

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Bob & Judy Ingram (1 st service) Larry & Dee Dee Good
Nursery: service)	Karen Kratz & Jana Scheetz (1 st ser) Mindy Rahn & Jina Reinford (S.S.) Shirley Kiefer & Christy Novak (2 nd ser)	Sue Rice & Amy Reinford (1 st Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Eleanor Wallace & Ginger Wint (2 nd
Ushers:	Mary Carlson (1 st service)	Charlie Dibble (1 st service)

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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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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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.756, blue pew Bible p.1658)

John 6:60-70

Message - *"Isn't it about time that you grew tired of...?"*

Jon Kieffer

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection

Sharing Time

Jeff Janton – Elder in Charge

Karen Kratz & Eric Haman will introduce the S.S. classes for Family Month

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)

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Please note that John Drescher's class on grief is discontinued, and today is the last week for **"Just Walk Across the Room"** led by Kris Wint. New classes in March.

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics

Upstairs hallway: First classroom – Jr. High Girls
Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
Third classroom – 3rd through 5th 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 (last session)

Around a table – "Preparing for Baptism" class led by Pastor John
Sanctuary - "Basic Christianity" –led by Jim Dougherty & Mark Livezey

Prayer Requests

Ernest Effrig has agreed to become our new Stewardship Director. An affirmation vote will be taken in two weeks – March 11th.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God would grant peace of mind, health and wisdom to Radical Journey Director Darrell Gascho as he travels to China, England, Paraguay and South Africa to visit each of the teams and their hosts as they serve and learn together. Radical Journey is a MMN program.

March 26, 27 & 28, 2012 - 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. 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.

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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.

Please contact Ginger Wint or Jana Scheetz if you’d like to help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings. They will work with your preference of 1st service, 2nd service or during S.S. as well as how often you’d like to help. It can be monthly, 5-6 times a year, or 3 or 4 times a year. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The Pancake Breakfast last Saturday brought in \$2,184.95 for the Building Fund. A special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for all the work they did in the morning and again in the evening for the potluck meal. The youth made \$387.00 from the **bake sale**. Thank you to all who supported these events by donating food items, baked goods and your time, and to all who came out for breakfast.

“**The Valley Walks Together**” began on Wednesday and goes through Easter Sunday. If you’ve signed up in the gym to join this program, information is in your mailboxes. Want to sport a T-shirt while walking? Let Rose Longacre know today so it can be ordered. Each Wednesday email or call Rose with the total number of miles you walked that week. We’re joining the twin churches to “walk to Jerusalem.”

Upcoming events up to December were listed in last week’s bulletin. Please add to your calendar two more events:

April 7, 9:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt

May 5, 8:00 am to ? – Church work day

The Book Club will not meet in March due to Family Month activities. Our next meeting will be April 18, 7:30 pm. Read “**The Storekeeper’s Daughter: A Memoir**” by Katie Funk Wiebe.

Mennonite Central Committee’s Material Resource Project for March is “Hygiene Kits” (previously called Health Kits). Please limit your generosity to the following items which may be placed in the drawstring bags available below the mailboxes:

Contents (NEW items only)

- 1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper)
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 6 oz; leave in box)
- 1 large bar of bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)

Filled bags may be brought back to church or taken to the Harleysville Material Resource Center.

Peter Becker Community presents the 2012 flower show “**The Gardens of Eating**” with a spectacular display of delectable garden delights among other attractions. Dates are March 15-17. See bulletin board.

This Week at Finland

Today – Boys & Girls Club snow tubing after the 2nd 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

Last Week

Attendance

First service – 126

Second service – 118

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 6th. 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.