

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

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 90	General Offering	\$ 4,256.00
Second Service – 37	MYF	\$ 20.00
	Total	\$ 4,276.00

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

Greeters:	Today	Jeff & Ruth Janton (1 st service)
		Alan & Tara Gimore (2 nd service)
	Next Week	John & Sue Rice (1 st service)
		Louise Kreider (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Ellen & Olivia Rutt (1 st service)
		Yvonne Drescher (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Corinne Guntz (1 st service)
		Mary Moyer (2 nd service)
Ushers:	March	Kevin Bannon (1 st service)
		David Carlson (2 nd service)

Closing church building in March – Arlin & Donna Benner

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

- Youth – in basement of house next door discuss various topics.
- Young Adult Class – “Your Money Counts” - first room on left in basement.
- Men’s Class – “Human Commitment” - middle room on right in basement.
- Women’s Class – Book study of “James” in secretary’s office behind stage.
- Mixed Adult Class – “For Bitter or For Better” – in sanctuary.
- Adult Class in garage will join the class in the sanctuary for study on marriage
- Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

***** Prayer Requests *****

Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, Pastor Bob, Ministry Directors.

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: Mon & Tues 8:30-12:00 noon
Church office - 215-679-8980
Church email: finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net
Elders – Alan Kratz 215-679-3311, Stacey Kolb 215-541-0392,
Greg Ingram 215-529-9852,
Visitation & Care Team - Marvin & Rachel Reinford 215-679-8598
Dave & Mary Carlson 215-538-5422

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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

FIRST SERVICE

Worship in Song - If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.
Scripture Reading Exodus 20:17, Matt. 6:19-21
Message – “It is in the Heart” Pastor Bob
Offering Jen Kratz – Offertory
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)
Children dismissed for Kids Kinection
Sharing Time Greg Ingram – Elder in Charge
Pastoral Prayer
Closing Blessing
Doxology – “Take the Name of Jesus With You”

SECOND SERVICE

Worship in Song - If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.
Offering Jen Kratz – Offertory
Sharing Time Greg Ingram– Elder in Charge
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading Exodus 20:17, Matt. 6:19-21
Message – “It is in the Heart” Pastor Bob
Closing Blessing
Doxology – “Take the Name of Jesus With You”
(Nursery facilities are available during both worship services.)

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, 4:00 pm – WALTER at Guntz’s
Today, 6:30 pm – Marvin Reinford’s small group
Monday, 7-9:00 pm – Women’s Bible study – “God’s Grace Overflows to Others”
Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Elder Team meeting
Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Martha’s Worship Team practice
Wednesday, 7:00pm – Young Adult Bible study at Wint’s
Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study
Friday, 9:00 pm – Saturday, 7:00 am - Jr. High lock-in at Christopher Dock
Saturday, 5-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club pizza and movie at the Swartley’s

Upcoming Events

Please refer to your church calendar for all the activities happening in March. Dates beyond March that you may want to mark on your calendar now include:
April 4 – Rook Tournament planned by Fellowship Committee
April 10, 7:00 pm – Good Friday service
April 11, 9:30 am – Easter egg hunt here
April 18, 5:30-9 pm – Youth Formal
April 19, 12 noon – Potluck lunch for anyone interested in helping with VBS
May 9 – Ladies Tea
May 9 – Baby Boomers to Rainbow Dinner Theater
June 5-7 – Baby Boomers Retreat at Mt. Zion
June 20, 2-7 pm – Community Festival/VBS kick-off
June 22-26 – Vacation Bible School
June 27 – Men’s fishing adventure
August 8 – Trip to the Iron Pigs baseball game
September 12 – Church picnic
September 17-19 – Women of Faith in Philadelphia

Mark your calendars! There will be a potluck lunch on Sunday, April 19th, at 12 for anyone interested in being involved in Vacation Bible School this year! Come out to learn more about what we’re doing this year and to see how you can help! Everyone can be involved, even if you can’t make it to the days!

