

	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Collin & Kelly Ingram (1st service) Mel & Joy Cassel (2nd service)	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1st service) Darryl & Eleanor Wallace (2nd service)
Nursery	Jana Scheetz & Corinne Guntz (1st) Rachel Kiefer & Sarah Kolb (2nd ser.)	Jina Reinford & Mindy Rahn (1st shift) Brenda Madrill & Shirley Kiefer (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 - 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 - 149
 Second service - 92

This Week at Finland

Today, 6:00pm - Christmas Service followed by refreshments
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 – Joy's worship team practice
Thursday - May you all have a blessed Christmas as you celebrate Christ's birth.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network – Some young adults working with MMN's short-term mission programs like Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, will be going home for the holidays. Pray for safe travels. Pray also for those who will be experiencing Christmas far from their families this year.

Pray for the families who are deeply affected by the tragic deaths of six people in our local communities this past week before the perpetrator took his own life. Pray that they will experience God's healing touch through the outpouring love of many, especially throughout this Christmas time when their pain will be felt greatly.

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 513, blue Bible 1124, blue/green Bible 1407) Isa.42:1-9, Luke 3:21-38
 Sermon - **"Revealing"** Pastor John
 Sharing Time & Prayer Marvin 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 (1st service only – First room on left in new wing)
 Benediction and Blessing Pastor

Elder ballots and affirmation ballots for committee members will be collected as you leave the sanctuary today, or you may put them in Pastor Kris Wint's mailbox.

All sermons are posted online at www.finlandmennonitechurch.org



*A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; it makes no noise at all,
 But softly gives itself away, while quite unselfish, it grows small.*

- Eva Logue

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

Christmas Service, 6:00pm - We invite everyone back tonight for an inspiring Christmas service with traditional Christmas songs, a unique story time for kids, special music by Miranda Quintana, a message on "*Proclaiming*" by Pastor Kris, and ending with candle lighting. Bring cookies or brownies to share for refreshments.

"Gospel for Asia" - 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 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.

There are no children or youth activities this week because it is Christmas Eve. May each of you experience a Christ-centered Christmas.

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.

2015 Pocket and desk calendars are available below the mailboxes from "Life With God". Please feel free to take them.

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.

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.

Please note: There are 3 new pages to add to your directory in your mailbox today.

Spruce Lake Retreat

January 15-26, 2015 - Men's Retreat with Greg Lafferty as speaker. If you are interested in attending, there are postcards below the mailboxes with information.

February 6-8, 2015 - Couples' Retreat led by Bruce & Karen McCracken of *House on the Rock Family Ministries* in Lancaster, PA. You'll discover and understand the "Seasons of Marriage" & build a solid, joyful, spiritual foundation for your marriage. Details at www.sprucelake.org/events/retreats. Call 800-822-7505 to register.

February 13-15, 2015 - Winter Peace Retreat - See flyer & info on bulletin board.