

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters: only)	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1 st service)	Marv & Rachel Reinford (one service)
	Grace Benner & Louise Kreider (2 nd ser)	9:00 am
Nursery: service)	Rose Longacre & Sarah Kolb (1 st ser)	Ginger Wint & Jana Scheetz (one
	Barb Hess & Rachel Kiefer (S.S.)	9:00 am
	Anita Livezey & Ginger Wint (2 nd service)	
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 st service)	Charlie Dibble (one service only)

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, "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) Around a table – "Preparing for Baptism" class led by Pastor John
Sanctuary:	"The Purpose of Christmas" – led by Alan Kratz & Darryl Wallace (December)

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Some members of the Macau Mennonite Church – led by Pastor Treasure Chow and Grace Au – share the joy of the Lord each morning through praise dancing in a park near the church. Pray that those participating may be drawn to the abundant life that Jesus gives. Macau Menn. Church partners with MMN.

Penn View Christian School's Discovery Camps are back for 2012. Whether your pre-kindergarten through 6th grade child is interested in chess, sports, robotics, art, or something else entirely, we have a camp for you! Sign up now by registering online at www.pennview.org (click on the Discovery Camp link on our home page). Camp payments may be brought to the main office. Session 1 begins Jan. 17 and Session 2 begins March 6. Most camps run from 3:15-5:00 pm. Sign up for one or both sessions. Penn View is committed to nurturing the God-given potential of each student in a Christ-centered community.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

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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 Tara Gilmore - Offertory

(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 1:14-17

Message - "God on the Ground" John Drescher

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection

Sharing Time Greg Ingram – 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 Tara Gilmore - Offertory

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

Sharing Time Greg Ingram - Elder in charge

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p.750, blue pew Bible p.1646) John 1:14-17

Message - "God on the Ground" John Drescher

Closing Blessing

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

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 18, 2011 insert - Finland Mennonite Church

Book Club members: Read *“Ice Bound”* by Dr. Jerri Nielsen for Jan. 18th meeting.

Free desk and pocket calendars from *“Life With God”* radio ministries have been placed in the mailbox area for anyone who can use them in your home or office. Help yourself.

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to a *Live Nativity* on December 21-23 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Relive the Christmas story, enjoy the animals, and linger for some refreshments and fellowship.

Quakertown United Methodist Church received a large donation of winter coats for adults and children. If you or someone you know is in need of one, please call Pastor Dave at 570-470-0716.

New in the library:

“In All Deep Places”, Christian fiction, by Susan Meissner, is a heart-wrenching story of a gallant boy and a hapless girl, both driven by the unrealistic expectations of their youthful friendship. Though it deals with tragic events, it will steer you to the core of God's goodness and mercy. Through the touching and emotional building of her characters, Susan Meissner's message of choices, remembrances, and passion awakens you to the fact that God is always by our side even through the most difficult times in our lives.

“Brace for Impact” (Dorothy Firman and Kevin Quirk), tells the true survival stories of passengers on Flight 1549, and how their lives were changed after near death when their plane landed in the Hudson River.

“Angels in the ER” (Robert D. Lesslie, MD), is a collection of inspiring true stories from an Emergency Room doctor about "angels" who are friends, nurses, doctors, patients, strangers, or those unseen but clearly present.

January MCC Project is Sewing Kits. Contents should include new items only.

- 1 metric tape measure
- 2 spools dual use cotton/polyester white thread (300 yard minimum)
- 2 spools dual use cotton/polyester black thread (300 yard minimum)
- 1 medium-size thimble
- 1 good quality dressmaker’s scissors
- 1 package needles (approximately 25)
- 1 package straight pins (approximately 100)
- 1 package hooks and eyes (approximately 12)
- 1 package sew on snaps (approximately 20-25)
- 10 assorted safety pins

Place items in an 11”x16” drawstring bag (available under mailboxes) and bring it back to church or drop off at the MCC Material Resource Center in Harleysville.

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Elders’ Meeting

Tuesday, 7:15 pm - Joy’s worship team practice

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 am – Free coffee drive-through at the lower campus

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

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

Friday, 7:30 pm – Christmas service

Last Week

Attendance

First service – **118**

Second service – **83**

Thanks so much to all who supported us by purchasing the hand-painted Christmas slates. We raised over \$950.00!! Boys and Girls Club

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who prayed for Mary and I during our hospital experience and her recovery at home. A special thank-you to all who put together all those delicious meals in the time period when Mary was not able to do it. God bless you all. Paul & Mary Cassel

All are invited to our Christmas service this Friday night at 7:30 pm. There will be carols, a dramatic reading, special music, mini-meditation on the Christmas story by Pastor John 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.

A new snack list for 2012 is posted in the gym. If you would like to help out with making something, please sign up for a date that is convenient for you. Providing a snack for 150 people may seem overwhelming, but you don’t have to do it alone. Ask another family or person to share that date with you or ask the Hospitality Committee to provide pretzels or crackers in addition to what you plan to bring.

We are looking for more volunteer ushers. We especially need persons for the 2nd service, but would take volunteers for either service. Please contact Alan or Tara Gilmore if you’d like to help out in this way.

There are only 4 rooms available for the Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron, Feb. 3-5. Anyone who is interested in going, please get your checks to Norma Linck or Mary Carlson before they’ve all been reserved and you missed out on the fun!