Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters: service)	Ed Griffin & Joe Souder (1st service)	Hal & Norma Linck (1st
,	Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Greg & Colin Ingram (2 nd service)
Nursery: service)	Jina Reinford & Sue Rice (1st service)	Karen Kratz & Dee Dee Good (1 st
,	Rose Longacre & Jr. High girls (S.S.)	Mindy Rahn & Ellen Rutt (S.S.)
	Ginger Wint & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd ser	Rachel Reinford & Brenda Madrill (2 nd)
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1st service)	Charlie Dibble (1st service)

Upstairs hallway:	Sunday School Class Locations and Topics First classroom – Jr. High Girls				
opotano nanway.	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, "God Establishes a Faithful People"					
Third classroom – Post High – Reading through the Bible					
Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs					
Corner of gym – "Just Walk Across the Room" led by Kris Wint (11 weeks)					
Library - A class on "Grief" led by John Drescher (during December)					
Sanctuary: "The Purpose of Christmas" – led by Alan Kratz & Darryl Wallace					
(December)					

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for wisdom as Phil and Terry Witmer of MMN discern where God would have them invest their energies in LaMesa, Colombia as many responsibilities at church, at school, to their family, to their neighbors, and to their own physical and spiritual health vie for attention.

New adult Sunday School classes beginning today:

"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. A DVD based on the book by Rick Warren studies the Celebration, Salvation and Reconciliation 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.

Finland Mennonite Church Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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This Christmas seek joy in what you give...not in what you get.

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?

December 4, 2011 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to a Christmas Song Service this evening at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by refreshments & fellowship.

This Friday, Dec. 9, is Visitation Day at Christopher Dock. Prospective students will be hosted by a current student who will accompany them through a typical day of classes, chapel and lunch (free of charge). Call the office at 215-362-2675 to schedule a visit or email Lois Boaman at <u>laboaman@dockhs.org</u>.

Next Sunday, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm, the adult and junior choirs of Blooming Glen Mennonite Church will present the Christmas cantata *"Hear the Prophet Callin".* There will also be several soloists and an instrumental ensemble. No admission charge; a free-will offering will be taken. A fellowship tea will follow.

Next Sunday, December 11, 7:00 pm – Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of Doylestown Mennonite Church, invites you to *"A Christmas Carol"* featuring Jeremy and Kim Sorensen. They will perform classic carols along with some original Christmas songs for an enjoyable evening with no admission charge. Free coffee, tea, punch and cookies will be served in a laid-back coffee shop setting. For more information call 215-345-6377 or visit <u>www.karensplace.org</u>.

Kitchen Keepsakes II, a cookbook from Covenant Community Fellowship, has been released just in time for a great Christmas gift. They are available at the church office at 431 Main Street, Harleysville (behind Chantilly Florist) for \$15 Monday-Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (215-256-7900).

Spruce Lake will be hosting a Men's Retreat Jan. 12 & 13, 2012, taking guys on a powerful spiritual adventure. Participate in inspiring worship, biblical teaching and camaraderie with other guys seeking to live as men of God in times that dare us to take the challenge. Speaker Dr. Charles Zimmerman of Calvary Church in Souderton, makes biblical principles clear, meaningful and relevant, while interweaving experience and practical insights. Worship will be led by Herb Lantz, Guest Service Director. Visit <u>www.sprucelake.org</u> for more information.

Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake, Feb. 10-12, 2012 with Alan and Eleanor Kreider from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pat and Maria Pietrak will provide children's peace activities during the adult sessions. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information or visit peaceretreat.ppjr.org.

Want to be a "Difference Maker"? There are families in our community and in Montgomery County who are going through significant struggles without a support system around them. Most of the needs are basic such as meals, transportation to appointments, friendship, and of course prayer. If you have time to help someone in need and would like to put your faith into action, please contact Boomer Bauman at <u>bomoba@ymail.com</u>. He'll explain how you can show Christ's love and will put you in touch with a neighbor you haven't met yet.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rose Longacrer's Tuesday, 7:15 pm - Lisa's worship team practice Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Mom's Group with child care provided Wednesday, 6:00 pm – Youth Council Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High FUEL Wednesday, 7:30 pm – Hospitality Committee Meeting at Quintana's Thursday, 7:30 pm – Elders' Meeting Thursday, 7:30 pm – WSPC Meeting Friday – Jr. High Christmas party & service project. Ask Beth Anders for details. Last Week

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General Offering		\$	4,798.00	
Building Rental		\$	70.00	
Building Fund	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>			
Total		\$ 104,868.00		

Preparing for Baptism class begins today. If you have sensed the Lord calling you to take this next step of commitment to Jesus, or just want to discover what it's all about, there is still time to express your interest to Pastor John or one of the Elders.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the **discounted** rate for the Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron Feb. 3-5, 2012. Give \$100 deposit check to Mary Carlson or Norma Linck to reserve a room. Total discounted rate is \$250/couple and \$140/single. If you sign up later, the cost will be \$275/couple and \$165/single.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Mark and Kelly Chandler on the birth of Lucy Caroline last Sunday, Nov. 27. Lucy weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. Anyone willing to take a meal to the Chandler's, please contact Rose Longacre.

Dec. 16, 6:30 pm (Friday) – Meet at the church to go Christmas caroling in the Upper Perk Community and also in the nursing home. Join us as we share the joy of Christmas with others. After caroling we will gather back at the church for hot chocolate and snacks. Please bring finger food to share.

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

Would you like to have a church mailbox? Just fill out the tear-off portion of the bulletin, write "I'd like to have a church mailbox" on the lines at the bottom and drop it in the offering plate.

"**Our Daily Bread**" devotionals for Dec. Jan. & Feb. are available under the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick one up.