	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1st service)	Betty Drescher & Rose Longacre (1st ser)
	Louise Kreider & Grace Benner (2nd ser)	Rand Ziegler & Wilson Swartley (2nd ser)
Nursery	Nichele York & Anita Livezey (1st ser - SS)	Jalecia Reinford & Sam Medvetz (1st ser-SS)
-	Lynn Swartley & Hayley Wyble (2nd ser)	Brenda Madrill & Dee Dee Good (2nd ser)
Ushers	Robert Hill & Mary Carlson (1 <sup>st</sup> service)	Robert Hill & Mary Carlson (1st service)
	David Landis (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	David Landis (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Closing	David & Lisa Landis - December	David & Lisa Landis - December

#### Sunday School Class Locations and Topics

Nursery facilities - Last room on the right in the new wing Toddlers (2-3 year olds - Rachel Kiefer, Jana Scheetz, Ginger Wint) - next to the Nursery Preschool (4-5 year olds - Melissa Albright, Corinne G. & Lynn S.)- Room 102 first floor hallway K & grade 1 (Jan Bannon & Ginger Wint) - Room 101 first floor hallway Grades 2 & 3 (Cindy Paul & Sue Rice) - Room 201 second floor hallway Grades 4 & 5 (Shannon Derstine & Anita Livezey) - Room 203 second floor hallway Junior High (Larry & Dee Dee Good & Amy Reinford) - Room 204 second floor hallway High School (Justin Derstine, Mike Scorzetti, Corey Guntz) - Room 205 second floor hallway Post High (Chad Landis) - Classroom 3 behind coatroom Adult class - "*Philippians*" led by Jim Dougherty - not meeting today. Class is finished. Adult class - "*Spiritual Disciplines*" (Kris Wint) - Classroom 2 behind coatroom Adult class - "*Spiritual Disciplines*" (Kris Wint) - Classroom 2 behind coatroom Adult women - "*Kingdom Women*" led by Diane Dougherty - Classroom 1 in new hallway Men's Class - "Sacred Gifts & Holy Gatherings" - Classroom 2 in gym led by Marvin Reinford Prayer Room - Classroom 4 in gym for anyone with prayer needs

> Last Week's Attendance First service – 100 Second service - 107

### This Week at Finland

Tonight, 6:00pm - Christmas Service here
Tuesday, 7:15pm - Alabama worship team practice
Wednesday, 7-8:45pm - Jr. High Christmas Party at the church (grades 6,7, and 8)

### **Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network -** Early next year Moriah Hurst will conclude 7 years of MMN ministry in Australia. Pray for her as she lives with difficult good-byes and confides her work into the hands of colleagues.

**Our December Mission Project** is "Gospel for Asia." Catalogues are available with gift ideas ranging from farm animals to Bibles, bicycles, sewing machines, blankets, fishing nets, water filters, and more. The gospel message is shared with each gift. Allow your children to be involved in decision making on how you can help a poor family struggling to survive & watch their enthusiasm for this exciting project grow.

# Finland Mennonite Church

## Leading all people into the presence of Jesus Christ

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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.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

### Pre-service Reflections: A time to consider God's glory and prepare your heart for worship.

Worship in Song & Giving - (Please feel free to sit down during singing if you need to.)Scripture - (brown Bible 676, blue Bible 1489, blue/green Bible 1872)Malachi 2:17-3:5Sermon - "Purified and Refined"Pastor KrisSharing Time and PrayerMarvin Reinford - Elder in Charge

(If you have an announcement that needs to be made, please give it to the Elder before the service.) Children dismissed for Kids Kinection (1<sup>st</sup> service only – First room on left in new wing) Benediction and Blessing Pastor

Next Sunday's sermon title: "The Day Is Coming" from Malachi 4:1-6

### Announcements

**This evening, 6:00pm -** We hope you will all plan to come back for our Christmas service with worship, a meditation entitled "A Land of Delight" by Pastor Gerry, children's moment about *Sparkle Boxes* with Pastor Kris, carols and candle lighting. **Please bring cookies,** bars, or brownies to share for refreshments after the service.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 27 -** Installation Service for Pastor Gerry Clemmer as Associate Pastor will take place in both services. Noel Santiago from Franconia Conference will be with us to officiate.

**Next Sunday, December 27,** there will be a vote of affirmation for the names listed on the back of today's sermon outline. <u>Note a few changes from last week's listing.</u>

### To Our Guests:

Welcome 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 prayer box at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today.

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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 pray for you?

**Congratulations to Ryan & Melissa Albright** on the birth of Micah Ryan on Dec. 8th. Micah weighed 9 lbs, 7oz. May God bless you in your new role of parenting.

**Thank You** for the appreciation potluck. Thank you for the words and expressions of appreciation, and for the worship and fellowship we experienced together. We are thankful for Pastors Kris and Gerry, for the Elder team, Ministry Directors and each of you, our sisters and brothers. Most of all for our Lord Jesus and the opportunity to be a part of His coming Kingdom. Love in Him, John and Bev

Daily Bread devotionals and Life With God desk calendars are available for anyone.

"5th Wednesday Family/Faith Night" - Families are encouraged to mark your calendars for Wednesday, <u>Dec. 30</u>, from 7:00-8:30pm for a family/faith event full of fun, food and time to talk about what God may have in store for us in the New Year.

**New small group forming:** AJ and Hailee Longacre are looking to begin a new Faith Integrated Life (FIL) Group which will meet weekly on Sundays. This group will gather for prayer and study with a primary focus on accountability for living out our faith in the every day. The desire is for this group to be inter-generational and is open to all ages and walks of life. Please talk to them if you are interested.

Jan. 23, 6:00pm - After-Christmas Party with a movie & dessert for Baby Boomers born between 1946-1964. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange.

**Feb. 21, 2016 -** Christian comedian Mark Lowery will be at the American Music Theater in Lancaster. The bus will leave at 12:00pm (after the second service). We will go to Yoder's for lunch then to the show at 3:00pm. Tickets for the show are \$35/person. This event is open to **anyone.** Contact Russ Hess if you are interested.

If you consider Finland to be your home church and would like to be included in the church directory, we invite you to fill out a purple "Church Directory Information" sheet below the mailboxes and place it in the secretary's mailbox. We would be happy to give you a church mailbox & send you our weekly email prayer requests.

An updated list of job openings at Living Branches is posted on the bulletin board.

**Spruce Lake Camp** is offering **10% off** the summer camp tuition rate for those who register by January 1, 2016. In addition to that, Finland offers a scholarship discount of \$75 per camper. Contact Arlin Benner (Treasurer) or Martha Guntz (secretary) for the code you will need when registering online for the \$75 scholarship.

**Feb. 6 - Annual Volleyball Tournament** at Quakertown Christian School to support the MAMA Project. Women's tournament begins at 9am; co-ed tournament at 1pm. Download sponsor forms at <u>www.mamaproject.org</u> under the Fundraising tab. Contact Amanda Sagastume 215-679-4338 or <u>info@mamaproject.org</u>.

For unto you is born this day a Savior, Christ the Lord. Emmanuel - God with us!