

This Week at Finland

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Elder Team meeting.

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Joy’s worship team practice.

Wednesday, 7-9 pm – Youth volleyball at Men-O-Lan.

Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:45 pm – Boys & Girls Club Bible Study here.

Saturday, 7:00 pm – Baby Boomers’ game night at the church.

Saturday, - Boys & Girls Club hang-out at the Swartleys for a bon fire/hot dog roast and games regardless of weather.

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child – Filled shoeboxes are due back today.

“**Celebration of Gifts**” is next Sunday, 5-9 pm. We invite everyone to come see the many talents of the Finland congregation. Talk with Sarah Kratz **TODAY** if you’d like to participate in any way. Meet at 5:00 pm for a potluck meal, and bring whatever kind of food you’d like to share.

New email address: Please use finlandtreasurer@comcast.net for any future information you may have that specifically relates to the position as church treasurer. Thank you.

November 25 (Tuesday), eat in at Wendy’s in Souderton from 5-8 pm. A portion of all sales will go to our youth group as a fundraiser. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize and help the youth at the same time.

Boys & Girls Club December activities:

Wed, Dec. 3 – Bible Study at church from 7:15 - 8:45 pm.

Wed, Dec. 17 – Christmas Party and gift exchange 7:15 – 8:45 pm.

Sunday, December 7, Upper Perk Downtown is sponsoring a Hometown Christmas Event with various activities throughout the valley. Our church is participating from 1-4 pm with seven Disney princesses handing out free gifts, treats and Christmas craft making. Bring neighbors and friends, especially young families. Brochures listing times, places and events are available under the mailboxes.

Attention all seniors (ages 65 and up). The fellowship committee invites you to the Senior Dessert Social here at Finland on **Dec. 13th** at 2:00 pm. There will be homemade desserts and entertainment provided by the senior center band. Reservations are accepted but not required. Transportation provided for those who need it. Please contact Jan, Mary or Maria if you have any questions.

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Finland Mennonite Church

Pastor Bob and Anna Nolt are in Wichita, KS sharing in an annual gathering of long-time friends. They will return home late on Monday. Next Sunday, November 23, Pastor Bob and Anna will worship with the Bowmansville Menn. Church where Bob’s brother, Wilmer, will be licensed for ministry as a deacon. They plan to return in time for the “Celebration of Gifts” event here.

J. Mark Frederick will bring the sermon next Sunday. Mark and his wife Emma have been long-term mission workers in Mexico. More recently they have served several churches in the Franconia Conference as intentional interim ministers and in Glennon Heights, Co. Earlier this fall Mark and Emma completed their interim assignment at the Perkasio Mennonite Church.

Attention all women: We invite you to become involved in the “prayer shawl ministry” starting in December. For those who prefer evenings, it will be held the first Monday night of each month beginning Dec. 1st, from 7-8:30 pm at the home of Rose Longacre. Those who would rather meet during daytime hours will meet at Betty Drescher’s home the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am starting Dec. 2nd. This ministry is to make and give prayer shawls to anyone experiencing sickness or hard times, and also for happy occasions such as a marriage, birth of a baby, etc. The shawl is to be a reminder to those persons that they have friends who care and are praying for them. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Longacre.

This Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, is visitation day for prospective middle school students at Penn View Christian School. Contact Sandra Harrell, Director of Admissions, at 215-723-1196 to register.

This Friday, Nov. 21, 6:30 pm, you are invited to a benefit meal and auction at Quakertown Christian School for a children’s home in Haiti, run by Les & Kathy Reinford, (brother to Marv Reinford.) There is no charge for tickets – a freewill offering will be taken. See poster inside both doors, or talk to Marvin & Rachel.

This Saturday, Nov. 22, 5:00 pm, the Young Adult Conglomerate will meet at Vincent Mennonite Church. Call Rich Linberg, 484-941-4923 for more info.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:15-9:00 pm – Jr. High girls will meet over at the house to prepare for the Hometown Christmas Event.

“**Our Daily Bread**” devotional booklets for Dec. Jan. & Feb. are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. Please help yourself.

“**STREETWISE**”, the November newsletter of Bogota, Columbia, is posted on the bulletin board.