

This Week at Finland

Monday, 7-8:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Longacre’s.

Tuesday, 9:30-11 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Drescher’s.

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Lisa’s Worship Team practice.

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

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out.

Wednesday, 7:15-9 pm – Jr. High girls prepare - Hometown Christmas.

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Our congregation leading worship at Souderton Mennonite Home. Anyone is invited to come.

Friday, 7:30 pm – Tim’s small group at Larry & Dee Dee’s.

Saturday, 9 am – 12 noon – Youth cookie sale here.

Announcements

Thank you so much to everyone for making our “Celebration of Gifts” such a fun event last Sunday evening. We are a blessed congregation with so much God-given talent. Please keep using it for the Lord.

Notice to all women: Tomorrow evening, Dec. 1, 7-8:30 pm – begins the “Prayer Shawl Ministry” meeting the first Monday night of each month at the home of Longacre’s. For those who prefer daytime hours, it will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am at Drescher’s home. This ministry will make prayer shawls to give to anyone experiencing sickness, hard times, a marriage, birth of a baby, etc. to remind those persons that they have friends who are praying for them. Please direct any questions to Rose.

Christmas cookie sale this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9-12 noon. You can show your support of the youth group by either baking and donating or buying cookies. Price is \$6.95 per pound. If you are baking cookies, please have them here by 8 am. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Next Sunday, Dec. 7, Upper Perk Downtown is sponsoring “Hometown Christmas” with various activities in the valley. Finland is participating from 1-4 pm with seven Disney princesses handing out free gifts, treats and Christmas craft making. Invite friends and neighbors, especially families with children. Brochures are available under the mailboxes.

Fellowship Time: If you would like to provide snacks for refreshment time on a Sunday morning, please sign your name beside one of the open dates on the list posted on the wall downstairs to the right of the refreshment table. Any questions should be directed to Mark Gane.

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Tomorrow, Dec. 1, 10 am–8 pm is **half-price day at Care & Share Shops in Souderton. Proceeds will benefit MCC as they care for people with HIV/AIDS.**

New email address: Any information for treasurer that specifically relates to his position as church treasurer should go to: finlandtreasurer@comcast.net.

Dec. 12, 8 am to 1 pm – Friday, at Dock Woods Community, Liberty Ministries will fill 1,900 Christmas stockings for inmates of Montgomery Co. Correctional Facility to be distributed Sat., Dec. 13, from 12:30-2:00 pm at MCCF. If you would like to participate, please call 610-287-5481. Monetary donations can be sent to Liberty Ministries, P.O. Box 87, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Dec. 13th, 2:00 pm – **The Fellowship Committee** invites all seniors from Finland, ages 65 and up, to a Senior Dessert Social here. Enjoy 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 Bannon, Mary Carlson or Maria Dibble with questions.

Dec. 18, 6:30 pm - A Women’s Christmas Party will be held here at Finland. It is a Thursday evening. More details will follow shortly.

Dec. 19, 6:30 pm – Christmas caroling.

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

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.

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

Mennonite Central Committee project for December 2008 is **AIDS Care Kits**. If you are looking for an alternative to extravagant gift giving within your family, consider this: **(New items only)** 1 bar bath soap 4-5 oz. in wrapper, 1 bright color medium weight bath towel, 1 washcloth, 2 flat bed sheets (twin size), 2 standard size pillowcases, 2 yards of bright color poly-cotton fabric, 1 pair rubber gloves for household cleaning (large size), 1 container (13 oz.) petroleum jelly (sealed in plastic bag), 1 container (approx. 10 oz.) medicated body powder such as Gold Bond. A check for \$100 made out to “MCC – AIDS Care Kit” also needs to be included. This money is used to purchase medicines and Bibles, and to train volunteers in home health care. Place all the items in a bag and take it to the Material Resource Center in Harleysville. This is also a good Sunday School class project or for several classes to do together.