

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Stacey & Rachel Kolb (1 st service) Kevin & Jan Bannon (2 nd service)	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Gerald & Marian Souder (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Maria Dibble & Norma Linck (1 st ser) Tara Gilmore & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.) Dee Dee Good & Christy Novak (2 nd)	Sue Rice & Ellen Rutt (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Shirley Kiefer & Jina Reinford (2 nd ser)
Ushers	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Jonathan Kiefer (2 nd service)	Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)
Closing up	March – Dennis Derstine	April – Marvin & Rachel Reinford

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 – Basic Series DVD by Francis Chan Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Far Corner – “Five Love Languages” led by Rich Longacre Sanctuary – “Exploring Difficult Issues in Youth Culture” led by Scott Roth

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network – Pray for the city directors of MMN’s partner, DOOR, as they host spring break service trips, plan for intense summer activity, and put together summer staff teams.

April 6, 6:30-8:00 pm – Everyone is invited to join in a memorable Good Friday Communion Service to be held in the fellowship hall. The evening will begin by sharing a simple meal around tables where we’ll remain seated as we remember the story of Jesus’ crucifixion and participate in communion together. Please sign up for the meal so the Hospitality Committee can plan accordingly.

Note that an updated list (yellow paper) of teams, committees and leaders for 2012 is in your mailbox today. This will help you know who to talk to if you have questions about church-related issues. Please discard the previous orange sheet. If you don’t have a mailbox, extra copies are under the mailboxes.

S.S. classes for adults today: “Sermon Response” class will meet in the library. “Five Love Languages” led by Rich Longacre in the far corner of the gym. “Exploring Difficult Issues in Youth Culture” led by Scott Roth in the sanctuary.

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 in the Prayer Room

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.828, blue pew Bible p.1821) *Ephesians 4:1-13*

“My Story” *Ed Griffin*

Message - *“The Church Is God’s Family”* *John Drescher*

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection

Introduction of new adult S.S. classes

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

Introduction of new adult S.S. classes

Sharing Time

Mark Livezey – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p.828, blue pew Bible p.1821) *Ephesians 4:1-13*

Message - *“The Church Is God’s Family”* *John Drescher*

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?

March 25, 2012 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Mailboxes, anyone? If you've been attending here on a regular basis and would like to have a mailbox, please fill out the tear-off section of the bulletin and write "I'd like a church mailbox" on the bottom lines, then place in offering plate.

Upcoming Finland Events Calendar

The entire month of April will be MCC Grocery Bag Collection. More details later.

April 6, 6:30-8:00 pm – Good Friday Communion Service. See inside bulletin.

April 7, 9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up in gym if you can help that day.

April 18, 7:30 pm – Book Club will meet to discuss “The Storekeeper’s Daughter”

April 28, 7:30 pm – Young adult worship event night planned by post high

April 29, 6:30 pm – Prayer and Praise service here

May 5, 8:00 am to noon – Church work day. We need men, women, teens, and children. The more help we have, the more quickly we'll get done.

May 12, 1:00 pm – Ladies Tea

May 19 – Perennial plant exchange

June 9 – Men's boating and fishing trip

July 28 – Finland Community Festival

August 6-10 – Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday

August 10, 11 & 12 – Church camping weekend and picnic

September 29, 3:00-7:00 pm – Chicken bar-b-cue and car show

Conversations with Eastern District and Franconia: Delegates at the joint Franconia and Eastern District assembly last fall requested conversation and input about events that led to the 1847 split in Franconia Conference that birthed Eastern District Conference. In response, two gatherings are planned. **Thursday, March 29, 7–9 pm** at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, historians John Ruth and Jim Musselman will give presentations and explore what led to the 1847 split. There will be time for questions & conversation. **Thursday, May 24, 7–9 pm**, a second “forum” will focus on current realities. What are the strengths, weak-nesses, similarities, and differences in vision and mission of each conference? What are the next steps for continuing dialogue? All interested persons are invited.

This Saturday, March 31, 7:00 pm Grace Mennonite Church choir is presenting the musical *There Stands a Cross*. For all who say Jesus was just a great teacher, for all who seek the power of grace and love redefined, for all who seek forgiveness and a new beginning, *There Stands a Cross*. Call 215-855-7718 for info.

