

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Jeff & Ruth Janton (1 st service) Alan & Tara Gilmore (2 nd service)	Ed Griffin & Joe Souder (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Norma Linck & Maria Dibble (1 st ser) Betty Drescher & Beth Anders (S.S.) Lynn & Hannah Swartley (2 nd service)	Jina Reinford & Sue Rice (1 st service) Rose Longacre & Jr. High girls (S.S.) Ginger Wint & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd
ser)		
Ushers:	Larry Good(1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Arlin Benner(2 nd service)

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 nd Grade Third classroom – 3 rd 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:	Second room – 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

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Union Biblical Seminary, a MMN partner in India. Pray for rural Mennonite students who face academic and cultural challenges in the city as they study the Bible and theology.

Today is the last week for our current adult S.S. classes. Beginning next week, you are encouraged to attend one of 3 new classes, (2 for the month of Dec. only). **“Grief”**-- led by John Drescher will meet for 4 weeks in the library. The holidays are especially difficult for many who are dealing with various kinds of grief. **"The Purpose of Christmas"** - led by Alan Kratz and Darryl Wallace will meet for 4 weeks in the sanctuary. We will be using a DVD based on the book by Rick Warren to look at why the Savior came. This study of Celebration, Salvation and Reconciliation is taken from the message of the angels to the shepherds. Come and be challenged anew by the hope we have in this season of the year. **"Just Walk Across the Room"**(sharing your faith) -- led by Kris Wint will meet in the gym outside the prayer room for 11 weeks. **Starting in January**, there will be a class in the **basics of Christianity**, held in the sanctuary and led by Mark Livezey and Jim Dougherty.

Finland Mennonite Church

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The family that prays together stays together.

Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10–8:20 am at front of sanctuary

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

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

Meet the Woman of Samaria Lydia Good and Olivia Rutt - based on John 4:1-24

Message - “Soul Thirst” Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection

Introducing new adult S.S. class topics

Sharing Time Alan Kratz – Elder in charge

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

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?

This Week at Finland

Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Men’s Bible study on the book of Hebrews
Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Women’s DVD “**Battlefield of the Mind**” at Betty Drescher’s
Tuesday, 5:00-8:00 pm – Youth fundraiser at Wendy’s in Souderton (dine-in only)
Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Director’s Meeting
Tuesday, 7:15 pm - Jeff’s worship team practice
Wednesday 7:00-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club at the lower campus
Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study
Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High **IGNITE**
Friday, 7:30 pm – Tim Moyer’s small group
Saturday, 9am-12 noon – Support all our youth groups and clubs by coming out to purchase cookies, plants, One Village coffee, and hand-painted slates. Boys & Girls Club is not taking any more special orders to personalize a slate with your name, but slates that say “Winter Welcome” will still be available for purchase on Dec. 3.
Saturday, 2:00 pm – Senior Dessert Social for everyone 60 or older. If you would like to provide a dessert, please talk with Mary Carlson or Norma Linck.

Last Week		
Offering		
General Offering	\$	4,930.00
Kitchen Fund		<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$	5,030.00

Both Jeff Janton and David Landis were overwhelmingly affirmed by the congregation to serve as Elders in the vote that was received last week. Continue to pray for Jeff and David as well as the rest of our leadership team as they lead our congregation.

Thanks for all the food items brought in last Sunday to donate to Open Line in Pennsburg. They were grateful for our help to stock their shelves for the holidays. Thanks for sharing with our “neighbors” in need!

Preparing for Baptism class will begin next Sunday, Dec. 4th. If you have sensed the Lord calling you to take this next step of commitment to Jesus, there is still time to express your interest to Pastor John or one of the Elders.

Note: Next Sunday **Dec. 4th** is the final day to sign up for the **discounted** rate for the Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron on Feb. 3-5, 2012. Write a \$100 deposit check to Finland Mennonite Church (note “For Adult Retreat”) and give it to Mary Carlson or Norma Linck. Total discounted rate is \$250/couple and \$140/single. If you sign up after Dec. 4, the cost will be \$275/couple and \$165/single. Don’t miss out on the fun.

“**Our Daily Bread**” devotionals for Dec. Jan. & Feb. are available under the mail-boxes. Please feel free to pick one up.

Dec. 16, 6:30 pm (Friday) - Christmas caroling in the community and nursing home.

December 23, 7:30 pm (Friday night) – Christmas service and candle lighting.