

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Joe Souder & Ed Griffin (1 st service) Rand & Mark Ziegler (2 nd service)	Nell Hecker & Mary Carlson (1 st service) Cheryl & Kelly Ingram (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Dianne Wise & Rose Longacre (1 st ser) Jenn Ingram & Ginger Wint (S.S.) Lynn & Hannah Swartley (2 nd service)	Rachel Reinford & Lisa Effrig (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Dee Dee Good & Eleanor Wsallace (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)	Jim & Diane Dougherty (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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Mary Carlson 215-538-5422, Jim and Diane Dougherty 215-679-7190

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: _____

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March 20, 2011

No. 12

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

Zach Rice – Offertory

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 805, blue pew Bible p.1766)

Romans 15:1-13

Message - *“Excellent Living in Our Relationships”*

John Drescher

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinecton

Sharing Time

Greg Ingram – 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

Greg Ingram – Elder in charge

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Closing Blessing

[] 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 – "Words Kids Need to Hear" led by Rich Longacre Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Far corner of gym – "Love & Respect" led by Dougherty's & Wallace's
Sanctuary:	Sermon response discussion led by Pastor John - March 13, 20 & 27

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

Pray for our families and for God's leading as we participate in Family Month in March.
Pray for God's comfort and peace to strengthen the Bannon family in their heartache.

Sunday School Classes: Youth and Post High S.S. classes will meet as usual. Men's Class will meet in the library. The Prayer Room is open to pray for our church and special needs. Pastor John will lead a sermon response class in the sanctuary. "Words Kids Need to Hear" led by Rich Longacre will be held in the 2nd room off the gym. "Love and Respect" led by Jim & Diane Dougherty and Darryl & Eleanor Wallace will meet in the far corner of the gym where Kids Kinecton meets. Sue Rice's class, "That the World May Know", will not meet during Family Month.

Small groups are being formed. If you would like to join one, see Alan Kratz.

Please note that we are looking for volunteers to run the power point on Sunday mornings. Anyone with some computer knowledge (regardless of age) is encouraged to talk with Jeff Janton to volunteer.

This Week at Finland

Today – Boys and Girls Club is going bowling in Quakertown after the 2nd service.

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, 7:00 pm – Elders' Meeting

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

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

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

Thursday, 7:30 pm – WSPC Meeting

Friday, 7:30 pm – Worship Team leaders & musicians jam session

Saturday, 5:30-9:00 pm – Youth formal at the lower campus

Last Week

Attendance

First service – 111

Offering

General Offering

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.

The new members' class will have its first meeting on April 3, 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining this group, please talk to Pastor John or one of the Elders.

Thank you so much to all our Finland family for your kind expressions of sympathy, cards, meals, phone calls and prayers as we adjust to the loss of Dad and the addition of Mom to our household. *John Rice and family*

Again this year we had a successful Youth Benefit Auction. Many came out to bid on about 90 donated items and chili & baked potatoes were abundant. We would like to express our gratitude for all the support that is shown each year to our youth. We will be using the majority of the funds raised to head to Pittsburg in July for the Mennonite Youth Convention. Our total after expenses was _____. Thank you again for all your financial support. May you be blessed as you have blessed us!

Finland Youth Group

Back in September John Drescher had given a sermon entitled "Angels Watching Over Me." Printed copies of this message are now available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick them up for yourself and/or to share with friends. John has added a story near the end entitled "A Beautiful Testimony" that he received from a dear friend who recently experienced seeing an angel.

March 20, 2011 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Next week, March 28, 29 & 30, the MCC Mobile Canner will be at the Mennonite Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, from 6 am to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to fill, wash and label cans, prepare boxes for shipment, load the truck, and help with clean-up. If you can work a 2, 4, or 6-hour shift to help feed the hungry, please call the Mennonite Resource Center at 267-203-8074. Or you may mail a tax-deductible contribution to "MCC Canner Project", 569 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA. 19438.

April 2, 10:15-12 noon - All girls and ladies: We are planning a "Twice Around" fashion show. 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 invite women and girls of all ages to participate. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to indicate your participation: either modeling your purchase or coming to view the found bargains. Sign up today so our committee can plan. Questions? See Bev Ehst, Sarah Burdge or Diane Dougherty.

April 9, 5:00 pm – Mark your calendar now for a potluck and movie night here for the whole family. "Because of Winn Dixie" is the story of Opal, a 10-year old girl, who moved to Florida with her preacher father. On an errand to the grocery store, she found and became attached to a homeless dog which she named after the store where she found him. A-N bring a main dish, O-Z bring a dessert.

April 10, 4:00 pm, the youth group is planning a progressive dinner. We are still looking for 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.

April 16, 11 am to 2 pm – Men-O-Lan invites you to the Summer Camp Open House. Free lunch from 12-1 pm. Meet Staff, tour the camp and ask questions.

Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR personnel are gearing up to host spring break groups. Pray for city directors as they put together meaningful programs, and pray for the youth who will be spending their vacations serving, learning, and witnessing the face of God in the city.

Rainbow of Hope, Souderton, PA, is again bringing 10-15 orphaned children from Ukraine to the US from June 25-July 23 and looking for Christian families to host them. If you feel God calling you to help in any way or would like more information, please contact Marlene Burke at love1another4ever@comcast.net or check out the website: www.lovecradleint.org. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to bring the "mission field" to your home. At age 16, Ukrainian orphans can no longer stay at the orphanage. They are sent into society alone and unprepared for life! 90% of the orphans enter into the sex trade, become criminals, develop mental disabilities and addictions, or commit suicide! **You can change a child's life forever** by hosting a Ukrainian orphan in your home next summer! More information on bulletin board.

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“**Take Your Place**” benefit concerts for Mennonite Central Committee’s work with “Generations” for those living with HIV and AIDS, will be given on Sunday, April 3 at these locations: Blooming Glen Mennonite Church at 9:30 am, Rockhill Mennonite Retirement Community at 1:30 pm, and Zion Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm. Come hear Canadian singer/songwriter Kim Thiessen, accompanied by Darryl Neustaeder Barg and storyteller Abe Janzen, share music and stories inspired by those confronting AIDS around the world. A free-will offering will be taken. CD’s are available for a \$20 donation. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Keystone Food Pantry would appreciate donations of the following items through March & April to help keep supplies in stock. They may be brought to the pantry Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm, at 104 Main Street, Souderton. Use the entrance off the West Chestnut Street municipal parking lot. If you have questions, contact Cindy Dembrosky at 215-723-5430 ext. 101.

Canned chicken, spam, ham, salmon	Canned fruit
Pork and beans	Crackers
Rice	Mashed potatoes
Granola Bar snacks	Liquid hand soap



Stroke is the #3 cause of death in US and **80%** of all strokes CAN be prevented. Life Line Screening will be providing their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings for the Community on **Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship**. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register. 8 - 10% of all screening results in ABNORMAL to CRITICAL findings. The screenings are effective and are saving lives!!