

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 laboaman@dockhs.org.

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 www.karensplace.org.

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 www.sprucelake.org 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.pprj.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 bomoba@ymail.com. 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, 7:00 pm – Elders' Meeting

Thursday, 7:30 pm – WSPC Meeting

Friday – Jr. High Christmas party & service project. Ask Beth Anders for details.

Last Week

Offering

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 mail-boxes. Please feel free to pick one up.