

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Stacey Kolb (2 nd service) Allan & Mary Alspach (2 nd service)	Lauren & Lydia Good (1 st service) Karen & Jen Kratz (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Jana Scheetz & Ginger Wint (1 st service) Ginger Wint & Jan Bannon (S.S.) Jan Bannon & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd)	Yvonne Drescher & Karen Kratz (1 st service) Rachel Kiefer & Ginger Wint (S.S.) Amy Haman & Jina Reinford (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Arin Benner (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Arin Benner (2 nd service)
Closing church building in February – Wilson Swartley		

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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The family that prays together, stays together.

Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10-8:20 am

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 & SECOND SERVICE WILL FOLLOW THE SAME ORDER TODAY

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

Offering

Zenaida Rivera –Offertory

Ministry Moment on “Family Month”

Rose Longacre

Sharing Time

Greg Ingram – Elder in charge

(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 863, blue pew Bible p.1900) *I John 2:28-3:3, 5:18-21*

Message - “Living as Children of God”

Pastor John

Song of Response

No Kids’ Kinecton today

Closing Blessing

March is Family Month with an overall theme of “Strengthening Our Families.” A fun addition this year is a 15-minute family feud game before splitting into various sessions. We need Finland Family Feud teams to compete each week. Put a team together and sign up for your week on the bulletin board on the gym wall. If you have questions, see Shirley Kiefer. **We also need someone** to be with the Kindergarten to 4th grade age group for 7:15-8:15 on March 2 and March 23rd. If you would be interested or know of someone, please let a committee member know. Thanks! *(Karen Kratz, Shirley Kiefer, Rose Longacre, DeeDee Good and Pastor John)*

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 – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 nd Grade Third classroom – 3 rd through 5 th 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
In gymnasium:	Second classroom – “That the World May Know” DVD series

***** **Prayer Requests** *****

Pray for our families and for God's leading as we prepare for Family Month in March.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the many lives touched through Third Way Media's Shaping Families radio programs and the accompanying website, www.ShapingFamilies.com. Pray for sponsors and a radio station to air the program in northern Indiana. This program airs in our area each Saturday at 10:00am on WBYN (1160 AM). This week – “Sexual Misconduct in Churches.”

Inter-generational mission trip: If you are interested in being part of a discussion about a short-term inter-generational mission trip, plan to be at a meeting after Sunday School in the sanctuary next Sunday, February 27. We are currently considering the possibility of a trip to Texas and/or a trip to the Dominican Republic. We hope to begin making solid plans based on the outcome of this meeting. If you won't be in church on the 27th, you can contact Pastor John or Alan Kratz in advance of the meeting.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group

Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Women’s Bible Study on “Esther” at Lynn Swartley’s

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Joy’s Worship Team practice

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

Wednesday, 7:15-9:00 pm – Boys and Girls Club

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High **IGNITE** at Wint’s

Thursday, 7-8:30 pm – Women’s Bible Study – “The Grace Walk Experience”

Last Week

Attendance

First service – 134

Second service - 71

Offering

General Offering \$ 6,518.75

Building Mortgage \$ 25.00

Sweetheart Banquet \$ 560.00

Jr. High Fundraiser \$ 70.00

Total \$ 7,173.75

Next Sunday, 6:30 pm, everyone is invited to come to a Prayer & Praise Service.

Hospitality Committee reminder: Due to “Family Month”, we will meet Monday, Feb. 28, 7:30 pm at Russ and Barb’s.

March 5 – Baked potato & chili bar at 4:30 pm on donation basis. Youth Auction - 5:30 pm. Come enjoy the food, fellowship and fun by supporting our youth as they raise money for Youth Convention in Pittsburgh, July 4-9, 2011. Contact David Landis if you would like to donate an item or service for the auction. Be creative!

We would like to thank all who came out and supported the youth at the Chick-fil-A fundraiser night. We raised \$135.34. Your support is always appreciated.

A new members’ class will begin meeting in March. Those interested should come to the auditorium at 10:30 am on March 13. If you cannot attend, contact Pastor John or one of the Elders.

Next Sunday Jon Kiefer will bring the message on “Free to Love” from I John 3:11-18; 5:1-5.

New additions to our library:

1. Kids DVD – Veggie Tales “Happy Together” (3 stories in one)
2. Kids Book – Veggie Tales “The Big Sleepover”
3. “Amazing Grace” DVD

Fishermen friends – Looking ahead. Mark your calendars now for fishing and a picnic at Beltzville Lake on June 11. It’s a men’s “Tea Party” with the picnic at 11:00 am. More details later.

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“**Our Daily Bread**” devotional books for March, April & May are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. Please feel free to take one.

The next Senior Meeting at Men-O-Lan Camp will be held on March 10, from 10:30-12:30. It includes lunch and a special program. Donations accepted. Call 215-679-5144 ext. 23 for more information or reservations.

The MCC Material Resource Project for March is Health Kits.

Last fall in Honduras many areas suffered from heavy rainstorms coming from tropical storm Matthew. Rising water and mudslides forced some people to leave their homes quickly without much more than the clothing on their backs. This is just one of the locations where MCC Health Kits have been shared in the past year. So far more than 27,000 of the kits have been shipped with the largest numbers going to Bosnia, Honduras, North Korea and Ukraine. 11”x16” drawstring bags are available under the mailboxes. Contents should include new items only:

- 1 toothbrush (adult size – in wrapper)
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 6 oz. - in box)
- 1 large bar of bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)

If you would like to participate, place items in a drawstring bag and bring them back to church. They will be delivered to the Material Resource Center. Thank you for your contributions. May you feel God’s blessing as you bring “New hope in the name of Christ.”

Bally Community Preschool invites you to a Spaghetti Dinner with homemade desserts this Saturday, February 26, 4:30-7:00 pm. It is on a donation basis with proceeds going to the Bally Community Preschool. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall of Bally Mennonite Church. Call 610-845-7780 with questions.

Mark your calendar for our annual Pancake Breakfast **here** Saturday, March 19, 7:00-11:00 am. Items on the menu include pancakes, sausage, egg bake, fruit and more. The cost is by donation with proceeds going to our Building Fund. There will also be a homemade bake sale.

On March 28, 29 and 30, 2011, you can help “meat” the needs of hundreds of thousands of hungry and starving people around the world by contributing your money or your time in support of the MCC Mobile Meat Canner Project at the Material Resource Center. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time call the Resource Center 267-203-8074, Glenn C. Moyer 215-723-0888, Bob Ziegler 215-256-8227 or Earl Young 610-287-1503. Tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to “**MCC Canner Project**” and mailed to 569 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA 19438.