

| Volunteers | Today | Next Week |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Greeters: | Jina & Jalecia Reinford (1 st service) Cheryl & Kelly Ingram (2 nd service) | Sarah Burdge (1 st service) Bob & Judy Ingram (2 nd service) |
| Nursery: service) | Sue Rice & Dianne Wise (1 st service) Bev Ehst & Ellen Rutt (S.S.) Tara Gilmore & Jan Bannon (2 nd service) | Rose Longacre & Sarah Kolb (1 st Rachel Kiefer & Diane Dougherty (S.S.) Anita Livezey & Nell Hecker (2 nd |
| service) | | |
| Ushers: | Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) | Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) |

| <u>Sunday School Class Locations and Topics</u> | |
|---|--|
| 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: A country in Asia where MMN personnel minister is in the process of passing a law that could make it very difficult to share the good news of Jesus. Pray for wisdom, courage and protection for Christians in this country as they find creative new ways to pass on their faith.

GUATEMALAN MEAL: Roger Quintana’s parents want to prepare an authentic Guatemalan meal for our congregation before they leave for home on Oct. 1st. The meal will be served on Monday, Sept. 26, from 6-7 pm on a donation basis. The money that is raised will be used to help finish their church roof in Guatemala. If you would like to attend, please sign up as soon as possible so they know how many they are cooking for. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This is a great opportunity to partner together with a church in another part of the world!

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

Pastor John Ehst

Pastor’s email: pastorjohnnehst@comcast.net

Pastor John’s office hours: Tues. 9-4, Wed. 12-4pm, Thurs. & Fri. 9-4

Church office - 215-679-8980

Church email: finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net

Elders – Alan Kratz 215-679-3311, Greg Ingram 215-529-9852, Les Guntz 215-679-6425, David Landis 215-234-4045, Mark Livezey 267-923-8743, Darryl Wallace 215-541-4528

Visitation & Care Team - Marvin and Rachel Reinford 215-679-8598
Mary Carlson 215-538-5422, Jim and Diane Dougherty 215-679-7190

Vol. LVI

September 11, 2011

No. 39

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 *Boomer & Monica Bauman - Offertory*

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

Report from service trip to Guatemala *Lydia Good*

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 750, blue pew Bible p. 1646) *John 1:19-35*

Message - “Getting Ready for Jesus” *Pastor John*

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer *David Landis – Elder in Charge*

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

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

Offering *Boomer & Monica Bauman - Offertory*

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

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer *David Landis – Elder in Charge*

Report from service trip to Guatemala *Lydia Good*

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 750, blue pew Bible p. 1646) *John 1:19-35*

Message - “Getting Ready for Jesus” *Pastor John*

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?

September 11, 2011 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Upcoming Events

Sept. 21, 7:30 pm – Book Club members read “*The Help*” by Kathryn Stockett

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.

November 20 – Thanksgiving meal at 4:30 pm. Thanksgiving service at 6:30 pm.

Men’s Bible study will begin Monday, **Sept. 19**, 7-8:30 pm and continue on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Come and join us this fall as we study about our Lord Jesus Christ, the importance of faith in our lives and much more from the book of Hebrews. Contact Jim Dougherty or Alan Kratz if you have questions.

Coffee Drive-thru ministry update: Last month we handed out our 1,000th cup of free coffee during our free coffee drive-thru. Next Wednesday, **Sept. 21**, will be the next time for this ministry. Both Lisa Landis and Norma Linck will be away this month, so if you’d be available to help Rich and me with this outreach, let me know, or if you’d be willing to bake an item (approximately 24) to hand out with the coffee. We have it from 6:30-8:00 am the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Thanks for your interest and support of this fun outreach. *Rose Longacre*

Attention women – Have you signed up yet on the bulletin board in the foyer for the Bible study entitled “*Loved by God*”? It’s 7 consecutive Thursday nights beginning **Sept. 22**, from 7:00-8:30 pm. This video study by Liz Curtis Higgs focuses on stories from Genesis and gives practical applications for all women. If you have questions, see Diane Dougherty, Bev Ehst or Sarah Burdge.

Bob and Anna Nolt, our former pastor, thank you for your prayers as they have been waiting on God for their next place of service. Their time at Upper Milford Mennonite Church concludes on Sept. 30. October will be a time of transition and moving. Nov. 1, Bob will begin a 2-year term as Lead Pastor/Intentional Interim at East Petersburg Mennonite Church on the NW edge of Lancaster. Bob and Anna plan to move mid-October and may invite our assistance.

Interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer? Grand View has training twice a year and the next one begins in October. Call Michelle Bongiovanni, RN and Volunteer Coordinator, at 215-453-4149 to register and schedule an interview. Registration deadline is **Oct. 5**.

Woodcutting Day at Spruce Lake is Saturday, **Oct. 8**. Lunch is provided. Bring work gloves and a chain saw if you have one. Log splitters are also needed. Call 1-800-822-7505 to let them know you’re coming. See poster on bulletin board.

This Week at Finland

Today, 3-8:30 pm – Youth Slip-n-Slide Picnic at Longacre’s to welcome new members

Today, 6:00 pm – WALTER at Les and Martha’s

Today, 6:30 pm – Marv Reinford’s small group

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

Tuesday, 7:15 pm - Joy’s worship team practice (note change of week)

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – John Drescher’s small group will meet at Paul Cassel’s

Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High **FUEL**

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Leadership Council

Saturday, 3-7:00 pm – Chicken Bar-B-Q and Car Show

Saturday, 5:00 pm – Boys & Girls Club meet here to go mini-golfing.

Last Week

Attendance

First service – 88

Second service – 64

Adults are invited to join “*Christian Disciplines*”, a S.S. class led by Jim Dougherty and Alan Kratz on quiet time, prayer, Bible study, worship, evangelism, social justice, missions, giving etc., in the sanctuary 9:45-10:30 am. Or join the class led by Rich Longacre in the gym entitled “*All Right Now, Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions*”. Discover what the Bible is actually saying about controversial topics like pacifism, sexuality, divorce and remarriage, homosexuality and money.

All youth, grades 9, 10, 11 &12, are invited to the Slip-n-Slide picnic at Longacre’s today from 3-8:30 pm. Guys bring desserts, girls bring snacks and drinks. All bring hotdog forks to roast hotdogs and marshmallows for s’mores over the bonfire.

Please be aware that the 2 families living in our upper campus for the month of Sept. are here each evening from 6 pm to about 7 am the next morning. They are housed in the rooms along the gym, so please avoid these rooms during the week.