

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Alan & Tara Gilmore (2 nd service)	Mary Carlson & Robert Hill (1 st service) Grace Benner & Louise Kreider (2 nd)
Nursery:	Rose Longacre & Shannon Derstine (1 st) Bev Ehst & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd shift)	Anita Livezey & Lisa Effrig (1 st shift) Dee Dee Good & Sue Rice (2 nd shift)
Ushers	Hal & Norma Linck (1 st service) Marv & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)	Hal & Norma Linck (1 st service) Marv & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)
Closing up	John & Sue Rice	John & Sue Rice

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) Natalie & Roni Janton – Offertory

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 687, blue pew Bible p. 1510) Matthew 9:36-38

Sermon – “God’s Call for Workers” Rev. Al Taylor

Communion Service Pastor John

No Kids Kinection or sharing time due to Communion.

Pastoral Prayer and 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) Natalie & Roni Janton – Offertory

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 687, blue pew Bible p. 1510) Matthew 9:36-38

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Communion Service Pastor John

Closing Blessing

We welcome Rev. Al Taylor as our guest speaker today.

Al is Pastor of Infinity Mennonite Church in Harlem, NY.

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: Serbian Orthodox believers will celebrate Christmas tomorrow after fasting since the end of November. Lane Stopher serves with MMN and is learning about reducing materialism from new faith expressions. Pray for Lane's ministry with youth and at the War Trauma Center in Serbia.

There was a unanimous vote to accept all persons listed on the ballot last Sunday. Thank you for your participation in both voting and being willing to serve.

New offering envelopes for 2013 were in your mailbox last week. Please discard any leftover 2012 envelopes and **do not** use them. You have been assigned a new number for 2013. The numbered envelope system allows you to give anonymously and receive a statement at year-end of your annual giving for income tax purposes. If you didn't have envelopes last year but would like them, please see Arlin Benner.

Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake, Feb. 8-10, 2013. See flyer and forms on bulletin board for rates and more information. Registration deadline is **Jan. 18.**

This Week at Finland

Tuesday, 12-1:00 pm – Prayer time in the conference room at the lower campus

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Lisa's worship team practice

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

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club at the lower campus

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

Saturday – Youth "Girls Only" overnight at Dave & Lisa Landis'

Last Week's Stats

Attendance

First service – 130 Second service – 60

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.

"**Finland's First**" will be held in the gym during the first 15 minutes of fellowship time today. The purpose of this is to keep everyone informed on how to become involved and also updated on current volunteer openings and opportunities.

All are invited to stay for the potluck meal immediately following the 2nd service today to fellowship together with brothers & sisters from Infinity Mennonite Church.

If you would like a copy of the book *My Journey to Peace*, being studied in the Anabaptist class, feel free to pick one up under the mailboxes.

A Discipling Group is meeting in the library during S.S. for those feeling called to be baptized. It's not too late to contact Pastor John if you'd like to join this group.

We were overwhelmed by the kind generosity of our "brothers and sisters" and wish to thank you all. It is impossible to describe how amazed, blessed and loved we felt – "above all that we could ask or think." Blessings.

Gratefully, Sara, Lon, and Rachel Hansen

Soup order forms are due next Sunday, Jan. 13th. Please sign up **today** if you can donate any of the remaining ingredients listed on the bulletin board. Donations must be brought to the church by January 20th. Soup pick-up date is Jan. 26, 1-3:00 pm.

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

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Upcoming Events

January 19, 7:00 pm – Saturday night Praise and Worship service here.

January 26, 1:00-3:00 pm – Fundraiser Soup Sale pick-up in the gym.

March – Family Month with Wednesday night family dinners and programs

March 3 – Youth dinner (4:30pm) and auction (5:30pm). Reserve the date!

April 27, 7-11:00 am – "Relay for Life" breakfast. More details later.

Book Club selections through April for those who want to plan or read ahead:

January 16, 7:30pm – "**Walking from East to West**" by Ravi Zacharias

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

March – no meeting due to Family Month

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

For those without email: There will be some printed copies of the previous Sunday's prayer requests available under the mailboxes each week. They will be printed on ivory-colored paper so you can find them quickly. Please help yourself.

Looking to retire and go on Medicare in 2013? Free Medicare Seminars offered by Everence on January 8, February 5 and March 5 will help explain the complexities of this process. For more information, call Everence at 215-703-0111 or visit www.everence.com/souderton. No RSVP needed. 6:00-7:00 pm at Main Street Java, 117 Main St. Souderton (food not available during the events).

Penn View Christian School will host a **Kindergarten Visitation** on Wed. Jan. 16 and an **Early Childhood Visitation** on Thurs. Jan. 17, from 8:45-10:00am to learn more about our programs and options. No registration fee is required for applications submitted on these days. Snow dates will be Jan. 30 and 31 respectively. Please call Sandra Harrell at 215-723-1196 for more information.

The Table of Plenty, an outreach program of Zion Mennonite Church, 149 Cherry Lane, Souderton, serves lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00am to 12 noon. **Volunteers** are needed to help prepare, serve, clean up the lunch, and to fellowship with those who attend. If you are looking for a local opportunity to serve one time or even one day a week, please contact the Zion Mennonite Church office at 215-723-3592.

MCC's project for the month of February is School Kits. Bags are available in the cupboard under the mailboxes on the right hand side. Please limit your generosity to the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 4 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in.)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser