

	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Glenn & Jenn Ingram (1 st service) Jim & Lynn Swartley (2 nd service)	John & Sue Rice (1 st service) Rachel & Sarah Kolb (2 nd service)
Nursery	Ginger Wint & Jana Scheetz (1 st shift) Rachel Kiefer & Brenda Madrill (2 nd)	Amy Reinford & Amy Haman (1 st shift) Anita Livezey & Dee Dee Good (2 nd)
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

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics

Upstairs hallway: First classroom – 2nd & 3rd Grade - Mrs. Chad Landis & Anita Livezey
 Second classroom – K & 1st Grade—Jan Bannon, Caleb & Roni Kiefer
 Third classroom – 4th & 5th 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 – Lois & Wayne Hochstetler, pastoral counselors to MMN personnel around the world, were based in London, England for five years. In November they returned to Illinois to complete the last four months of their assignment before retiring. Pray for the Hochstetlers in the many adjustments they are experiencing.

Upcoming Finland Events to mark on your 2014 calendar

- January 5, 2014** – Communion in both services
- January 15, 7:30pm** – Book Club will discuss the book “Life without Limits” by Nick Vujicic, a motivational speaker who challenges you to accept what you cannot control and focus on what you can. Nick was born without arms or legs.
- January 21, 9:15-11:00am** – “Stronger”, a DVD Bible study by Angela Thomas will be held at Rose Longacre’s each Tuesday morning for 6 weeks. All women are invited. Please note that we will begin at **9:15am** instead of 9:30am.
- January 31 & February 1, 2014** – “The Art of Marriage” hosted by O.U.R. small group at the upper campus. Friday 7-9:30pm & Saturday 9:00am- 4:00pm. There is a pink sheet in each couple’s mailbox today with extras below to invite friends.
- Feb. 14-16, 2014** – Youth Spiritual Life Weekend at Longacre’s in Canadensis, PA.
- March 8, 2014** – Youth auction, 3pm. Meal at 4pm, then auction resumes.

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

Opening Meditation – “Nevertheless” (Isaiah 8:21-9:2)

Pastor John

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

Offering (Please pass the attendance pads) Jantons, Mark Livezey, Ryan Mease – Offertory

Scripture – (brown Bible p. 491, blue Bible p. 1075)

Isaiah 10:20-24

Closing Meditation – “Be Not Afraid”

Pastor Kris

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Pastoral Prayer and Closing Blessing

Darryl Wallace – Elder in Charge

SECOND SERVICE

Opening Meditation – “Nevertheless” (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Darryl Wallace - Elder in Charge

Offering (Please pass the attendance pads) Jantons, Mark Livezey, Ryan Mease - Offertory

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

Scripture - (brown Bible p. 491, blue Bible p. 1075)

Isaiah 10:20-24

Closing Meditation – “Be Not Afraid”

Pastor Kris

Closing Blessing

Next Sunday – “The Power of Prayer” – Isaiah 62:6-7

We will not have sharing time today. Please write praises and requests on the green insert and drop it in the offering plate to be included in Tuesday’s email.

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, 6:30pm – Christmas Celebration Service “***Anticipation: from Longing to Joy***”

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 – Worship team practice led by Mark Livezey

Wednesday – Have a Blessed Christmas as you celebrate Christ’s birth!

Attendance for December 8, 2013

Services were cancelled last week due to snow.

First service – 163

Second service – 79

These three men are being recommended to the congregation as Elders:

Jason Scheetz (2-year term)

Chad Landis (3-year term)

Jim Dougherty (3-year term)

We are asking the congregation to enter into prayer and discernment this week.

Affirmation ballots will be handed out & collected during the offertory next Sunday.

Tonight, 6:30pm –Christmas celebration service: “***Anticipation: from Longing to Joy***”. Congregational singing, scripture reading, instrumentals, Faith Story by Kyle Nice, Kids Kinection, dance, and fellowship time. Bring a plate of cookies to share.

On the bulletin board: Hand-made Christmas card from the Hanes family – “*Thank you for supporting our family and our ministry in Senegal. We appreciate your investment and your partnership. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*” (Jim, Paula, Amanda and Aaron Hanes) Also posted is a Christmas card with this message: “*Thank you so much for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. My family of 5 really enjoyed it so much.*” (Barbara Green & family)

“Life With God” calendars are available below the mailboxes. You may choose a desk or pocket calendar or both. “Life With God” is a Christian radio program each week. You will find the radio stations and time of the programs listed on the calendars. Tune in and receive a blessing from God’s Word.

New in the Library for Christmas

“*The Legend of the Candy Cane*” – book and DVD for children

“*Veggie Tales – The True Light of Christmas*” – DVD for children

“*Christmas Angel*” – DVD for family viewing

General

“*The Confession*” – DVD based on the book by Beverly Lewis

“*The Reason for My Hope*” – book by Billy Graham

“*Nora’s Ark*” – book for children

“*Heaven is for Real for kids*” – book for children