

	Today	Next Week
Greeters	John & Zach Rice (1st service) Fred & Janet Gane (2nd service)	Rich & Rose Longacre (1st service) Alan & Tara Gilmore (2nd service)
Nursery	Miranda Quintana & Amy Haman (1st shift) Rose Longacre & Bev Ehst (2nd ser)	Anita Livezey & Ginger Wint (1st shift) Beth Anders & Dee Dee Good (2nd ser)
Ushers	Hal & Norma Linck (1 st service) Marvin & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)	Hal & Norma Linck (1 st service) Marvin & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)
Closing up	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) - First room on right in new wing next to the Nursery
 Preschool (4-5 year olds - Ginger Wint & Melissa Albright) - Room 102 first floor hallway
 K & grade 1 (Jan Bannon & Amy Reinford) - Room 101 first floor hallway
 Grades 2 & 3 (Mrs. Chad Landis & Cindy Paul) -Room 201 second floor hallway
 Grades 4 & 5 (Shannon Derstine & Anita Livezey) - Room 203 second floor hallway
 Junior High (Larry & Dee Dee Good & John Koetteritz) - 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 coatrack
 Adult class studying "The Life of Joseph" (Genesis) - Classroom 2 behind coatrack
 Adult class on "Prayer" led by Alan Kratz - Classroom 1 on left in new hallway
 Men's Class - "Acts of Worship" (from Psalms & Daniel) - Room G-3 in gym
 Prayer Room - Fourth room in gym for anyone with prayer needs

Last Week's Attendance

First service - 147
 Second service - 52

This Week at Finland

Today, 1:00pm– Upper Perk Hometown Christmas Parade (wagon full of carolers)
Tuesday, 12-12:30pm – Participate in Finland's "**Looking Up**" call-in prayer line.
 Dial (712) 432-1500 and enter access code 314597# when prompted to do so.
Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm - *Simcha* Dance Ministry practice in the gym
Tuesday, 7:15pm – Lisa's worship team practice
Wednesday, 10am-noon - "**OWLS**" will celebrate **today** at Mary Carlson's
Wednesday, 7:00pm - Dougherty/Drescher small group at Paul Cassel's
Wednesday, 7-8:15pm - Boys and Girls Club for grades 2 through 5
Wednesday, 7-8:45pm - Jr. High for grades 6, 7 and 8
Wednesday, 7:15-9:00pm - Youth Bible study for grades 9 through 12.
Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm - Volleyball for anyone over 18
Saturday, 6:00pm - Baby Boomers "White Elephant" and dessert night

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"Our Daily Bread" devotional booklets for the months of December, January and February are available below the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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Continuing Advent sermon series on "Prepare"

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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

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

Scripture - (brown Bible 508, blue Bible 1111, blue/green Bible 1391) Isa. 35:1-10, Luke 3:7-14

Sermon - "**Waiting**" Pastor Kris

Sharing Time & Prayer Chad Landis - 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 (1st service only – First room on left in new wing)

Benediction and Blessing Pastor

Special music is provided this morning by Ruth Janton and Clara Guntz.

All sermons are posted online at www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network – Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaore to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaore of MMN asks us to pray "that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year."

The ballot for Elders that is in your bulletin today is for you to prayerfully consider over the next 2 weeks. If you choose not to affirm Dave Landis or Jeff Janton for another 3-year term, there is opportunity for you to nominate someone else on the other side of the sheet. Ballots will be collected on December 21.

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.

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 pray for you?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Today - Upper Perk Hometown Christmas Parade. All participants should meet at the Red Hill fire company between 4th & 5th Street at the upper part of the parking lot a little before 1:00pm. A shuttle will bring you back to Red Hill at the end.

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to a Christmas song service at 6:30pm this evening. Come and enjoy fellowship and the singing of your favorite Christmas carols. Join us in the church fellowship hall. Light refreshments will follow.

New ministry opportunity: "Finland Cabbies" is a call for anyone who is able to and interested in providing transportation to members of our Finland faith family. Looking for volunteers to drive and someone to coordinate. Please talk to Pastor Kris if you are interested.

This Saturday, 6:00pm - All Baby Boomers are invited to come for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring a "White Elephant Gift" and a dessert to share.

Dec. 17, 7:30pm - Book Club "*Time of Storm*" by Marianne Fischer & Gayle Roper.

Christmas in Harlem: We are joining Infinity Mennonite again this year to celebrate "Christmas in Harlem". On December 19th we will join them in sharing the wonderful story of Christmas. We are also doing a toy drive with a goal of 500 toys. You can help by donating toys, donating money to buy toys, and/or joining us on the 19th in Harlem. Talk to Pastor Kris for details.

A New Year's Eve party for everyone is being planned for the 5th Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 7:00pm to midnight. We understand if you need to leave earlier. The flyer in your mailbox last Sunday said to bring a snack to share and a favorite family game. There will also be karaoke, prayer & worship and a movie. Hope you will come.

If you'd like to volunteer to be an usher for 2015 sign up on the bulletin board near the gym. If you have questions, please talk with Hal Linck or Jim Delp.

Spruce Lake Men's Retreat, Jan. 15-16, 2015, with speaker Greg Lafferty on the theme "*True North: Our Unchanging God in a Changing World.*" Call 800-822-7505 to register. Pick up a postcard below the mailboxes if you have interest in attending.

New Books in the Library

Menno Simons - Places, Portraits and Progeny

Isaac's Storm - by Erik Larson. The true story of a man, a time, and the deadliest hurricane in the history of America which hit Galveston, Texas, Sept. 8, 1900.

Indiana Cousins - a 3-book series by Wanda Brunstetter. 8 cousins and friends leave their Indiana Amish community and have their lives forever changed after a horrific accident.

DVDs

Pilgrims' Progress - an allegory of a Christian's journey to heaven & the trials of life.

Veggietales Saint Nicholas - A story of joyful giving.