

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1 st service) Rich & Rose Longacre (2 nd service)	Jeff & Ruth Janton (1 st service) Lynn & Hannah Swartley (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Beth Anders & Amy Reinford (1 st shift) Bev Ehst & Rachel Reinford (2 nd shift)	Dianne Wise & Ellen Rutt (1 st shift) Amy Haman & Donna Benner (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) Mark Livezey – Offertory

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 725, blue pew Bible p. 1592) Luke 2:25-35

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

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time Jeff Janton – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

Sharing Time Jeff Janton – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Offering – (Please pass the attendance pads) Mark Livezey – Offertory

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

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 725, blue pew Bible p. 1592) Luke 2:25-35

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

Closing Blessing

Christmas Service tonight at 6:00 pm – “The Angels’ Song”

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

Library – “Discipling Group” for those feeling called to be baptized

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

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

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

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank Jesus for His great love shown to the world through His willingness to submit to the suffering and indignities that humanity experiences. Pray that MMN ministries will allow that love to overflow in our lives to touch our neighbors across the street and around the world.

Next Sunday, Dec. 30, we will have an affirmation ballot for Marvin Reinford as Elder and for those who’ve agreed to serve on various committees. We are still waiting for some responses, but these are the names we have so far:

Visitation & Care – Jim/Diane Dougherty, Elmer/Marie Frederick “*Special Needs Advisors*”

Fellowship Comm. - Hal & Norma Linck (1 yr), Ken & Ginnie Tietjens, Dee Dee Good

Hospitality Comm. - Mark & Julie Landis, Michele Quintana, Rachel Derstine

Women’s Ministry - Bev Ehst, Diane Dougherty

Finance Comm. - Merv Rutt

Food & Hunger - Rand Ziegler

Greeter Coordinator - Grace Ingalls

Nursery Coordinator - Ginger Wint, Nichele York

Worship Service Planning Comm. - Rachel Kolb

This Week at Finland

Tonight, 6:00 pm – Come worship Jesus with us through scripture, singing carols, a meditation, special singing and candle lighting. Jesus is the reason for the season.

Tuesday – Celebrate Christ's birth – God's plan of redemption born as a baby.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – John Drescher's small group

Thursday, 6:30-9:30 pm – Volleyball for anyone over 18

Last Week's Stats

Attendance

First service – 131

Second service – 111

Adult Sunday School Classes

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

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

"Malachi" Bible study led by Alan Kratz in the sanctuary.

A Discipling Group is meeting in the library during S.S. for those feeling called to be baptized. Contact Pastor John or Kris if you'd like to join this group.

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

"Life with God" desk calendars and **"Our Daily Bread"** devotionals are available under the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick one up.

Recycle your Christmas cards. Sarah Burdge uses pictures from the front of cards for classroom projects at school. If you'd like to share some after the season is over, just tear off the front and put them in her church mailbox for future projects. Thanks!

Remember to sign up if you are able to donate any amount of ingredients for our soup sale. The sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym lists what is needed.

Book Club – This is the schedule for the first four months in 2013:

Jan. 16, 7:30 pm - ***"Walking From East to West"*** by Ravi Zacharias

Feb. 20, 7:30 pm – ***"Crazy Love"*** by Francis Chan

March – no meeting due to Family Month

April 17, 7:30 pm – ***"Unbroken"*** by Laura Hildebrand

Two weeks from today, January 6, 2013, is Communion Sunday. We are looking forward to having Rev. Al Taylor, pastor of Infinity Mennonite Church in Harlem, NY bring the message in both services. A group of young people from Infinity is plan-ning to spend a fun weekend with our Youth and Post High. If any small groups would be willing to provide a meal, please contact David and Lisa Landis.