

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Marv & Rachel Reinford (one service)	Alan & Karen Kratz (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
Nursery: service)	Ginger Wint & Jana Scheetz (one ser.)	Corinne Guntz & Lisa Effrig (1 <sup>st</sup> ser.)
Ushers:	Charlie Dibble (1 <sup>st</sup> service)	Hal Linck (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) 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:** MMN personnel have committed their lives to continuing the work of Jesus’ incarnate love in more than 100 locations in the United States and around the world. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s power to enliven these ministries.

**Volunteers are needed** to provide snacks for Sunday morning fellowship time. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the gym for a week that is convenient for you. Feel free to ask a friend or another couple to share the week with you if it seems overwhelming to provide snacks for 150 people. Or ask the Hospitality Committee to supply pretzels or crackers in addition to what you are bringing. We are also in need of more **volunteer ushers** especially for the 2<sup>nd</sup> service, but we’ll take volunteers for either one. Contact Alan or Tara Gilmore if you’d like to help. All you need is a desire to make people feel welcome, and a warm smile as you hand out bulletins.

# Finland Mennonite Church

*Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out*

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*Christmas Blessing to each one as you celebrate  
the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:40–8:50 am at front of sanctuary today

**Please note that there will be no Kids’ Kinection today  
since we have only one service at 9:00 am.**

*Nursery care is provided during all morning services for children 3 years and under.*

**TODAY’S SERVICE**

**Worship in Song** (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to.)

**Offering** *Clara & Catie Guntz - Offertory*

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

**Christmas Story with the children** *Pastor John Ehst*

**Message - “A Savior Is Born for You” - Luke 2:11** *Colin Ingram*

**Faith Story** *Hal Linck*

**Sharing Time** *David Landis – Elder in charge*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Blessing**

**Next Sunday, January 1, we will have Communion in both services.**

**Carson Valley Children’s Aid**, whom Boomer Bauman works with, sent this: “Thank you so much to the members who participated, for your gracious contribution to this year’s Holiday Project. It is such a wonderful feeling to see the generosity of our community at large. The young ladies at our

Harbor House Group Home are very appreciative of your generosity. Patricia Kline, Administrative Assistant

**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***

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

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth Bible Study

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Post High Christmas party, gift exchange & dessert at Wint's

**Saturday, 7:00 pm to 12:30 am** – Youth New Year's Eve Party here for youth from the Upper Perk Valley and UPPEN area churches. Invite a friend. Bring a snack. Volleyball, games, movie, food and drinks, and an inspirational talk by Scott Roth.

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**Last Week**

**Attendance**

First service – 114

Second service – 75  
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**Dear Finland Family:** Heartfelt thanks to everyone for all of your help, support and prayers through these rough times. We would not be getting results without all of your prayers! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! Thank you so very much for accepting us into your family. We are truly blessed. God bless all of you.

**Susan, Austin & Tyler Kitts** (See her card posted on the bulletin board)

**Esther Clemmer** is at Golden Living Center, 25 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 for a few weeks until she can return to her room at Park View in the Souderton Mennonite Home. Pray for Esther & the family, and send a card to brighten her day.

**Youth:** On January 8 we will meet at the church at 7:45 am and take the church bus to visit Infinity Mennonite Church in New York City where Al Taylor is Pastor. Some of you attended Pastor Al's seminars at the Youth Convention last summer. We only have room for 23 on the bus including chaperones, so you must let David or Lisa Landis know by next Sunday, Jan. 1, if you plan to go.

**Right now, around the world,** millions of Christ-followers are meeting in secret places, worshiping in hiding, practicing their faith behind closed doors. If exposed, they face prison, torture, even death. Yet their devotion to God and His Word are unwavering, even heroic. They are our brothers & sisters in Christ. We must learn to take God as seriously as they do. **SECRET CHURCH** is coming to Finland on Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch, refreshments, conference and workbook. Please RSVP by January 21 to Kris or Ginger Wint at [gwint91@gmail.com](mailto:gwint91@gmail.com) or 215-527-6802. Learn from video lessons by Pastor David Platt on **"How to Study the Bible"**, a conference for new and life-long believers and everywhere in between. Learn about and pray for the persecuted church. SHHH...Tell everyone!