

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Bob & Judy Ingram (1 st service) Larry & Dee Dee Good	Ed Griffin & Joe Souder (1 st service) Louise Kreider & Grace Benner (2 nd ser)
Nursery:	Sue Rice & Amy Reinford (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Eleanor Wallace & Ginger Wint (2 nd)	Ellen Rutt & Dianne Wise (1 st service) Bev Ehst & Lisa Effrig (S.S.) Lynn & Hannah Swartley (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Jon Kieffer (2 nd service)

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 nd Grade Third classroom – 3 rd through 5 th 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’s Creative Word” Third classroom – Post High – “I Am Second” Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Far Corner – “Five Love Languages” led by Eric Haman “Embracing Diversity” led by Tara Purcell and Rachel Kolb Sanctuary – Sermon Response Class led by Pastor John

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Barbara and Darrell Jantz, serving with MMN in United Kingdom, request prayer for the London Mennonite Trustees as they discern future ministry. Pray especially that they will find a new home for the London Mennonite Center.

In years past, our local MCC Canning Operation produced 15,000 cans of meat for families in countries devastated by extreme poverty, war, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes or other emergencies. Again this year the Mobile Canner will be in operation from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, **March 26, 27 & 28.** More volunteers are needed to give a few hours of their time. Call the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074 to volunteer. 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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MARCH IS FAMILY MONTH

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.829, blue pew Bible p.1823) *Ephesians 5:21-33*

Message - “Commitment: The Key to Enduring Marriage” *John Drescher*

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinexion

Sharing Time *Darryl Wallace – 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 *Darryl Wallace – Elder in Charge*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p.829, blue pew Bible p.1823) *Ephesians 5:21-33*

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Closing Blessing

S. S. Classes being offered for adults today are: “Sermon Response” class led by John Drescher, “Embracing Diversity” led by Tara Purcell & Rachel Kolb, and “Five Love Languages” led by Eric Haman. Locations will be announced.

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?

A Peace Education Resource Worship for congregational leaders will be held Saturday, March 10, from 9 am to 12 noon at Towamencin Mennonite Church. It will include resources for children, youth and adults, Sunday school classes, study groups, leadership training, community engagement, and learning tours. It is presented by the Franconia Eastern District Peace & Justice Committee with our conference-related schools. Visit peaceyear.ppj.org/training for more information or contact Bob Walden, 610-861-0653, or email peaceyear@ppj.org.

Penn View Christian School is hosting a Kindergarten Visitation for families interested in the 2012-2013 school year on Tues., March 13, from 8:45-10:30 am. Please call Sandra Harrell at 215-723-1196 for more information. No registration fee is required for applications submitted on this day.

West Swamp Mennonite Church invites you to their 7th annual **Why Knot! Week**, five days of marathon comforter knotting. The church will be open 9:00am-9:00pm from March 19-23. No experience necessary and they supply everything you need including lunch, supper and snacks. (If you prefer your own scissors and thimble, you may bring them along.) Comforters go around the world and to a local shelter. Call the church at 215-536-7468 for more information. See flyer on bulletin board.

50th – Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of “Life With God” radio ministry on March 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School. Enjoy a delicious family style meal and an inspiring message by Dan Ziegler, President of Rosedale Bible College. See poster on the door and bulletin board. Contact Paul Cassel for free tickets.

Living Branches: See current list of job openings posted on the bulletin board.

Grand View Hospital Hospice is offering a volunteer training course in a few weeks. If interested, please call Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Bongiovanni, RN, at 215-453-4149 by March 19 to register and schedule an interview. Hospice meets the needs of terminally ill patients and their families with skill, caring, and compassion. Caring volunteers are a vital part of this important program. Training includes instruction in Hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, the experience of death, dying, and grief, and practical information needed to assist patients and their families.

Spruce Lake Retreat needs volunteers to help replace the roof of Homestead Lodge from Monday to Saturday, April 23-28. (Rain date is May 7-12). Meals will be provided for all as well as overnight lodging for those who can work more than one day. Call 800-822-7505 to volunteer. See poster on bulletin board for details.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group

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

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

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, 9:30-11:00am – Mom’s Group - “**Sacred Marriage**”- childcare provided

Wednesday, 6-8:30 pm – Meal and Family Night activities and classes for all

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Elders’ Meeting

**Last Week
Attendance**

First service – 126

Second service – 86

Ernest Effrig has agreed to become our new Stewardship Director. An affirmation vote will be taken next Sunday, March 11th.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the gym if you are planning to be here for Wednesday evening meals at 6:00 pm during Family Month. If you can’t be here for the meal, come for the sessions from 7-8:30 pm. See bulletin insert for this week’s classes and activities. Various issues that families face today will be addressed all month long through sermons, S.S. classes, and Wednesday night sessions. See Rose, Dee Dee or Jana if you are willing to help out with child care.

For Egg Hunt: Plastic eggs are bagged and counted out by 50’s for you to pick up, take home and fill with wrapped candy, small prizes or coins and return by the last Wednesday of family month, March 28th, to be ready for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 7th** at 9:00 am. Thanks for your help. See Rose Longacre if you have any questions. Also, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gym if you’ll be able to help out at the egg hunt.

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. Also talk with Jana Scheetz if you’d like to teach or be a helper in one of our expanding children’s Sunday School classes.

“The Valley Walks Together” Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. If you’ve signed up in the gym to join this program, remember to call or email Rose Longacre each Wednesday with the number of miles you’ve walked that week.