

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Hal & Norma Linck (1 st service) Lauren & Larry Good (2 nd service)	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Ginger Wint & Rose Longacre (1 st shift) Bev Ehst & Corrie Neff (2 nd shift)	Amy Haman & Ginger Wint (1 st shift) Anita Livezey & Donna Benner (2 nd)
Ushers	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Jon & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Jon & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)
Closing up	Dennis & Rachel Derstine - March	

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) Tara Gilmore – Offertory

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 417, blue pew Bible p. 914) Psalm 78:1-8

Sermon – “Passing the Torch of Faith” John Drescher

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time Darryl Wallace – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

Sharing Time Darryl Wallace – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Offering– (Please pass the attendance pads) Tara Gilmore – Offertory

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

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Closing Blessing

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Next Sunday's sermon title:
“From Your Heart to the
Generations” (Deut. 6:4-9)

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

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

Gym: Second room – Men's Class, “Beyond the Present Time”
Third classroom – Post High class “Faith Stories” (Elmer Frederick today)
Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs
Gym – “Discipling Group” for those feeling called to baptism, Pastor John
Gym – “Faith Begins at Home” led by Rich Longacre
Gym – Jr. High Girls in far back corner

Sanctuary – “The Power of Story” led by Kris Wint
“Making Peace with Your Father” led by Sarah Burdge & Amy Haman

Prayer Requests

Printed copies of last week's prayer requests are available under the mailboxes.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Brad Graber & Brenna Steury Graber who arrived in Paris, France, the end of Jan. to begin a 3-year MMN assignment as youth workers in a collaborative ministry among Mennonite congregations. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language, culture and ministry.

Dates to mark on your calendar

March 16, 8am to 2pm – Action Saturday. We'll study Acts chapters 13-24

March 29, 7:30pm – Good Friday Service with communion

March 31, 6:24am – Easter Sunrise Service. Bring lawn chairs and a blanket.

April 13, 5:30pm – Mystery Dinner for the whole family. More details later.

April 27, 7-11am – Breakfast to benefit “Relay for Life” (fight against cancer)

June 15 – Men's fishing trip. Details will be given later.

July 29-August 2 – Vacation Bible School

August 16-18 – Church Camping Weekend & annual picnic

September 21 – Chicken BBQ and Car Show

This Week at Finland

Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rose Longacre's

Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Women's Bible study at Betty Drescher's "**Loved by God**"

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

Wednesday, 5:45-8:00 pm – Family Night meal, games, activities, and Bible study

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

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Elders' meeting at the lower campus

Friday, 9pm-Saturday, 7am – Conference-wide Jr. High lock-in at Christopher Dock

Last Week's Stats

Attendance

First service – 141

Second service – 96

Today three new adult S.S. classes begin. We invite you to join in one of them. "*Faith Begins at Home*" led by Rich Longacre in the gym, "*The Power of Story*" led by Kris Wint in the sanctuary, and "*Making Peace with Your Father*" led by Sarah Burdge and Amy Haman – location to be announced.

"**Finland's First**", a few moments given to keep everyone informed of events and current volunteer opportunities, will take place this morning during fellowship time.

Pastor John and Bev are on vacation this week. John will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 12. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call Pastor Kris or contact one of the Elders.

March is FAMILY MONTH focusing on "*Faith Integrated Living*" from the book of Deuteronomy. Bring your entire family each Wednesday from 5:45-6:30pm for a meal, followed by Tribal Games from 7-7:20 and Clan Activities from 7:20-8pm.

Please note: Due to Family Month there will be no regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities for Boys & Girls Club, Jr. High, Youth, and Post High. This is so everyone can participate in Family Month activities each Wednesday. Thursday night Men's and Women's Bible Studies will not meet in March, as well as the Hospitality Committee & Book Club. Read "*Unbroken*" by Laura Hildebrand for April 17.

Look for something special to happen from Palm Sunday through Easter. The Good Friday Service, March 29, 7:30 pm, will include an artistic look at the sacrifice of our Lord along with a communion service. Easter Sunrise Service – be here at 6:24 am with your lawn chair and a blanket to watch a spectacular sunrise, Lord willing, on Easter morning. Then come in and warm up with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, light snack and fellowship before the morning service begins.

March 29 & 30 is a 5th Friday and Saturday - Finland's day to work at the Care and Share Thrift Shop. If you'd like to volunteer, please talk to Brenda Madrill.

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Jr. High Club will be participating in the Conference-wide **Jr. High Lock-in** at Christopher Dock from 9pm this Friday until 7am Saturday morning. This event brings junior youth together for a long night of fun, food and worship.

March 15, 5-6:30pm, Sportsmen's Dinner at Franconia Mennonite Church followed by a program at 7pm featuring guest speaker Steve Rockey. Meal tickets are \$8 and are available at the Minute Market Café and the church, 215-723-3220.

March 16, 9:00am-1:00pm St. Philip Neri Church, 1325 Kliner Road, Pennsburg, is hosting a **free recycling** event for **anything with a plug**. De-clutter your home of unwanted electronics like toys, computers, laptops, TV's, cell phones, mobile devices and more. (No large appliances, smoke detectors or rear-projection TV's.) All materials collected will be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner. For your security, **all** media data collected is destroyed.

March 25, 26 & 27 the MCC Mobile Meat Canner will be at the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964 from 6am to 7pm. If you can donate a few hours of time to help process meat for the hungry, please call the center at 267-203-8074. Tax-deductible contributions made out to **MCC Canner Project** can be mailed to MCC Material Resource Center at the above address. Cans of meat are distributed in countries devastated by extreme poverty, war, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes or other emergencies.

Zion Mennonite Church, 149 Cherry Lane, Souderton is hosting an **Easter Meal** on Wed. March 27 for anyone who would like to come celebrate Easter. Appetizers begin at 11:30am, the main course at 12 noon. Please call the Zion church office at 215-723-3592 if you would like to attend the meal. See poster on bulletin board.

Summer Fun: Is your family looking for a fun AND meaningful adventure this summer? Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville (Lancaster County) is pleased to invite your family to our **2013 Family Camp** from Sunday, August 11 through Thursday, August 15. The week will be filled with traditional Black Rock Retreat activities including swimming, 130-foot water slide, zipline, archery, group games, canoeing, and more! Family input sessions will be led by **Walk through the Bible!** We will study the fascinating Old Testament stories. Also included is a special evening event with comedian and ventriloquist "**Ryan and Friends**". All this and more is made available for your family at an affordable price. For more information check us out at www.blackrockretreat.com/family-camp or call Black Rock Retreat at 717-529-3232. See the brochure posted on the bulletin board.

God is working in incredible and creative ways in the city. Serve through **DOOR** (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) in cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join in God's work in the city for a week, several months or a year. Check things out at www.DOORNetwork.org.