

This Week at Finland

Today, 1-4 pm - "Hometown Christmas" event of Upper Perk. Come meet the seven Disney princesses from our congregation who will be handing out free gifts, treats, and Christmas craft making. This is of special interest to families with children. Invite others to come too.

Monday, 7-8:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at the Wint home.

Monday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Directors & Elder Team meeting.

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Martha's Worship Team practice.

Wednesday, 7:15-9:00 pm – Jr. High Christmas Party at the house.

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible Study

Thursday, 7-8:30 pm – Kick-off for the 7 project. Youth Worship Team plays at Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Saturday, 9 am – Leadership Wives' Prayer Time at Rachel Reinford's.

Saturday, 2:00 pm – Senior Dessert Social here for those 65 and over. Come enjoy homemade desserts and entertainment by the senior center band. Call Mary or Maria if you need transportation.

Announcements

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to a Christmas Song Service this evening at 6:30 pm in their fellowship hall. Come sing Christmas favorites from the red Mennonite Hymnal.

Note: Some women want to get together more than once a month for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, so we will meet again tomorrow evening at the home of Ginger Wint. All women are welcome.

Thanks for all the donations you brought for Open Line on the evening of our "Celebration of Gifts". The items were delivered to Open Line this past week, and they were very grateful for them.

Secret Family – For those participating in the program this year, please give your current family a card near the end of December and sign your name to it. If you would like to participate for 2009, please fill out the form in your mailbox and return it to Mary Carlson by noon 12/21/08. Questions? Please ask!

Save-A-Tape – Don't forget there is a box under the mailboxes for save-a-tape receipts. Please remember to use your card at Redners and then put the receipt in the box. We have made almost \$200 this year just by buying groceries. Questions? See Mary Carlson.

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COMING EVENTS

Dec. 10 & 17, 7:00-8:00 pm – Bally Mennonite Church invites you to an Advent and Christmas Carol Hymn Sing (Wednesday evenings).

Dec. 12, 7:00 pm – Quakertown Christian School invites you to the annual Christmas Concert and book fair this Friday. Celebrate the birth of the Savior as you enjoy student participation in drama, instrumental ensembles, hand bell and singing selections. For more information, please call 215-536-6970.

Dec. 13, 10:45 am – Annual Christmas Peace pilgrimage meets in Nazareth, PA and walks to 10 miles to Bethlehem, PA. See details on bulletin board.

Dec. 15 – Visitation day at Christopher Dock for prospective students. Call the Director of Admissions, Lois Boaman, at 215-362-2675 ext. 106 to schedule.

Dec. 17, 7:15-8:45 pm – Boys & Girls Club Christmas party and gift exchange.

Dec. 18, 6:30 pm - A Women's Christmas Party here at Finland on a Thursday evening. More details will follow shortly.

Dec. 19, 6:30 pm – Christmas caroling for everyone. It's a fun way to socialize and at the same time bring joy to others. We sing for our resident members at retirement homes as well as a few other members who always appreciate it.

Dec. 24, 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve program here at Finland.

Jan. 3, 2009, 7:00 pm – The Skyline Boys from Virginia will present a southern gospel music concert here at Finland. Mark your calendar and invite friends. To find out more about them, visit www.theskylineboys.com.

Feb. 13-15, 2009 – Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake sponsored by Eastern District and Franconia Conferences. The adult program is entitled "Restoring Justice: Creating Peace Between Victims and Offenders". The youth program is entitled "Understanding Jesus' Activism: Can Youth Change the World?" There will be children's activities and time for winter recreation as well. See details on bulletin board. Call Becky Felton 215-536-7935.

Mennonite Central Committee invites you to give gifts that touch lives around the world – gifts of food, water and shelter. Go to <http://mcc.org/christmas> to see projects that need support.

See "Landis Family Times" letter posted on the bulletin board for interesting updates on their family news. David is a brother to Ruth Janton, and works with the "We Care" prison ministry in Alabama.