

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Rich & Whitney Longacre (1 st service) Wilson & DJ Swartley (2 nd service)	Marvin & Rachel Reinford (1 st service) Dennis Derstine (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Barb Hess & Corinne Guntz (1 st ser) Rose Longacre & Jr. High girls (S.S.) Tara Gilmore & Shirley Kiefer (2 nd ser)	Maria Dibble & Ellen Rutt (1 st service) Bev Ehst & Ginger Wint (S.S.) Amy Haman & Laura Reinford (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Kevin Bannon (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)	Kevin Bannon (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)
Closing church building in March - Larry & DeeDee Good		

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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March is FAMILY MONTH

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 *Kris Wint, Mark Ziegler, Xavier Derstine –Offertory*

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 831, blue pew Bible p.1828) *Philippians 3:1-11*

Message - "To Know Christ" *Loren Swartzendruber*

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection

Sharing Time *David Landis – 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 *Kris Wint, Mark Ziegler, Xavier Derstine –Offertory*

Sharing Time *David Landis – Elder in charge*

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

Pastoral Prayer

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Closing Blessing

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 – 2 nd 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:	Library – Men's Class - "We Worship God" (studies from 1 Timothy) Second classroom – "Seeing the Abilities in Disabilities" Tara Purcell Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs
Sanctuary:	"What's in Your Headphones?"

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

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

Please note that youth & adult Sunday School classes today are as follows:

"What's in Your Headphones?" for youth on up, will meet in the sanctuary and be led by Kris Wint. "Seeing the Abilities in Disabilities", led by Tara Purcell, will meet in the second classroom in the gym. The **Men's S.S. Class** will begin again today in the library for those who wish to attend that one, and the **Prayer Room** will be open to pray for our church and special needs. Sue Rice's class, "That the World May Know", will not meet during Family Month.

Next Sunday, March 13: Planning to attend the S.S. class on "Words Kids Need to Hear" led by Rich Longacre? Pick up your copy of the book (one per family) from the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please read and come prepared to discuss the introduction and chapters 1 & 2. Maybe you'd like to join the class led by Jim & Diane Dougherty on "Love and Respect"? A few of those books are also available in the back. Pick up a copy and read the introduction and chapter 1. If we run out of books, please let Karen Kratz know that you'd like to have one.

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The Bontrager Family of Kalona, IA, will present a program of gospel music sponsored by “We Care Prison Ministry” at Perkiomenville Mennonite Church this Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 pm. The family of ten children features music that includes a variety of instruments. See poster on bulletin board.

See the new family picture and stop to read the newsletter from the Dave Landis family of “We Care Prison Ministry” that is posted on the bulletin board.

If you are looking for employment, check out the list of job opportunities at Living Branches (see both sides of paper) and others posted on the bulletin board.

Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville invites your family to **2011 Family Camp** Aug. 14-18 (Sunday through Thursday). Activities include swimming, 130 ft. water slide, zipline, archery, group games, canoeing, etc. *House on the Rock Ministries* will lead encouraging family sessions on the theme “Families R We”. And don’t miss **The Brain Show** which is a fun, interactive trivia game for all families. Go on line at info@blackrockretreat.com for more information or call 717-529-3232. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis has sent some flyers listing weekend events and retreats for 2011 as well as several different family weeks. Please feel free to pick up a flyer from the rack on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for discernment and healthy decision-making processes for Burkina Faso Mennonite church leaders, Mission Network workers and Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers as they face transitions in leader-ship and ministry.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) international workers, evacuated from Egypt during the recent turmoil, have started returning to their work placements in Egypt. MCC asks that you pray for their safety and well-being of all people in Egypt and in other countries in the Middle East and North Africa where there is civil unrest.

Change of location: The two Sunday evening teachings on “Intercession” led by Noel Santiago will be held at Franconia Mennonite Church upper Fellowship Hall on March 13 and April 3, 6:30-8:30 pm. Topics: “The Practice of Intercession – Hearing God’s Voice for Myself”

and “The Power of Intercession – Hearing God’s Voice for Another.” Come for a time of learning, worshiping and praying together.

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 this Friday and Saturday, March 11 & 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.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group will meet at Rutt’s

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

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

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

Wednesday, 6:00-8:15 pm – Dinner and Family Night

Friday, 7-11:30 pm – Jr. High Lock-in at Christopher Dock

Last Week Attendance

First service – 95

Second service - 60

Offering

General Offering

Building Mortgage

Total

Family Month scripture memorization: Look for this week’s memory verse card in your mailbox today. There are a few extra cards under the mailboxes.

A new members’ class will begin meeting in March. If you are interested, please come to the auditorium at 10:30 am next Sunday, 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.

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.

The youth group is planning a progressive dinner on Sunday, April 10, 4:00 pm. We need volunteers to host the group for appetizers, the main course, or dessert. What a great way to get to know the youth better. Please contact Jina Reinford if you are interested in hosting one of the three courses.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, visited, prayed and called me while I was home recovering from foot surgery. I really appreciated it! Sarah Kolb

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.