

	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Ginnie Tietjens & Brenda Madrill (1 st) Greg & Cheryl Ingram (2 nd service)	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1 st service) Grace Benner & Louise Kreider (2 nd)
Nursery	Rose Longacre & Diane Wise (1 st shift) Sue Rice & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd shift)	Barb Hess & Lisa Effrig (1 st shift) Tara Gilmore & Ellen Rutt (2 nd shift)
Ushers	Alan & Karen Kratz (1 st service) Jonathan & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)	Alan & Karen Kratz (1 st service) Jonathan & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)
Closing up	David & Lisa Landis	David & Lisa Landis

<u>Sunday School Class Locations and Topics</u>	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – 2 nd & 3 rd Grade - Mrs. Chad Landis & Anita Livezey Second classroom – K & 1 st Grade–Jan Bannon, Caleb & Roni Kiefer Third classroom – 4 th & 5 th Grade – Sue Rice Fourth classroom – Jr. High Boys & Girls – Larry & Dee Dee Good Fifth classroom – High School – Mark Livezey & Justin Derstine
Main floor hallway:	Last room on left – Preschool – Melissa Carl & Rachel Kiefer Second last room on left – Nursery facilities
Gym:	Second classroom – Men’s Class “Jesus & the Just Reign of God” (Luke & James) Third classroom – Post High class led by Chad Landis Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Behind dividers in gym – “Twisting the Truth” led by various people Sanctuary – “FaithWeaver NOW” led by Pastor Kris Wint & Rich Longacre

Prayer Requests

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

Mennonite Mission Network – Due to the onset of winter and the holidays, requests for assistance reach a peak this month in the nonprofit agencies for which MMN’s Voluntary Service participants work. Pray that the 57 MVSers in 17 locations will continue to serve their host communities with love and patience.

Community Events

Tonight, 6:30pm, Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to an evening of acapella Christmas carol singing in the Fellowship Hall followed by refreshments.

Dec. 12, 7pm – Christmas Concert at Christopher Dock (Clemens Auditorium) featuring Concert Band, Orchestra & choirs. Join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Dec. 14, 5:00 & 7:00pm – Grace Mennonite Church, 630 York Ave, Lansdale, is presenting the Christmas story from the angels’ viewpoint followed by a live nativity with animals. Come early to experience the Bethlehem village. Free admission and refreshments. Contact the church for additional information at 215-855-7718.

Dec. 25, 11:30am – Christmas Dinner at Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, for anyone in need or who has no one to share Christmas with. See poster on bulletin board. Take-out meals or transportation provided if needed. Call Zion at 215-723-3592 by Dec. 23 if you would like to come for the meal or volunteer to help.

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)

Finland Carolers – Offertory

Receiving new members by confession of faith

Scripture – (brown Bible p. 512, blue Bible p. 1121)

Isaiah 40:28-31

Sermon – “Self-Control”

Pastor Kris

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time

Jeff Janton - Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

Sharing Time

Jeff Janton - Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Offering (Please pass the attendance pads)

Finland Carolers - Offertory

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

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Scripture - (brown Bible p. 512, blue Bible p. 1121)

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Closing Blessing

Next Sunday – “Nevertheless” – Isaiah 8:22-9:6

To Our Guests:

Welcome 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?

This Week at Finland

Today, 6-8pm – Young Adult small group at AJ and Hailee Longacre's

Today, 6:30pm – Marv Reinford's small group at Reinford's

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

Tuesday, 12-12:30pm – Participate in Finland's "**Looking Up**" call-in prayer line.

Dial (712) 432-1500 and enter access code **314597#** when prompted to do so.

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

Wednesday, 7-8:15pm – Boys & Girls Club at the lower campus

Wednesday, 7-9:00pm – Jr. High MYF at the upper campus

Wednesday, 7:15pm – Youth Bible study

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

Thursday, 7:00pm – Elders' Meeting

Friday, 7-9:30pm – Jr. High MYF Christmas Party \$5 gift exchange at Swartley's

Last Week's Attendance

First service – 117

Second service – 83

Six new members are being accepted by Confession of Faith this morning. They are Isaac & Rachel Kiefer, Andy & Judy Kutt, and Michael & Sarah Scorzetti.

Dec. 20, all day Friday – Celebrate Christmas in Harlem. We will once again be doing a toy drive and handing out toys to children living in the Polo Grounds of Harlem. This year will also be a Christmas play sharing the good news of Jesus. If you'd like to go along, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway. Other ways you can help is to donate money or bring basketballs, soccer balls, footballs etc. by Wednesday, December 18th. Please do not bring any weapon toys - not even nurf guns, or anything that could be used as a weapon such as a baseball bat. Talk with Pastor Kris for more information. The time to meet will be announced later.

Dec. 21, 9:00am – Come to the "Walk to Bethlehem" breakfast with Mary and Joseph. The breakfast is open to all from Finland. Bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is hanging in the hallway. Talk to Pastor Kris or Ginger for more information.

Dec. 22, 6:30pm – Our Christmas celebration service of "**Anticipation: from Longing to Joy**" will include congregational singing, scripture reading, instrumental pieces, meditation, Kids Kinection, dance, & fellowship time. Each family is asked to please bring a plate of cookies to share.

O.U.R. small group is hosting "**The Art of Marriage**" on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 from 7-9:00pm and Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9:00am-4:00pm at the lower campus. Watch for more information coming soon, but mark your calendars now to reserve the date.