Jina Reinford (S.S.) Shirley Kiefer & Christy Novak (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**

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**Mennonite Mission Network:** Three months ago, Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler and their three teenagers left their home in South Africa. Lift up the family as they grieve friends left behind, adjust to life in the United States, and share about MMN in congregations and schools.

**On March 26, 27 and 28, 2012,** you can help feed the hungry here and abroad by contributing your money or your time to the **MCC Mobile Canner Project** at the MCC Material Resource Center. We are asking for an outpouring of support. Together we “can meat” the needs of hundreds of thousands of hungry and starving people around the world. If you’d like to donate a few hours of your time, contact the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074. Tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to the “**MCC Canner Project**” and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964.

# Finland Mennonite Church

*Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out*

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**WELCOME TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

**“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.”**

*--Helen Keller*

**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.695, blue pew Bible p.1527) *Matthew 18:21-35*

**Message** - “*One Thing God Can’t Do*” *Pastor John*

**Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection**

**Sharing Time** *Alan Kratz – 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** - (Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle)

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p.695, blue pew Bible p.1527) *Matthew 18:21-35*

**Message** - “*One Thing God Can’t Do*” *Pastor John*

**Closing Blessing**

**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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“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for March, April & May are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick one up.

“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.

### Finland Events Calendar

**March 3** – Youth Auction beginning at 3:30 pm

**April 6** – Good Friday Service

**April 8** – Easter Services. More details later.

**April 29** – Prayer and Praise Service

**May 12, 1:00 pm** – Ladies Tea

**May 19** – Perennial plant exchange

**June 9** – Men’s boating trip

**July 28** – Finland Community Festival. Want to help plan this fun event? Talk to Rose Longacre. The committee will begin to meet in April after Easter.

**August 6-10** – Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendar and make plans to help.

**August 10-12** – Church camping weekend and picnic here

**September 29** – Chicken Bar-B-Q and car show

**October 7** – Pastor Appreciation Potluck

**December 1, 2:00 pm** – Senior dessert social

### Community Events

**Franconia Mennonite Conference**, Eastern District Conference, and Christopher Dock Mennonite High School are pleased to welcome John Stoltzfus to the roles of Conference Youth Minister and Campus Pastor. You are invited to join in his reception in the Longacre Commons at Christopher Dock on Wednesday, **Feb. 29**, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Contact Kevin Derstine at 215-362-2675 ext. 107 for more info.

**March 2 & 3, 7:30 pm** – Penn View Christian School’s middle school students present **G2K Oklahoma**, a show that appeals to all ages. Doors open at 7:00pm. Call the school office at 215-723-1196 to reserve tickets. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (6-13) and senior citizens, children under 6 are free.

**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** – Boys & Girls Club snow tubing after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service

**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** – Jeff’s worship team practice

**Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am** – Mom’s Group – childcare provided

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth hang-out

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Post High Bible study at Wints

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

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

**Friday, 7:30 pm** – Tim Moyer’s small group

**Saturday, 9:00 am** – Leadership wives’ prayer time at Rachel Reinford’s

**Saturday, 3:30 pm** – Youth Auction begins. Meal 4:30-5:30, auction resumes 5:30

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**Last Week**

**Attendance**

First service – **126**

Second service – **118**  
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**Saturday** - The Youth Auction begins at **3:30 pm** this year. There will be an hour break for the meal from **4:30-5:30 pm** on a donation basis. The menu includes meatball sandwiches, tossed salad, chips, pickles, applesauce, beverage, coffee and dessert served by the post high. The auction will resume at **5:30 pm** until done. If you’ve never been to our youth auction before, let’s just say you won’t want to miss this fun evening of competitive bidding on some creative and unique activities and services. There is still time to fill out a donation form (available below the mailboxes) and give it to David or Lisa Landis today. Hope to see you Saturday!

**Remember to sign up** on the bulletin board outside the gym if your family is planning to be here for Wednesday evening meals at 6:00pm during **Family Month**. This will help the Hospitality Committee know how much food to prepare. If you can’t be here for the meal, come for the sessions from 7-8:30 pm. We hope you will plan to include the family month activities in your schedule. Issues that our families face today will be addressed in sermons, S.S. classes, and Wednesday night sessions. There is something for all ages and interests. Extra help is needed to provide for the children’s care each Wednesday evening from nursery through Jr. High. See Rose, Dee Dee, or Jana if you’re willing to help out.

**Pastor John and Bev** are on vacation until March 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray that this will be a time of rest and renewal for them. Please contact one of the Elders if you have a special need during this time. Jon Kiefer will bring the message today, and John Drescher will speak on “*Commitment: The Key to Enduring Marriage*” next Sunday.