

***** Last Week’s Stats *****

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 95	General Offering	\$ 4,969.00
Second Service – 45	Total	\$ 4,969.00

***** Volunteer Schedule *****

Greeters:	Today	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service)
		Rose & Whitney Longacre (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Dave & Lisa Landis (1 st service)
		Dave & Mary Carlson (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Rose & Whitney Longacre (1 st service)
		Mary Moyer (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Rachel & Jalecia Reinford (1 st service)
		Tara Gilmore & Monica Janton (2 nd service)
Ushers:	January	Russ & Barb Hess (1 st service)
		Grace Ingalls (2 nd 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.
Mennonite Mission Network workers Connie and Dennis Byler request prayer for a gathering of Anabaptist leaders from Mennonite and Brethren in Christ groups in Spain this Saturday, Jan. 24, to share, plan and encourage one another.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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Pastor Robert Nolt
Pastor’s email: pastorbobnolt@comcast.net
Pastor’s office hours this week: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8:30-12 noon
Church office – 215-679-8980
Church email: 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 – “A River Named Grace”
Ezekiel 47:1-12 and Rev. 21:22 to 22:2

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 – “Take the Name of Jesus With You”
Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.

Offertory – Josh Rice
John Ruth
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Alan Kratz - Elder in charge

John Ruth is our guest speaker in both services today. John grew up in the Finland congregation, and is now a well-known local Mennonite Historian. His parents, Henry and Susan Ruth, were very active in the work of our church from its beginning.

This morning Pastor Bob and Anna are attending the church in Lebanon County where he is the candidate for lead pastor. He is meeting with several Sunday school classes and preaching during the morning worship. Thanks so much for your prayers during this time of discernment.

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:*_____

*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, 6:30 pm – Baby Boomers meet here to watch “Flywheel”, an inspiring story of a dishonest used car dealer who turns his life and business over to God. Join us for yummy homemade ice cream!

Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm – Women’s hobby night

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Council & Elder Team meeting

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

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

Wednesday, 7:15-8:45 pm – Boys & Girls Club Bible study (Valerie J.)

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Friday, 4:30 pm – Youth leave for snow tubing in the Poconos

Saturday, 9:00 am – Leadership wives prayer time at Rachel Reinfor

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday Noel Santiago will be our guest speaker in both services.

Next Sunday, 1-5 pm – Jr. High snow tubing at Spring Mount.

January 28, 7:00 pm – Congregational meeting – see bulletin insert.

Feb. 1, 4:00 pm – Young Adult Super Bowl Party at Benner’s.

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

Feb. 22, 12:15 pm – following the 2nd service, a potluck luncheon for all who are involved in Christian Ed in any way. All S.S. teachers of both children and adult classes, leaders of Boys & Girls Club, Jr. High, Youth, Post High, VBS and library committee members should plan to attend. Our Christian Ed Ministry Director, has planned on giving input as well as allowing time for questions, concerns, and ideas you may have. Please sign up on the sheet on the front door to bring a food item. Look for additional information in your mailbox.

March 7 – Youth group auction. Put it on your calendar. The auction this year is to help the youth group attend Assembly 2009 in Columbus, Ohio. Assembly is a national convention for the Mennonite Church where we will be challenged in our faith and calling as well as getting to meet other kids from across the country.

The Fundraising Committee for our building project is doing a hoagie sale this month. Hoagie tickets may be redeemed at either Tosco’s in Pennsburg or Landis’ supermarket for \$5.00 or at Wawa’s for \$3.50 and purchased from anyone in the congregation.

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Beginning next Sunday, Jan. 25th, the adult Sunday school class that meets in the sanctuary will begin a new series on marriage entitled “For Bitter or For Better” written by John Drescher. A DVD will accompany the discussion. For more information, see the paper in your mailbox explaining this series.

Attention all lovebirds! Our church’s sweetheart banquet is planned for Feb. 7, 5:00 pm. The price per couple is \$30. The theme is a winter wonderland, and it will be held at the church. If you and your sweetie pie would like to come, sign-up sheets are on the doors! Money is due to Maria Dibble by Feb. 1st.

Does anyone have any outdoor white Christmas trees with white lights that we could borrow? If so, please see one of the Fellowship Committee members: Maria, Jan or Mary.

New in the library: The Eric Liddell Story – on DVD

Books on stewardship and money topics:

1. Three Simple Rules – Improve Your Finances
2. Money Mania
3. MMA 30 Days of Generosity

The January newsletter from the Krupp family, “Reaching Europe for Jesus” is posted on the bulletin board.

This Friday, Jan. 23, Christopher Dock Mennonite High School is hosting a prospective student visitation day. Call the Admissions Office at 215-362-2675.

Saturday, Feb, 7, 7-9 pm, you are invited to a Praise and Worship Night at Franconia Menn. Church. An adult worship team will lead during the first hour, followed by a youth worship team from Finland Menn. Church the second hour.

Reminder: An MDS trip is being formed with Deep Run East Church to New Orleans on Feb. 21-28. We are asked to fill 5-6 spots in the van. If you are interested in going along, please contact Kevin Bannon at 215-538-2035.

Interested in purchasing a Bible on DVD? King James Version, NIV, and others translations are available for \$29.95. For more information go to the website BiblesOnDVD.com or call 1-800-540-7997.