

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Glenn & Jenn Ingram (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Jina & Jalecia Reinford (1 st service) Cheryl & Kelly Ingram (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Yvonne Drescher & Ginger Wint (1 st ser) Rose Longacre & Jr. High Girls (S.S.) DeeDee Good & Jina Reinford (2 nd ser)	Sue Rice & Dianne Wise (1 st service) Bev Ehst & Ellen Rutt (S.S.) Tara Gilmore & Jan Bannon (2 nd)
Ushers:	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Arlin Benner (2 nd service)	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Arlin Benner (2 nd service)

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
Gym:	Library – Men’s Class - “Growing in God’s Wisdom” (Prov, Ecc, Song of Songs & Matt) Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs Corner of gym – “Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions” led by Rich Longacre
Sanctuary:	“Christian Disciplines” – led by Jim Dougherty and Alan Kratz

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, children in Japan from areas contaminated by radioactivity were invited to Menno Village, a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, for several weeks to play outside and to enjoy clean food and water. Pray that what these children learned about Jesus’ love will continue to give hope to them and their families.

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.

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 *Livezeys and Jantons - Offertory*

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

Message - “*The Big Chase*” *Pastor John*

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 685, blue pew Bible p. 1505) *Matthew 6:25-34*

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection

Ministry Moment *Rose Longacre*

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer *Mark Livezey – Elder in Charge*

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

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

Offering *Livezeys and Jantons - Offertory*

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

Ministry Moment *Rose Longacre*

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer *Mark Livezey – Elder in Charge*

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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?

Upcoming Events

September 25 - Communion will be served in both services.

October 2, 6:30 pm – Prayer and Praise Service here. More details later.

October 16 – Building Fund offering in both services.

October 23 – Congregational potluck meal. Note change of date from Oct. 9th.

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.

“**ADOPT A STREET**” poster display is to the left of the mailboxes by the coat rack. Take a form and pray for a street in the Upper Perk Valley.

This is just a reminder to anyone who is interested in providing a meal for someone who is shut-in, ill, just had surgery or a new baby. Please contact Lynn Swartley or Rose Longacre. They will place your name on a list of volunteers and get in touch with you when meals are needed.

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 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.

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

Tuesday, 7:15 pm - Lisa’s worship team practice

Wednesday, 6:00 pm – Youth Council Meeting (prior to Bible Study)

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High **IGNITE** at Kris and Ginger Wint’s

Wednesday, 7:30 pm – Hospitality Committee Meeting at Russ & Barb Hess’

Last Week

Services were cancelled last Sunday due to Tropical Storm Irene.

Adults – You are invited to join either of the new Sunday school classes that have just begun. “*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.

Next Sunday, September 11, 3-8:30 pm – The youth group will have a Slip-n-Slide picnic at Longacre’s to welcome new members who are entering 9th grade. Guys bring desserts, girls bring snacks and drinks. Everyone bring hotdog forks to roast hotdogs and marshmallows for s’mores over the bonfire.

Thursday, September 1, two families “moved in” at our upper campus for the month of September. Please be aware that these families will be in the church each evening from 6:00 pm to approximately 7:00 am the next morning. They are housed in the rooms along the gym, so please avoid these rooms during the week. See Rose Longacre, Karen Kratz or Ruth Janton if you have questions.

Book Club members read “*The Help*” by Kathryn Stockett for our Sept. 21 meeting.

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.

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