

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Hal & Norma Linck (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Greg & Colin Ingram (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Grace Benner & Louise Kreider (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser)
Nursery: service)	Karen Kratz & Dee Dee Good (1 <sup>st</sup> ser)  Mindy Rahn & Ellen Rutt (S.S.) Rachel Reinford & Brenda Madrill (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Rose Longacre & Sarah Kolb (1 <sup>st</sup>  Barb Hess & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.) Anita Livezey & Ginger Wint (2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 <sup>st</sup> service)	Charlie Dibble (1 <sup>st</sup> service)

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Third classroom – 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> 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:** Thank God for MMN’s SOOP volunteers serving as tutors and maintenance workers at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, N.M. Pray that they may be blessed as they bless others through their ministries.

### Sunday School Classes

“**Grief**”-- led by John Drescher will meet during December in the library. 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 meets in the sanctuary for December. A DVD based on the book by Rick Warren studies the Celebration, Salvation and Reconciliation message of the angels to the shepherds.

“**Just Walk Across the Room**”(sharing your faith) -- led by Kris Wint will meet in the gym outside the prayer room for 11 weeks.

**Preparing for Baptism Class** is meeting in the gym with Pastor John leading.

# 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 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.)

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p.750, blue pew Bible p.1646)

*John 1:4-13*

**Message** - “*Light Has Come into the World*”

*Pastor John*

**Our Christmas Story**

*Eric & Amy Haman*

**Children dismissed for Kids’ Kinection**

**Sharing Time**

*Mark Livezey – Elder in charge*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Blessing**

### SECOND 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.)

**Sharing Time**

*Mark Livezey - Elder in charge*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p.750, blue pew Bible p.1646)

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**Our Christmas Story**

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?**

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## ***This Week at Finland***

**Today, 6:00 pm** – WALTER at Les and Martha Guntz's

**Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Men's Bible Study on Hebrews

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** - Martha's worship team practice

**Wednesday, 6-9 pm** – Youth Christmas party at Jalecia & Laura Reinford's

**Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party at lower campus

**Wednesday, 7:00 pm** – John Drescher's small group

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

**Wednesday, 7:30 pm** – Book Club - "***Skipping Christmas***" by John Grisham

**Friday, 6:30 pm** – Meet at the church for Christmas caroling, followed by snacks and hot chocolate. Bring finger foods to share.

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**Last Week**

**Attendance**

First service – 104

Second service – 87  
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**Thanks** to all the generous persons who donated cookies to sell and to those who bought as well. The youth raised \$889.10. There are still some "God's Creation" calendars for \$6 and some "Shady Maple" calendars for \$2 left. Contact one of the youth or David or Lisa Landis if you are interested in purchasing them.

**This Friday, 6:30 pm** – Meet at the church to go Christmas caroling. We will divide into several groups with some going into the Upper Perk Community and others to the nursing homes. Join us as we share the joy of Christmas with others. After caroling we will gather back at the church for hot drinks and snacks. Please bring finger foods to share.

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

**Christmas Day** – Please note that we will have **ONLY ONE SERVICE** which will be at **9:00 am**. There will not be any Sunday school or coffee and snacks due to the fact that many will be participating in family dinners. However, you are welcome to socialize after the service.

**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.

**Towamencin Mennonite Church** invites you to a live outdoor Nativity this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17, 7-9:00 pm. Hot chocolate & cookies will be served. For more information, please call the church office at 215-368-2450.