

	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Rich & Rose Longacre (1st service) Alan & Tara Gilmore (2nd service)	Collin & Kelly Ingram (1st service) Mel & Joy Cassel (2nd service)
Nursery	Anita Livezey & Ginger Wint (1st shift) Beth Anders & Dee Dee Good (2nd ser)	Jana Scheetz & Mindy Rahn (1st shift) Rachel Kiefer & Sarah Kolb (2nd service)
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 - Melissa Albright, Corinne G. & Lynn S.)- 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 - 139 Second service - 60

This Week at Finland

Today, 5:30-7pm— Families Following Christ small group in the gym
Today, 6:30pm - Marvin Reinford's small group
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, 7:15pm – Jared's worship team practice
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00am - Free coffee drive-thru at the upper campus
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.
Wednesday, 7:30pm - Book Club will discuss "*Time of Storm*" by Fischer & Roper
Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm - Volleyball for anyone over 18
Thursday, 7:00pm - Leadership Council
Friday, 8:00am - Meet at the church to leave for the "Christmas in Harlem" event
Friday, 7:00pm - O.U.R. small group

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"Our Daily Bread" devotional booklets are available below the mailboxes.

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 488, blue Bible 1069, blue/green Bible 1333) Isa.7:10-16, Luke 3:15-20

Sermon - "**Hoping**" Pastor Kris

Sharing Time & Prayer Jason Scheetz - 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

All sermons are posted online at www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network – Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves with MMN in Argentina, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for her husband Jose and their 4 children as they miss Alfonsina at home.

The affirmation sheet in your bulletin today is for positions that will officially begin in January 2015. Some of the people listed have already been serving in these positions and have agreed to serve another term if affirmed by the congregation. Please note that there are some positions listed at the end of the ballot that still need to be filled. If you would like to use your gifts in any of those areas, please talk with Pastor Kris. Affirmation ballots will be collected next Sunday, Dec. 21, along with the Elder ballots that were in last week's bulletin.

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

This Friday, Dec. 19, 8:00am - We are joining Infinity Mennonite again this year to celebrate "Christmas in Harlem". Unwrapped toys for children ages 1-12 must be at the church by this Wednesday. Label the gift for a boy or girl and include age level. If you'd like to join the group that is going to distribute toys and sing in the chorus of the Christmas story presentation, talk to Pastor Kris for more information.

Next Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:00pm - We hope you will attend our uplifting Christmas service with traditional Christmas hymns, a unique story time for kids, special music by Miranda Quintana, a message on "Proclaiming" and ending with candle lighting.

"Gospel for Asia" mission project was introduced to the congregation a few weeks ago. Our church will be giving 8% of our offerings during December to this project. In addition, we encourage you and your family to choose a gift to donate from the catalogue. It's a great way to focus on giving to those in real need rather than embracing all the commercialism of the Christmas season. After sending your donation to Gospel for Asia, write down on a piece of paper (*anonymously*) what gift your family has donated (e.g., "2 rabbits and a mosquito net"). Drop it in the designated box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary to be shared as a means of inspiration with the congregation when the project is over.

December 31, 7pm to midnight is an all-church New Year's Eve party with games, snacks, karaoke, prayer & worship and a movie. We hope you will come when you can and leave when you must. Bring a snack to share and a favorite family game.

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.

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.

Camp Men-O-Lan invites first through fifth graders to **"Sweet Adventure"** on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 9am to 3pm for a day filled with Bible lessons, worship, games, your choice of recreation games or crafts and lots of fun. Lunch and snack are provided. The cost is \$30. Register online at www.menolan.org. If you have questions, call Jess at 215-679-5144.

Bulletin Board Items

A photo card and newsletter from Pastor Bob & Anna Nolt is on the bulletin board. Read their news and note new address: 1280 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA 17545.

Joni and Friends of Greater Philadelphia is looking for an Administrative Assistant for their Souderton office. See details on the flyer on the bulletin board if interested.

Marlborough Township Police Department is hosting a drop location for a toy drive for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. See flyer on bulletin board.