

	Today	Next Week
Greeters:	Ginnie Tietjens & Grace Ingalls (1 st) Jared & Amanda Landis (2 nd service)	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1 st service) Rich & Rose Longacre (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Jenn Ingram & Jina Reinford (1 st shift) Sue Rice & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd shift)	Beth Anders & Amy Reinford (1 st shift) Bev Ehst & Rachel Reinford (2 nd shift)
Ushers	Charlie Dibble & Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)	Charlie Dibble & Ed Griffin (1 st service) Jim & Diane Dougherty (2 nd service)
Closing up	David & Lisa Landis	David & Lisa Landis

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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The family that prays together stays together

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Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10–8:20 am in the Prayer Room

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) Kathy Mease – Offertory

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 724, blue pew Bible p. 1590) Luke 1:68-79

Sermon – “Songs of Christmas: Zechariah’s Song” Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time David Landis – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

Sharing Time David Landis – Elder in Charge

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Offering

Offering – (Please pass the attendance pads) Kathy Mease – Offertory

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

Scripture – (brown pew Bible p. 724, blue pew Bible p. 1590) Luke 1:68-79

Sermon – “Songs of Christmas: Zechariah’s Song” Pastor John

Closing Blessing

We don't change God's message – His message changes us.

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?

Sunday School Class Locations and Topics

Upstairs hallway: First classroom – 2nd and 3rd Grade

Second classroom – Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Third classroom – 4th and 5th Grade

Fourth classroom – Jr. High Boys

Fifth classroom – High School

Camper in parking lot – Jr. High Girls

Main floor hallway: Last room on left – Preschool

Second last room on left – Nursery facilities

Gym: Second room – Men's Class, “Jesus Is Lord” (Eph., Phil. and Col.)

Third classroom – Post High class led by Rich Longacre

Fourth classroom – Prayer Room for anyone with prayer needs

Library – “Discipling Group” for those feeling called to be baptized

Gym – “Anabaptist Distinctives” led by Kris Wint and John Drescher

Gym – “Facing the Giants in Your Life” led by Eric Haman

Sanctuary – Bible study on book of Malachi led by Alan Kratz & Darryl Wallace

Prayer Requests

You are encouraged to come pray for our families on Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm in the conference room at the lower campus.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Sue & Wally Fahrer, associated with MMN in the United Kingdom, as Wally recovers from a stroke. They provide an Anabaptist witness within a British charismatic church network called New Frontiers International, and promote peace through written materials, counseling and music.

New terms for many committee members & other positions in the church begin in January 2013. The Discernment Committee has been contacting people who were nominated and awaiting their responses. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin, December 23. A ballot will be handed out for your vote of affirmation the following Sunday, December 30th. **Elder** names will be announced and also voted for on December 30th. Please keep this process in your prayers.

This Week at Finland

Monday, 7:15 pm – Joy’s worship team practice

Tuesday, 12-1:00 pm – Pray for our families in the conference room (lower campus)

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

Wednesday, 9-11 am – Mom’s Group – 100 Smiles Christmas celebration

Wednesday, 6:00 pm – Youth meet at church for a bargain shopping food extravaganza before going to David & Lisa’s at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High white elephant gift exchange party

Wednesday, 7:30 pm – Book Club will discuss ***“The Genius of Ancient Man”***

Thursday, 6:30-9:30 pm – Volleyball for anyone over 18

Friday, 6:30-9:00 pm –Christmas caroling – bring a snack to share afterwards

Last Week’s Stats

Attendance

First service – 149

Second service – 73

Adult Sunday School Classes

“Anabaptist Distinctives” led by Kris Wint and John Drescher in the gym.

“Facing the Giants in Your Life” led by Eric Haman in the gym.

“Malachi” Bible study led by Alan Kratz and Darryl Wallace in the sanctuary.

A Discipling Group begins meeting today in the library during S.S. for those feeling called to be baptized. Contact Pastor John or Kris if you’d like to join this group.

Today ends our Infinity Toy Drive. Thanks for your donations. A group is going up to Harlem, NY this Thursday to deliver the toys and interact with the community. We’ll leave at 9am and return at 10:30 or 11pm. See Pastor Kris if you want to go.

Fellowship Time: Snacks & fun with friends are both top priority for our youngsters at Finland and we recognize the value of both. An important part of nurturing our children is to cultivate responsibility & thoughtfulness to others by encouraging them to clean up their cups and plates before running off to play with friends. Parents, can we count on you to keep an eye on your children and remind them if they forget?

Mom’s Group is inviting anyone to participate in the 100 Smiles Christmas Party on Wednesday from 9-11am. You can be involved by praying for this worthwhile project, donating money, or coming to help pack the health kits. Share in the excitement of our Mom’s Group kids. Help them reach their goal of 100 kits at \$7 each.

Come to our 2 Christmas events: Caroling this Friday, 6:30pm and our Christmas service next Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Dec. 29 is a 5th Saturday in December. Finland is responsible to staff the clothing shop at Care and Share. Please contact Brenda Madrill if you are able to help out.