

\*\*\*\*\* Last Week's Stats \*\*\*\*\*

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 110	General Offering	\$ 7,544.00
Second Service – 40	Total	\$ 7,544.00

\*\*\*\*\* Volunteer Schedule \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters:	Today	Ed Griffin (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Don & Kathy Mease (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Nell Hecker & Jess Swartley (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Alyssa Benner & Lauren Good (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Lisa Effrig & Monica Janton (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Karen Kratz (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Yvonne Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Jina & Laura Reinford (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Ushers:	January	Russ & Barb Hess (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Grace Ingalls (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Closing church building	January – Greg & Cheryl Ingram	

\*\*\*\*Youth and Adult Sunday School Class locations and topics \*\*\*\*

Youth – in basement of house next door discuss various topics.  
Young Adult Class – DVD series “Money Talks” - first room on left in basement.  
Men’s Class – “Human Committment” - middle room on right in basement.  
Women’s Class – Book study of “James” in secretary’s office behind stage.  
Mixed Adult Class – “Money Management and Financial Planning” – in sanctuary.  
Adult Class in garage – various topics in the Bible.  
Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

\*\*\*\*\* Prayer Requests \*\*\*\*\*

**Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, Pastor Bob, Ministry Directors. Mennonite Mission Network workers Anna & Joe Sawatzky in Mthatha, South Africa, praise God for new vitality in the Bethany Bible School program. Pray for continued growth for students and vision for the committee leading the program.**

# Finland Mennonite Church

## Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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

**Pastor Robert Nolt**  
Pastor’s email: [pastorbobnolt@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbobnolt@comcast.net)  
Pastor’s office hours this week: Tues & Fri 8:30-12 noon, Thurs 1-3 pm  
Church office – 215-679-8980  
Church email: [finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net](mailto:finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net)  
Elders –Stacey Kolb 215-541-0392, Larry Good 215-721-1229  
Greg Ingram 215-529-9852, Alan Kratz 215-679-3311  
Visitation & Care Team – Marvin & Rachel Reinford 215-679-8598

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Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10 - 8:20 am

First service 8:30 am – Second service 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 to 10:30 am

**Praise, Worship & Welcome**  
*(If you need to sit down at any time during the singing, please feel free to do so.)*

**Second Service Offering**  
**Message – “Certainties For ‘09”**  
*Isaiah 58:11, Psalm 46:1-3, Exodus 33:12-14, I John 1:9*

**First Service Offering**  
**Kid’s Kinection downstairs** *(ages 2 and up)*

**Sharing time**  
*Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.*

**Pastoral prayer**

**Closing blessing**

**Doxology – #638 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**  
*Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.*  
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**John Drescher**, a member of our congregation, has been a writer, editor, pastor and seminary teacher. He has spoken widely to congregations, conventions, retreats and seminars on the topics of the family or spiritual renewal. Let us hold John in prayer as he shares with us this morning.

**On the January 2009 calendar**, you will notice that we have guest speakers for Jan. 18 & 25. This is because Pastor Bob will not be able to be present at Finland on these Sundays. He will be preaching at a Mennonite Church in Lebanon County, PA, where he is the candidate for the lead pastoral position. You are invited to hold Pastor Bob and Anna in prayer during this time of discernment and meeting the congregation.

*To Our Guests:*  
*We welcome you 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 offering basket.*

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

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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 minister to you?

## This Week at Finland

**Monday, 7-8:30 pm** – Prayer shawl ministry at Rose Longacre’s.

**Tuesday, 9:30-11 am** – Prayer shawl ministry at Betty Drescher’s.

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

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth hang-out.

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

### Announcements

**Scripture** passage for next week’s sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:1-8.

**The Women’s** Sunday school class is again meeting in the secretary’s office behind the stage. They are using a book study of James by Max Lucado. Women of any age are invited.

**Rick Young**, executive director of Liberty Ministries, thanks Finland for their support and wishes God’s blessing on our ministries here in 2009.

**PLEASE NOTE** – There was a green Building Fund offering envelope in the offering last week without a donor number written on it. If you think it may have been yours, please talk to the secretary so it can be credited to the proper account. Thanks.

**SECRET FAMILY** – Don’t forget, you have till next Sunday, Jan. 11, to sign-up for the Secret Family program this year. You will have your assignments by Jan. 25. Don’t miss out on the fun! Anyone can participate – if you’re a family of one or a dozen! There are extra forms under the mailboxes if you need one.

**The Fundraising Committee** for our building project is planning a hoagie sale the middle of January. Hoagies may be purchased at Wawa, Tosco’s in Pennsburg, or Landis’ supermarket. More information later.

**The Fellowship Committee** has planned another bowling event at Earl Bowl in Earlington on Sat., Jan. 17, 12-2:00 pm. The cost is \$2.50 per game plus \$2 to rent shoes. Sign up sheets will be posted on the doors.

**January 18, 6:30 pm** - Baby Boomers movie night and homemade ice cream. More details later.

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**Young Adult/Post High group** – Please mark your calendar for an upcoming Super Bowl Party at Arlin and Donna on Sunday, February 1, at 4 pm. Details to follow.

**An MDS trip** is being formed with Deep Run East Church to New Orleans on February 21-28. We are asked to fill 5-6 spots in the van.

**Reminder from the Finance Committee:** New offering envelopes for 2009 were in your mailboxes last week. **PLEASE NOTE:** As of **TODAY**, do not use any envelopes from last year. This is very important for crediting your offerings for income tax purposes. Your new envelopes have a different number, so throw out any leftover envelopes from 2008. If you haven’t used envelopes in the past, but would like to, please contact church treasurer.

**Please remember to check your family’s information for accuracy** in the new church directory. If anything is incorrect, let Martha (secretary) know and a correction will be put in the bulletin. One directory was placed in each mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox and would like a copy, there are a few extra copies available in the second last mailbox slot. One per family, please!

**Now that you’ve hung your 2009 calendars**, please mark Saturday, March 7, for the youth auction. More details will be coming, but it’s always lots of fun!

**A box of 2008 packets from Burpee Seed Company** is on a table in the basement. Please help yourself to flower, vegetable, and herb seeds. Spring will be here before you know it. Start planning your garden now.

**Mennonite Central Committee’s project** for January 2009 is comforters and blankets which will be sent to hospitals, refugee camps, orphanages and locations experiencing disasters. They may be dropped off at the MCC Resource Center in Harleysville. Call 215-513-9561 for more information.

Comforter specifications:

Use new or nearly new material

Single/twin-size preferred (60” x 80”)

Double/full-size accepted (82” x 90”)

Winter weight preferred (please use quilt batting)

Knotted with crochet cotton (not more than 4-8” apart)

Blanket specifications:

Single/twin-size preferred (60” x 80”) winter weight preferred.