

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Nell Hecker & Mary Carlson (1 st service) Cheryl & Kelly Ingram (2 nd service)	Alan & Karen Kratz (1 st service) Allan & Mary Alspach (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Rachel Reinford & Lisa Effrig (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) Dee Dee Good & Eleanor Wsallace (2 nd ser)	Karen Kratz & Beth Anders (1 st service) Ginger Wint & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.) Amy Haman & Nell Hecker (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Jim & Diane Dougherty (1 st service) Jon Kiefer (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Alan Gilmore (2 nd service)
Closing church building in March - Larry & DeeDee Good		April - Kris & Ginger Wint

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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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 27, 2011

No. 13

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

Ben Rutt - Offertory

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 730, blue pew Bible p.1602) Luke 6:43-45; Romans 12:1-2

Message - "*Excellent Living in Our Minds*"

Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection

Sharing Time

Mark Livezey - 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.)

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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 - 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: 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.

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 Kinection 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

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Directors’ Meeting

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

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

Friday, 7:30 pm – Tim Moyer’s small group

Saturday, 10:15 am to noon – Twice Around Fashion Show for all women & girls

Last Week

Attendance

First service – **118**

Offering

General Offering

Just a reminder: Sunday School is from 9:45-10:30 am. Teachers put a lot of preparation into their lessons. Let’s honor their time by beginning promptly at 9:45.

“**Healthier You**” cycle will end Family Month this Wednesday with a social time for all ages. Please bring a potluck item to share and join your Finland family for supper followed by a time of fun playing games. Bring along a favorite board or card game. We will set up half of the gym for kids to be able to play. No nursery will be provided.

This Saturday, April 2, 10:15-12 noon: We are asking all ladies and girls attending the “Twice Around” fashion show to bring a treat to share. Beverage will be provided. You can still sign up today to attend and/or model a thrift shop outfit. Bring a 3x5 card along stating where you got your items, the price and the brand name. Any questions: call Bev Ehst, Sarah Burdge or Diane Dougherty.

The new members’ class will begin meeting next Sunday, 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining this group, please talk to Pastor John or one of the Elders.

The Leadership Team believes we are at a time and place in the ministry of our church where we need to put in place an assistant pastor. When John and Bev came to us, we talked about having John mentor a younger pastor to possibly succeed him as lead pastor. We are currently in John’s second year. A search could take a year to complete. That would leave 2 years in the current agreement with John for this mentoring to take place. We believe the congregation has grown to the point where an assistant pastor would be beneficial. We are asking that the congregation enter a time of prayer and fasting as we consider a search for an assistant pastor. On Sunday, April 17th at 7:00 pm we would like to meet with the congregation to either approve moving forward or not.

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Candy needed! Please donate small wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs for our Easter egg hunt on Sat., April 23. There is a box in the gym for donations. See Rose if you have questions. Thanks!

Printed copies of John Drescher’s sermon entitled “Angels Watching Over Me.” 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.

April 9, 5:00 pm – Family Night Potluck: A-N bring a main dish, O-Z bring dessert. This will be followed by the movie “Because of Winn Dixie”, the story of a 10-year old girl who found and became attached to a homeless dog.

April 10, 7:00 pm – Liberty Ministries invites you to a benefit concert at Franconia Mennonite Church featuring Harmony Sound, a southern gospel style trio. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Men-O-Lan invites you to register online for summer camp at menolan.org before April 16th to take advantage of a \$25 discount. Also on April 16 you are invited to come meet staff, ask questions and tour the camp between 11am and 2 pm. Free lunch will be served from 12-1 pm.

Christopher Dock invites you to their Spring Open House on Thursday, April 7, from 3-5 pm to tour the campus, talk with teachers and coaches, and learn about financial aid. Then arrange a visit for your student on Monday, April 11, to attend classes, chapel, and lunch accompanied by a Dock student. Call 215-362-2675.

Christopher Dock & Penn View Christian School is looking for families to host international students enrolling for the 2011-12 school year through American Home Life International, a Christian agency in Lancaster, PA. Host families will receive monetary compensation. Please contact Tim and Kathy Kennel at 215-721-9479 with your interest or questions.

Mennonite Mission Network: Drew and Mary Ellen Robinson with their three children are preparing to leave Mongolia in May after 16 years of service. Pray for this family as they adapt to life and ministry in the US. Pray also that the seeds of the gospel they have planted in Mongolia will bear fruit in God’s time.

Everence Financial presents an original Ted and Company event, “What’s So Funny About Money?” Faith, finance, and frivolity collide through this new work created by and starring Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught. It will be held Saturday, April 16, 7:30 pm in the Christopher Dock auditorium. Admission is free. Call Everence (formerly MMA) at 215-703-0111 for more information.

Keep the people of Japan in your prayers. Many who have lost family members as well as their homes in the recent tsunami, are now facing nuclear emergencies. Pray for the safety of rescue personnel and those providing assistance.