

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

|                     |                  |             |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Attendance          | Offering         |             |
| First Service – 73  | General Offering | \$ 4,461.38 |
| Second Service – 48 | Building Fund    | 350.00      |
|                     | Total            | \$ 4,811.38 |

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

|                         |                                |   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Greeters:               | Today                          | Nell Hecker & Jess Swartley (1 <sup>st</sup> service) |
|                         |                                | Alyssa Benner & Lauren Good (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) |
|                         | Next Week                      | Jim & Ruth Delp (1 <sup>st</sup> service)             |
|                         |                                | Rose & Whitney Longacre (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)     |
| Nursery:                | Today                          | Yvonne Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> service)             |
|                         |                                | Jina & Laura Reinford (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)       |
|                         | Next Week                      | Rose & Whitney Longacre (1 <sup>st</sup> service)     |
|                         |                                | Mary Moyer (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 – studying “Angels” in January.  
Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

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

Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, Pastor Bob, Ministry Directors. Pray for Alan and Mary Alspach and their family as they are going through major financial stress due to the economic downturn. Pray for wisdom as they need to make some important decisions. Pray also that Alan will be able to find a job and for his continued healing from the brain surgery.

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**Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out**  
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**Pastor Robert Nolt**  
**Pastor’s email:** [pastorbobnolt@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbobnolt@comcast.net)  
**Pastor’s office hours this week:** Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30-12 noon  
**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**                      *Offertory – Tim & Mary Moyer*  
**Message – “How Shall I Give?”** 2 Cor. 8:1-8                      *Pastor Bob*  
**First Service Offering**                      *Offertory – Tim & Mary Moyer*  
**Kid’s Kinection downstairs** *(ages 2 and up)*  
**Sharing time**                      *Stacey Kolb - Elder in charge*  
*Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.*  
**Pastoral prayer**  
**Closing blessing**

*Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.*

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**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.

**John Ruth** will be our guest speaker next Sunday in both services. John grew up in the Finland congregation, and is now a noted local Mennonite Historian. His parents, Henry and Susan Ruth, were very active in the work of our church from its beginning.

*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

**Today, 4:00 pm** – WALTER at Guntz's

**Today, 6:30 pm** – Marvin R's small group

**Monday, 7:00 pm** – Women's Bible Study at church

**Monday, 7:30 pm** – WSPC meeting

**Tuesday, 7:00 pm** – Elder Team meeting

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

**Wednesday, 5:00 pm** – Pastoral Search Committee mtg. Note the time!

**Wednesday, 7:00 pm** – Young Adult Bible study at Wint's

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth Bible study

**Friday, 7-10 pm** – Jr. High hang-out at Longacre's

**Friday, 7-10 pm** – Young Adult & Youth game night at Wint's

**Saturday, 12-2:00 pm** – Bowling at Earl Bowl in Earlington

### Announcements

**SECRET FAMILY** – Last chance! Get your form filled out and turned in to Mary Carlson **TODAY!** There are extra forms under the mailboxes if you need one. You will have your assignments by January 25.

**The Fellowship Committee** invites anyone of any age to come for a fun time of bowling this Saturday at Earlington from 12-2:00 pm. The cost is \$2.50 per game plus \$2 to rent shoes. **TODAY** is your last chance to sign up on the sheets on either door.

**Next Sunday, January 18, 6:30 pm**, is Baby Boomers movie night and homemade ice cream. We will meet at church to see the movie entitled "Flywheel." Anyone born between 1946 and 1964 is welcome to come join the fun.

**The Fundraising Committee** for our building project is planning a hoagie sale this month. Hoagies may be purchased at Wawa, Tosco's in Pennsburg, or Landis' supermarket.

**PLEASE NOTE** – There was a green Building Fund offering envelope in the offering Dec. 28 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.

## Jan. 11, 2009 insert

### COMING EVENTS:

**6:00 pm this evening, Sunny Side** will present a Gospel Bluegrass Concert at Salem United Methodist Church in Zionsville. See poster on bulletin board.

**7-8:00 pm this evening**, Song and Prayer in the Taize tradition at Perkasio Mennonite Church. Using music from the Taize community in France, as well as hymns of the church, we gather in a candlelit atmosphere for scripture, song, silence and prayers for our world, communities and loved ones.

**Jan. 17, 10am-12:30 pm** – All are invited to the prayer gathering of Franconia Mennonite Conference to be held at Swamp Mennonite Church. John Shuey, regional rep. for the Church Prayer Leaders Network, will share on "**Praying in difficult times.**" Contact Sandy Landes, 215-723-5513 ext. 121, for more info.

**Jan. 23-24 – Youth** snow tubing in the Poconos. Leave church at 4:30 pm.

**Jan. 25, 1-5 pm – Jr. High** snow tubing at Spring Mount.

**January 28** – Congregational Meeting.

**Feb. 1, 4:00 pm - Young Adult** Super Bowl Party at Arlin and Donna's.

**Feb. 4 - Host homes** are needed for 4 women and 4 men to sleep for Wednesday night and possibly a quick breakfast on Thursday morning. These are members of the Seven Project team that will be meeting with youth in the area. Talk to the Kratz's if you are willing to open your home.

**Feb. 7, 5:00 pm – Sweetheart Banquet** at church planned by the Fellowship Committee. Formal dress. More information to follow.

**Feb. 7, 7:00-9:00 pm – Finland's Youth Band** and other bands will be playing at Franconia Fellowship Hall for a Praise and Worship night.

**Feb. 13-15 – Youth** going to Black Rock Retreat.

**Feb. 21-28 - MDS trip** is being formed with Deep Run East Church to New Orleans. We are asked to fill 5-6 spots in the van. Please contact Kevin Bannon if interested in going.

**March 7** – Hey everyone ... it's time to start thinking about the auction. Save the date on your calendar. Be thinking about what you might donate or what your might be interested in bidding on. More information to follow.

**Please remember** to check your family's information for accuracy in the new church directory. Report any mistakes to the secretary so it can be corrected in the bulletin. One directory per family, please!