

	Today	Next Week
<b>Greeters</b>	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1st service) Darryl & Eleanor Wallace (2nd service)	Marl Carlson & Robert Hill (1st service) Alan & Karen Kratz (2nd service)
<b>Nursery</b>	Jina Reinford & Mindy Rahn (1st shift) Brenda Madrill & Shirley Kiefer (2nd)	Amy Haman & Barb Hess (1st service) Eleanor Wallace & Bev Ehst (2nd service)
<b>Ushers</b>	Hal & Norma Linck (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Marvin & Rachel Reinford (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	Russ & Barb Hess (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Kevin Bannon & Ed Griffin (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
<b>Closing up</b>	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 - 168  
 Second service - 64

***This Week at Finland***

**Today, 5:30-7:00pm** - Families Following Christ small group in the gym  
**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, 6-6:45pm** – Calling hours to meet with the Souder family followed by the memorial service for Judy Souder at 7:00pm.  
**Wednesday, 7:00pm until 12am** - New Year's Eve party here for everyone.  
**Thursday** - Happy New Year to all. Be open to God's leading in your life in 2015.

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***Prayer Requests***

**Mennonite Mission Network** – Kelly and Brian McPhail of MMN serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationships with other agencies.

# ***Finland Mennonite Church***

***Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out***

[www.finlandmennonitechurch.org](http://www.finlandmennonitechurch.org)

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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 1122, blue/green Bible 1405) Isa.41:8-13, Luke 4:22-30

Sermon - "**Remembering**" Pastor John

Communion

There will not be open mic sharing today because of communion. Please write prayer concerns on bulletin tear off and drop in the box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary.

Jim Dougherty - Elder in Charge

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection (1<sup>st</sup> service only – First room on left in new wing)

Benediction and Blessing Pastor

*All sermons are posted online at [www.finlandmennonitechurch.org](http://www.finlandmennonitechurch.org)*

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**"Gospel For Asia"** was our missions project for the month of December. This is the last week we are designating for this project. If your family has participated by giving to one of the projects listed in the catalogue, please write down on a piece of paper anonymously what gift your family has donated (such as "2 rabbits and a mosquito net", etc.) and 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.

### 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?***

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Judy Souder** went home to be with the Lord early Wednesday morning, December 24th, after being a patient in Lehigh Valley Hospital for a month. She will be missed very much. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Souder family for God's comforting peace. A memorial service will be held here this Tuesday at 7:00pm, preceded by calling hours from 6:00-6:45pm. The burial will take place at 11:00am Wednesday morning at the old church cemetery located at 1685 Upper Ridge Road.

**Results of ballots** - Both David Landis and Jeff Janton were affirmed for another 3 year term as Elders. All other committee positions were also affirmed. Mark & Julie Landis had agreed to one more year on the Hospitality Committee, but their names were inadvertently missed on the affirmation sheet. They will serve until Dec. 2015. Pray for our Pastors and Elders, and for all who serve the church in so many ways.

**This Wednesday** plan to attend the New Year's Eve party here for everyone. It is from 7pm until midnight, but feel free to come when you can and leave when you must. Bring a snack to share and a favorite family game. There will also be karaoke, prayer and worship, and a movie. Ring in the New Year with your faith family!

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

**Hal Linck and Jim Delp** are still looking for a few more volunteer ushers for 2015. If you are interested or have questions, please talk with one of them.

**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.

**A list of current job openings** at Living Branches is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested.

**Book Club members** - Read "*12 Years a Slave*" by Solomon Northup for the next meeting on January 21, 2015, 7:30pm.

### Challenges for the New Year

*"Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you."*

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

*- Maya Angelou*