

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters: service)	Ed Griffin & Joe Souder (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Nell Hecker & DJ Swartley (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Glenn & Jenn Ingram (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery: ser)	Rose Longacre & Amy Haman (1 <sup>st</sup> ser) Bev Ehst & Ellen Rutt (S.S.) Tara Gilmore & Rachel Reinford (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Yvonne Drescher & Ginger Wint (1 <sup>st</sup> ser) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) DeeDee Good & Jina Reinford (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

# 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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***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** *Ruth Janton - Offertory*

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

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p. 356, blue pew Bible p. 780) *Esther 4:14-16*

**Message** - *“Esther – Called for a Time Like This”* *AJ Longacre*

**Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection**

**Ministry Moment** *Rose Longacre*

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer** *Alan Kratz – Elder in Charge*

**Closing Blessing**

### SECOND SERVICE

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

**Offering** *Ruth Janton - Offertory*

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

**Ministry Moment** *Rose Longacre*

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer** *Alan Kratz – 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?**

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<u>Sunday School Class Locations and Topics</u>	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten and 1st Grade Third classroom – 2 <sup>nd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 - "Listen! God is calling us" (Joshua, Judges, Ruth) Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Far corner of gym – "Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions" led by Rich Longacre
In Sanctuary:	"Christian Disciplines" – led by Jim Dougherty and Alan Kratz

### **Prayer Requests**

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**Mennonite Mission Network:** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz are long-term MMN associates in Paraguay. Pray for C. Paul as he serves the business community by training chaplains who provide emotional and spiritual assistance to employees, and for Hildi as she ministers to women's groups and leads spiritual retreats.

**Mom's Group** will begin again on September 21. We have a consistent group of 10-11 moms from our church, others, and from the community that come together for fellowship and Bible study time from 9:30-11 am the first and third Wednesday of each month. We are looking for 4 volunteers to watch the kids each time we meet. If you can volunteer a couple of hours to help fill this need whether it is once a month, every other month, or whatever time you can give, it would be very much appreciated. Please talk with Ginger Wint if you have questions or to volunteer.

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**A women's Bible study** will begin Sept. 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm and continue for 7 consecutive Thursday nights. We will use "**Loved by God**", a video study by Liz Curtis Higgs focusing on stories from Genesis and giving practical applications for all women. There is a workbook for each participant. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer for this time of study and fellowship. Questions? Ask Diane Dougherty, Bev Ehst or Sarah Burdge.

**New in the library:** "**Left Behind**" series for kids. The events foretold in the book of Revelation come to life as a group of teenagers, who have been left behind after the rapture, struggle to survive. They have nothing left except their new-found faith in Jesus Christ, but they are determined to stand up for God no matter the cost--although tested at every turn. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Spruce Lake Retreat** invites you to some great inspirational concerts Labor Day Weekend, each beginning at 7:30 pm. **Friday, Sept. 2** – Derek Sandstrom, Christian singer and songwriter, \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. **Saturday, Sept. 3** – The Guiding Lights Gospel Quartet, \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. **Sunday, Sept. 4** – "Acappella" known internationally for their all-voice ensemble with 25 years of ministry, \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**Enjoy a Four-session harmonica workshop** with Sharon Hunsberger, folk musician, at the Mennonite Heritage Center on Tuesdays (Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27). This will be an informal time to learn and enjoy playing. No previous experience is needed. Call 215-256-3020 or go to [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org) to register. Cost is \$30 plus \$5 for a basic harmonica.

**MCC Material Resource Project for September is Health Kits.** Use only new items to fill a drawstring bag (available behind doors under mailboxes). Include: 1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper), 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (min. 6 oz; leave in box), 1 large bar of bath soap, 1 fingernail clipper, 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color). Filled kits may be brought back to the church.

**WORMS! So repulsive!** But a small "Army of Warriors" (about 12) is coming here to plan an all-out assault on this food-robbing enemy of hungry children. Come join us in this battle to take back the enemy territory so that their nutrition can be restored. Time: **Sept. 14, 6:00 pm.** Place: **Family Heritage Restaurant,** Franconia. Meet the passionate Warriors; watch a unique dramatic presentation by the Kevin Hoovers; be prepared to hear what God may be saying. No charge! Register early at 267-932-6050 Ext. 136 or [cgood@franconiaconference.org](mailto:cgood@franconiaconference.org).

**You are invited** to weekly prayer times each Wednesday, Sept. 7 through Nov. 9 from 9-10am at Franconia Mennonite Conf. office, 569 Yoder Road, Harleysville, to pray for community, congregational needs, the region and the world. For more info, call Sandy Landes 267-932-6050, ext. 116.

## ***This Week at Finland***

**Today, 7:00-9:00 pm** – Jr. High at the Longacre's (see note below)

**Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm** – Help prepare lower campus for Interfaith

Housing in Sept.

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** - Jeff's worship team practice

**Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am** – Mom's Group Play Date

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** - Youth hang-out

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** - Post High **FUEL** at Kris and Ginger Wint's

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**Last Week**

**Attendance**

**First service – 91**

**Second service - 128**

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**Today following S.S.** there will be a short informational meeting to learn more about the Interfaith housing program which begins September 1<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet is in the gym at the display table to sign up for a date to provide a meal or sleep over with the families in the program. **Reminder:** This Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm bring your cleaning supplies and come to the lower campus to help make our facilities feel like "home" to Interfaith families for the month of September. See Rose Longacre, Karen Kratz or Ruth Janton if you have any questions.

**Jr. High - This evening, 7-9 pm,** we will have a farewell ice cream party at the Longacres for those graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All Jr. High youth are invited to come celebrate.

**Adults** – Please feel free to join either of the new Sunday school classes that began last week. "**Christian Disciplines**" led by Jim Dougherty and Alan Kratz is meeting in the sanctuary and will cover topics on quiet time, prayer, Bible study, worship, evangelism, social justice, missions, giving and more. The second class led by Rich Longacre will meet in the far corner of the gym and use the book entitled "**All Right Now, Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions**". The book shows how scripture can be effectively examined regarding controversial topics such as pacifism, sexuality, divorce and remarriage, homosexuality and money. It will help us to look for what the Bible is saying rather than simply looking to support our view with the Bible.

**Be sure** to look at the "**ADOPT A STREET**" poster display to the left of the mailboxes by the coat rack. Take a form and pray for a street in the Upper Perk Valley.

**Our Daily Bread** devotional books for September, October and November are now available by the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick one up.

**Communion** will be held in both services on September 25.