Finland and Friends Community Festival: Saturday, June 20, 2-7 pm we will be having a community day to kick off our VBS. Thanks to all who have already signed up to volunteer at this event. If you are part of a small group, Sunday School Class, or even if your family has an idea for a craft, game, or any other way you’d like to volunteer to be involved, sign up on the sheet or let one of us know. Thanks so much! Karen, Rose, Kathy, Lynn, Ginger

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James Longacre from Barto, PA, will bring the message next Sunday, March 15. James has served as pastor of three Mennonite congregations, most recently as pastor of the Salford Mennonite Church. Currently he continues to farm and serves congregations by preaching and teaching. He and his wife, Ellen Rose, are the parents of three adult children.

Youth Worship Team members – We will have practice immediately following the second service for the next 3 Sundays beginning today - March 8, 15, & 22. Any youth who are interested are encouraged to bring song suggestions.

Jeff, Music Director is putting together a brass and woodwind group to play a song or two as special music on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Please talk with Jeff if you are interested in being a part of this group.

Tupperware Fundraiser next Sunday from 3-5 pm hosted by a youth Mom in the church basement. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the youth group for their trip to the Youth Convention in Ohio this summer.

Ladies – If you’ve never attended a “Women of Faith” event, you’ve been missing out. It’s a great time of spiritual refreshment, inspirational stories and messages, laughter, tears, singing together with thousands of other women, and spending time with friends. Just ask any of the women here at Finland who attended in the past. The date is Sept. 17-19 in Philadelphia. This year’s theme is “A Grand New Day.” Contact Jina if you have questions.

Have you paid Barb for the hoagie coupons you took to sell for our fundraiser? Please see that she gets the money as soon as possible. If you can sell more, she still has coupons for Wawa or Landis’ hoagies.

Men-O-Lan’s Senior Meeting and luncheon is this Thursday, March 12, 10 am to 2 pm. Call 215-679-5144 ext. 42 for reservations. Also the annual banquet normally held in March, has been rescheduled for September 12.

Grand View Hospital is looking for caring people to volunteer in the Hospice Program. Training sessions will begin shortly. Call Joanne Day at 215-453-4149 to register by Mar. 16 and schedule an interview. See more information in the letter posted on the small bulletin board to the rights of side entrance.

Perkiomenville Mennonite Church is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on March 21 from 8-2. To donate, call 215-234-4011. See flyer on bulletin board.

Leadership wives prayer time here March 28, 9 am after a pancake breakfast.

Parents of Camp-age children: If your child wants to attend Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp this summer, flyers and Campership Application forms are in the dislavy on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary next to the bulletins

The Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Convention 2009 will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH June 30-July 3, 2009. Finland is a member of the denomination because we are a member congregation of the Franconia Mennonite Conference. Our youth will be joining thousands of others attending the Youth Convention held at the same location. Our congregation will pay for the registration fee, food and lodging for you to serve as a delegate. Our congregation is encouraged to send two delegates. MC USA requires that delegates be members of the local congregation. As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to:

- meet many new people and make new friends from other parts of the country
- listen to engaging worship speakers share about Christ and His call to us
- prepare for the assembly discernment by reading the workbook that will be sent to you
- participate with your table group in discerning the important decisions confronting our denomination
- be involved with a joint worship time with thousands of exuberant youth
- experience the unique Taize worship service
- share with Finland verbally and in writing the awesome experience you had in Columbus and the key decisions that you helped to make

If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Alan Kratz by March 22.

Experience a Good Friday Service on April 10th like never before. Daniel Goldstein, missionary from Jews For Jesus, will be present with us to provide the demonstration “Christ in the Passover.” His visual sermon will include scripture as well as a table set with traditional Passover items which he uses to show the link between the ancient Jewish feast and Christ as the Lamb of God. He tells about the Jewish Passover Seder and weaves together the story of their Exodus from Egypt with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The service will end by sharing communion together.

We need a host to provide a place for Daniel to stay on the night of his presentation. A full-sized bed in a home without indoor pets is the best accommodation. You do not need to entertain Daniel. It is appreciated if food is made available for him. If you have space available for him to stay, please contact Pastor Bob.