

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1 st service) Rand & Mark Ziegler (2 nd service)	Ginnie Tietjens & Grace Ingalls (1 st) Jared & Amanda Landis (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Norma Linck & Lisa Effrig (1 st shift) Jan Bannon & Tara Gilmore (2 nd shift)	Jenn Ingram & Jina Reinford (1 st shift) Sue Rice & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd shift)
Ushers	Charlie Dibble & Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble & Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)
Closing up	David & Lisa Landis	David & Lisa Landis

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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The family that prays together stays together

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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)

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 724, blue pew Bible p. 1589) Luke 1:46-55

Sermon – “Songs of Christmas: Mary’s Song” Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time Mark Livezey - Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

Sharing Time Mark Livezey - Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Offering – (Please pass the attendance pads)

Worship in Song – (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to)

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 724, blue pew Bible p. 1589) Luke 1:46-56

Sermon – “Songs of Christmas: Mary’s Song” Pastor John

Closing Blessing

Life with Christ is endless hope;
Life without Christ is a hopeless end.

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?

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics

Upstairs hallway: First classroom – 2nd and 3rd Grade
Second classroom – Kindergarten and 1st Grade
Third classroom – 4th and 5th Grade
Fourth classroom – Jr. High Boys
Fifth classroom – High School

Camper in parking lot – Jr. High Girls

Main floor hallway: Last room on left – Preschool
Second last room on left – Nursery facilities

Gym: Second room – Men’s Class, “Jesus Is Lord” (Eph., Phil. and Col.)

Third classroom – Post High class led by Rich Longacre

Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs

Gym – “Anabaptist Distinctives” led by Kris Wint and John Drescher

Gym – “Facing the Giants in Your Life” led by Eric Haman

Sanctuary – Bible study on book of Malachi led by Alan Kratz & Darryl Wallace

Prayer Requests

You are encouraged to come pray for our families on Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm in the conference room at the lower campus.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Ramos-Rivera family in the tragic death of Zenaida’s nephew Juan on Wednesday. Zenaida has also asked for prayer for her niece Ruth Rivera who is dying of cancer. Ruth and her husband Hector have a 12-year old daughter. Please pray for God’s grace and presence to be with Ruth and that these very difficult circumstances will draw family members to Jesus.

Mennonite Mission Network: Korean Anabaptist Center, a MMN partner, is searching for a teacher of Anabaptist ecclesiology. Korean Christians dissatisfied with the church structure are looking for new ways of doing church. Pray for a complete staff to model a ministry of reconciliation and peace as Korea goes through many transitions.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:00 pm – WALTER (small group) at Les Guntz's
Today, 6:30 pm – Marv Reinford's small group Christmas party at their house
Tuesday, 12-1:00 pm – Pray for our families in the conference room (lower campus)
Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Jared's worship team practice
Wednesday, 7:00 pm – John Drescher's small group studying Daniel
Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club at the lower campus
Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm – Jr. High meet in the gym to make fruit baskets
Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High Bible study
Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study
Thursday, 6:30-9:30 pm – Volleyball for anyone over 18
Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Women's Bible Study "***Living Beyond Yourself***"
Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Men's Bible Study – "***Mark***"
Friday, 6-9:30 pm – Jr. High Christmas party, caroling and delivering fruit baskets

Last Week's Stats

Attendance

First service – 135

Second service – 72

You are encouraged to join one of the new adult S.S. classes beginning today:

"*Anabaptist Distinctives*" led by Kris Wint and John Drescher in the gym.

"*Facing the Giants in Your Life*" led by Eric Haman in the gym.

"*Malachi*" Bible study led by Alan Kratz and Darryl Wallace in the sanctuary.

Fellowship Time: Snacks & fun with friends are both top priority for our youngsters at Finland and we recognize the value of both. An important part of nurturing our children is to cultivate responsibility & thoughtfulness to others by encouraging them to clean up their cups and plates before running off to play with friends. Parents, can we count on you to keep an eye on your children and remind them if they forget?

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and the delicious meals brought to us since my recent hospital stay. It was appreciated very much. Janet Gane

Thanks to everyone who came out to help as well as visit as we handed out about 200 cups of free coffee and hot chocolate to parade attendees last Sunday during the Hometown Upper Perk Christmas event. We were received very warmly.

MDS Volunteers wanted: Dec. 15 & 16 is a "tree and debris" cleanup weekend to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy in Bucks & Montgomery Counties. Contact Kevin Bannon for more information if you'd like to volunteer.

Dec. 29 is a 5th Saturday in December. Finland is responsible to staff the clothing shop at Care and Share. Please contact Brenda Madrill if you are able to help out.

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday, Dec. 16, a Discipling Group will begin meeting during the Sunday School hour for persons who are feeling called to be baptized. Contact Pastor John, Pastor Kris, or one of the Elders if you would like to be part of this group.

Dec. 19, 9-11 am - Mom's Group *100 Smiles Christmas Party.* Several weeks ago there was a letter in your mailbox explaining the dreams of the kids to make 100 health kits available to needy families. We are asking you to help us make their dream become a reality by joining us in praying for this project, donating \$7 per kit, and/or coming to celebrate the packing day with us! Checks can be made out to Finland Mennonite Church with **100 Smiles** written on the memo line.

Dec. 19, 7:30 pm – Book Club "***The Genius of Ancient Man***" by Don Landis.

December 21, 6:30-9:00 pm – Christmas caroling. Please bring a snack to share after singing. Hot chocolate will be provided.

December 23, 6:00 pm – Our Christmas service will be a special time of worship with carols, dramatic reading, and special music.

January 6, 2013 – The first Sunday of the New Year will be Communion Sunday. Rev. Al Taylor from Infinity Mennonite Church in Harlem, NY, is bringing a group of youth and post high for a weekend of interaction with our groups. Al will bring a message on Sunday morning on "*The Harvest*". (Infinity is our sister church that we are partnering with for a Christmas Toy Drive for kids ages 1-12 in Harlem.) Look on their web page to find out more about this "*on the move*" church.

January 19, 2013 – Praise & Worship night. More details later.

January 26, 2013 – Soup fundraising sale

Community Events

December 14 & 15, 6:30-8:30pm, Towamencin Mennonite Church will host a *Live Nativity*. Park in the upper parking lot and take a short walk to the nativity scene which includes live animals and carolers. Free hot chocolate and cookies.

Dec. 19, 11:30am, Christmas Meal at Zion Menn. Church. See poster for details.

Crossroads Pregnancy Care has been offered a matching gift challenge to double every gift received by December 18 that is designated for "Mortgage Debt Retirement" up to a total of \$50,000. See Christmas card and letter on the bulletin board for details if you'd like to give toward this cause.

Grand View Hospital is offering a *Caregivers Support Group* the 1st Wednesday of every month beginning January 2, 2013 from 3:30-5:00pm in the gathering room of the Sellersville Outpatient Center. It is open to anyone who is currently providing care to loved ones and who is searching for social, spiritual and emotional support. Contact Heather Smogor, 215-453-4398 for more information.