

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Lauren & Lydia Good (1 st service) Karen & Jen Kratz (2 nd service)	Rich & Whitney Longacre (1 st service) Wilson & DJ Swartley (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Yvonne Drescher & Karen Kratz (1 st ser) Rachel Kiefer & Ginger Wint (S.S.) Amy Haman & Jina Reinford (2 nd ser)	Barb Hess & Corinne Guntz (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High girls (S.S.) Tara Gilmore & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Arin Benner (2 nd service)	Kevin Bannon (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)
Closing church building in February – Wilson Swartley		March – Larry & DeeDee Good

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 SERVICE

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

Offering

Jen Kratz –Offertory

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 863, blue pew Bible p.1901) *I John 3:11-18, 5:1-5*

Message - “Free to Love”

John Kiefer

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinecton

Sharing Time

Alan Kratz – Elder in charge

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

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

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

Offering

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Sharing Time

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Closing Blessing

6:30 pm tonight – Everyone is welcome to come for a Praise & Prayer Service.

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 and 1st Grade
Third classroom – 2nd through 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

In gymnasium: Second classroom – “That the World May Know” DVD series
Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible

Sanctuary: Focus on Small Groups – (current small groups meet in the gym)

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

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

Mennonite Mission Network: Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children have ministered in Japan through Mennonite Mission Network for the past decade. Pray for them as they share Jesus' message through teaching, music, and daily involvement in the lives of their neighbors.

Immediately following Sunday School today, there will be a meeting in the sanctuary to discuss a short-term inter-generational mission trip. We are currently considering the possibility of a trip to Texas and/or a trip to the Dominican Republic. All interested persons are invited to come and be part of this discussion. We hope to begin making solid plans based on the outcome of this meeting.

This is a reminder that Pastor John and Bev are on vacation until March 8. Please contact one of the Elders if you have a pastoral need during this time. Next Sunday Loren Swartzendruber, President of EMU, will bring the message.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – Praise & Prayer Service here

Monday, 7:30 pm – Hospitality Committee Meeting at the Hess'

Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Women's Bible Study on "Esther" at Lynn Swartley's

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Jeff's Worship Team practice

Wednesday, 6:00-8:15 pm – **Family Month begins.** See note below.

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Men's Bible Study – "Quiet Strength"

Saturday, 9:00 am – Leadership wives' prayer time at Rachel Reinford's

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Youth Baked Potato and Chili Bar on a donation basis followed by the **Youth Auction at 5:30 pm.** You won't want to miss the fun and competitive bidding. If you have an item or service to donate, please let David Landis know today if possible so it can be listed on the auction sheet. Proceeds will be used for the Youth Convention in Pittsburgh July 4-9.

Last Week

Attendance

First service – 108

Second service - 70

Offering

General Offering

Building Mortgage

Total

March is Family Month with an overall theme of "Strengthening Our Families." Each Wednesday evening a meal will be served between 6 & 6:45 pm prior to the "Family Feud" game which will take place at 7:00 pm. Put a team together and sign up on the bulletin board in the gym to join in the fun. See Shirley Kiefer if you have questions. At 7:15 we will break into the different classes that are listed in the brochure. **Youth and Post-High**, please note that we will not have our regular Wednesday night activities during March so that everyone can participate in one of the planned classes.

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 that day, contact Pastor John or one of the Elders.

Pancake Breakfast – March 19, 7-11 am. Cost is by donation with proceeds going to our building fund. In addition to this, the youth group is having a bake sale to benefit their activities. They would appreciate donations of homemade baked goods in addition to what they are baking. Please bring baked items to the church on Friday, March 18, between 6:30 and 9:00 pm.

Thank you to all who participated in our recent soup sale. It was your generous donations, orders and help that allowed us to make \$2,800 for the next phase of our building project.

Book Club members please note that there will be no meeting in March due to Family Month. The book for April 20 is "The Naked Anabaptist" by Stuart Murray.

Memorize Scripture for Family Month: Each week during March there will be a new scripture card in your mailbox to memorize together as a family, couple or single person. There are a few extra copies under the mailboxes for those who do not have a mailbox.

If you attend here regularly and would like a mailbox, please fill out the tear-off section of the bulletin. Under "How can we minister to you?" just write "I would like a church mailbox" and place it in the offering plate. The secretary will add your name alphabetically to the mailboxes in the foyer.

All girls and ladies: We are planning a "Twice Around" fashion show for April 2, 10:15-12:00 noon. There are two ways to participate: shop your favorite thrift store for an outfit to wear and model that day or just attend and explore the world of thrift/consignment shopping. We would like all ages to participate. In two weeks there will be a sign-up sheet for those who want to model their "great bargains." See Bev Ehst, Sarah Burdge or Diane Dougherty if you have questions.

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

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$1,060.50 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Marv Reinford serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

Additional information regarding the next Senior Meeting at Camp Men-O-Lan on March 10, from 10:30-12:30 was received this week. The program will feature Sam Sandler, a skilled Christian magician with a touching personal message. Menu is salad, pasta, corn, bread, and dessert. Donations accepted. Call 215-679-5144 ext. 23 for more information or reservations by **March 8th**.

Hesston College & Salford Mennonite Church will host "Common Threads: Anabaptist and African-American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope" on Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken to cover program costs. It shows how Anabaptist religious persecution and African-American racial suffering have intersection. A reception will follow the program.

Penn View Christian School invites you to see "Annie Jr." This upbeat story is a timeless family favorite that appeals to all ages. Performance dates are Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Call the office at 215-723-1196 to reserve tickets or buy them at the door. \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-13 and senior citizens, no charge for children under 6.

The mobile MCC Meat Canner will be at the Material Resource Center on March 28, 29 and 30, 2011. You can help "meat" the needs of starving people around the world by contributing money or time. See last week's bulletin for details.