Donna Godshall Gospel Music Concert benefitting Liberty Ministries will be held Sunday, **April 15, 6:30 pm** at Franconia Mennonite Church. An offering will be received to benefit Liberty Ministries, a Christ-centered ministry offering grace, hope and regeneration to those in prison and recently released.

Effective April 1, the Mennonite Conference Center offices in Harleysville will be staffed to receive guests only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please be in prayer for them as they continue to navigate current economic challenges.

April 13 & 14, 2012 – PA Relief Sale will be held at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. All proceeds go to Mennonite Central Committee. Come for food, quilts, crafts, flowers, children's activities, country auction and much more.

April 20 (Friday), 7:30 pm – Christopher Dock Mennonite High School presents *The Steel Wheels* with special guests The Brunners. Doors open at 7:00 pm. The evening will feature Americana roots, bluegrass, and gospel music. General tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door), \$10 for students (\$15 at the door). Proceeds go toward completing the Rosenberger Academic Center Campaign. Purchase tickets on line or call 215-362-2675.

Interfaith Hospitality Network is celebrating 15 years of housing the homeless. Join the many volunteers and guests at a special Open House on Sunday, **April 29, 2-5:00 pm** at Zwingli United Church of Christ on Wile Avenue in Souderton. Zwingli was the first IHN host congregation and recently rebuilt their facilities, including a special suite designed for IHN families. A brief program at 3:00 pm will highlight touching stories and share the history of IHN. Tour the guest suite and meet with IHN church coordinators and guests to learn about how the program impacts lives. This event is free and open to the public.

April 29 (Sunday), 7:30 pm, you are invited to Zion Mennonite Church, Cherry Lane, Souderton, to see the new documentary “Remembering Annie Funk”. Annie was a Mennonite missionary to India who died on the Titanic. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken to support costs of production. A second showing will be at 7:30 pm on Sunday, May 6, at Butter Valley Community Church (formerly Hereford Mennonite Church).

Attention High School Seniors: Want to take some time off from school to focus on service and learning? **Service Adventure** gives you the opportunity to live in community with other young adults and a unit leader or couple while you learn more about what it means to serve God and each other. Visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net for more information or an application.

Parents and caregivers of children on the Autism spectrum are invited to join a support group at Plains Mennonite Church on the second Friday of each month from 7-8:00 pm to give and receive emotional and practical support, exchange information, share stories, and be more effectively equipped with skills and insights. Catherine Heller M.Ed, leads the discussion and shares her knowledge and expertise around topics chosen by the group. Contact Pastor Dawn Ranck to register at 215-362-7640. Childcare is not provided. More information can be found at www.plainsmennonitechurch.org.

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

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, 6-8:30 pm – Meal and Family Night activities.

Children’s activities up to grade 5 here. Jr. High through Post High will join the class on “Why Social Media?” See bulletin insert for choice of classes available.

**Last Week
Attendance**

First service – 111

Second service – 76

Following is a description of 3 adult S.S. classes beginning April 1 through May.

“Seven Things Children Need” will be led by Rich Longacre in the far front corner of the gym. An added bonus will be weekly input from the author, John Drescher. This classic book has been translated into 19 languages and contains wisdom useful to parents and/or grandparents. All children have common needs of *Significance, Security, Acceptance, Love, Praise, Discipline, and God.*

“How to Study the Bible” led by Kris Wint will meet in the far corner of the gym near the prayer room. How would you describe your personal Bible study? Mundane or motivational? Lackluster or lively? Redundant or reviving? We will learn a practical 3-step process that will help us master simple yet effective inductive methods of observation, interpretation, and application that will make all the difference as we interact with the living God and engage His word like never before.

“Apologetics” led by Jeff Janton will meet in the sanctuary. I Peter 3:15 says that the “believer must be ready to give an ‘answer’ (apologia in Greek) for their faith.” DVD’s from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries will initiate discussion on how to defend our faith, and how to have honest conversations with people who have honest questions about Christianity. This might be a good class for anyone who attends church but still struggles with the existence of God and how He works in this world.

Attention, Committees: If you are planning an event that includes the community and would like to have it publicized in local newspapers, please give your information to Martha Guntz for advertising. It must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the event.

Lower campus – Please do not go into the old church building tomorrow after 10am until Tuesday morning. We will be doing an air purification process to eliminate mold and mildew.