

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	John & Betty Drescher (1 st service) Mel & Joy Cassel (2 nd service)	Ed Griffin & Joe Souder (1 st service) Darryl & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Barb Hess & Amy Reinford (1 st) Ellen Rutt & Jina Reinford (S.S.) Rachel Kiefer & Dee Dee Good (2nd)	Norma Linck & Maria Dibble (1 st ser) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Eleanor Wallace & Amy Haman (2 nd)
Ushers	Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Larry Good (1 st service) Marvin & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)
Closing up	April – Marvin & Rachel Reinford	May – Jim & Lynn Swartley

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’s Creative Word”
 Third classroom – Post High – Basic Series DVD by Francis Chan
 Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs
 Front Corner – “Living by the Book” led by Kris Wint
 Far Corner – “Seven Things Children Need” led by Rich Longacre
 Sanctuary – “Apologetics” led by Jeff Janton

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network – MMN requests prayer for spiritual protection for pastors and their families in Mongolia. Ask God for trustworthy friends and mentors for church leaders who may be lonely and misunderstood in their communities.

Trip to Guatemala – A meeting is scheduled for May 6 immediately following S.S. at 10:30am in the sanctuary for anyone who is interested in going along with Roger and Michele Quintana on a one-week “Missions” trip to his parents’ church in Guatemala. The dates are not firm, but probably between February 25 and March 5, 2013. If you are interested but will not be here on May 6, please contact either Alan Kratz or the Quintana’s.

May 20, 8am-8pm – Bus trip to **Brooklyn Tabernacle** in NYC. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board **as soon as possible** or call Judy Souder at 215-723-5453. Just a few seats remain.

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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.764, blue pew Bible p.1676) John 14:15-24

Message - “How to Spot a Christ-follower” Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection

Sharing Time Jeff Janton – 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 Jeff Janton – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p.764, blue pew Bible p.1676) John 14:15-24

Message – “How to Spot a Christ-follower” Pastor John

Closing Blessing

Tonight, 6:30 pm, Praise & Prayer Service. “Personal Transformation” happens as God changes our hearts and lives through confession, repentance and healing. We will hear personal testimonies and pray for those around the world who are persecuted because of their faith. Childcare is provided through 2nd grade.

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?

April 29, 2012 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Bulletin information for the May 13 bulletin must be received by Wednesday morning, May 9th. I will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday. Martha

Women of Finland – East Swamp Church is purchasing a block of tickets for the Beth Moore Conference at the Sovereign Center in Reading on September 15, 8am to 4 pm at a cost is \$65 per person. They have invited women from Finland who are interested in going to call Darlene Whitbeck (267-772-0332) before May 7 to purchase tickets. Because it is fairly local, transportation is **not** provided.

Today, 3-5pm – 15th Anniversary Celebration for Interfaith Hospitality Network at Zwingli UCC in Souderton next Sunday. Tour their new suite for IHN guests.

Today, 7:30 pm - Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton will show “Remembering Annie Funk”, a Mennonite missionary to India who died on the Titanic.

Would you like to play a round of golf while helping to prevent malnutrition in other countries? MAMA Project is holding its 5th annual golf outing on Friday, **June 8, 2012** at Butter Valley Golf Port in Bally, PA. All funds raised will benefit MAMA Project’s work in preventing malnutrition and educating families about healthy hygiene and living a life pleasing to God in Honduras, Haiti, and Africa. For more information about the Golf Outing or MAMA Project, please contact Amanda Sagastume at 215-679-4338 or mamaproject@enter.net.

See the “Montgomery Mission” newsletter from Child Evangelism Fellowship on the bulletin board. They are starting kids clubs in these new schools this spring: Worcester Elementary, Inglewood (North Penn District), Vernfield and Hereford. Chad Strausbaugh is joining the team full time and asks for prayer and financial support if you feel led to do so. His letter is posted with the newsletter.

A mature female Chinese refugee is looking for housing with a family or shared apartment with another Christian woman. She loves children and elderly and could contribute to their care. She attends Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church. Call Karen Moyer at 267-784-4876 for more information.

July 18-22, Laurelville Mennonite Church Center will host **Friendship Week: A retreat for families, friends and persons with disabilities**. One of Laurelville’s longest running programs, this retreat is tailored to the needs and interests of individuals with a wide range of disabilities as well as their caregivers. Scholarship assistance is available. New families/group homes receive 20% off the cost of registration. Learn more at www.Laurelville.org/friendship-week or by calling 724-423-2056.

Push the Rock is a Christian ministry that provides affordable local summer sports camps to students ages 4-14. Information that includes dates, type of sports, times

and locations is available below the mailboxes. Please pick up a packet if you are interested. If you need financial assistance, a scholarship application is attached.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – Praise and Prayer Service

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Directors meeting at the upper campus

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Worship team practice

Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Mom’s Group will study “Sacred Marriage”

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High Bible Study

Thursday, 7-8:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study on I Samuel chapters 4 & 5

Saturday, 8:00 am to noon – Church work day. Lunch will be provided.

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

Attendance

First service - 136

Second service – 113

Today is the last Sunday for MCC Grocery Bags.

This Saturday, 8:00 am to noon– Come for a spring clean-up day. We need men, women, teens, and children to work at the upper and lower campuses for indoor cleaning and outdoor work on the grounds to weed, mulch, etc. Bring wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels & work gloves. If anyone has a gas-powered hedge trimmer, please bring it along. Meet at the upper campus.

Lunch will be provided.

May 12, 1:00 pm – Ladies Tea. The theme this year is “A Generous Spirit” featuring Sarah Bergin, Executive Director of Care & Share Shoppes. Come out and enjoy a light lunch, games, prizes and lots of fun. **Please bring your tea cup.** Our Ladies Tea is open to all ladies and girls 5 years old and up. Invite a friend. Extra invitations are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the gym in the church lobby. If you have questions about the event, please see one of the ladies on the Fellowship Committee - Mary Carlson, Norma Linck, Brenda Madrill, Lisa Effrig or Michele Quintana.

May 19, 9-11:00 am – Perennial plant exchange. Bring plants that you have in abundance and exchange them from the wide variety available. Invite friends. If you do not have plants to bring, donations can be made to our building fund.

June 9, 2012 – Men’s fishing/boating trip and picnic at Beltzville Reservoir. Come on out and join in the fun. All of the details are listed on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the gym.