

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

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 98	General Offering	\$ 4,366.00
Second Service – 43	Total	\$ 4,366.00

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

Greeters:	Today	John & Sue Rice (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Louise Kreider (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Gerald & Marian Souder (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Josh Rice & AJ Longacre (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Corinne Guntz (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Mary Moyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Betty Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Karen Kratz (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Ushers:	March	Kevin Bannon (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		David Carlson (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Pastor Robert Nolt  
Pastor’s email: [pastorbobnolt@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbobnolt@comcast.net)  
Pastor’s office hours this week: Tues, Thurs, Fri. 8:30-12:00 Wed. 8:30-11:00  
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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** 2 Peter 1:3-11  
**Message** – “The Confirmation” James Longacre  
**Offering** Hannah Swartley & Lisa Landis – 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** Hannah Swartley & Lisa Landis – 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** 2 Peter 1:3-11  
**Message** – The Confirmation” James Longacre  
**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

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## This Week at Finland

**Today, 3-6 pm** – Tupperware Party in basement as fundraiser for Youth to Ohio

**Monday, 7-9:00 pm** – Women’s hobby night – bring a hobby to work on. **Note:**

The scrapbooking event planned for tomorrow night will be rescheduled to a later date due to conflicting schedules, but hobby night is still happening.

**Monday night** – The Ministry Council and Visitation and Care Team will be meeting with the prospective pastoral candidate. Please pray for this mtg.

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

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

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

**Thursday, 7:30 pm** – Worship Service Planning Committee

**Friday, 7-10:00 pm** – Young Adult & Youth game night at Wint’s

**Saturday, 9:00 am** – Ministry Council and Elder Team meeting

### Upcoming Events

**Next Week’s Sermon:** “Called to Serve?” Acts 6:1-6; Acts 13:1-3; I Tim. 3:1-7.

**Next Sunday, March 22, 4:00 pm** – The Baby Boomers will watch the movie “Fireproof” here at church. It’s a great movie you won’t want to miss! Anyone born between 1946 and 1964 is welcome. Please bring a dessert to share.

**Saturday, March 28** is our pancake & sausage breakfast fundraiser for our building fund. Invite your friends to come anytime between 8 and 11 am.

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

**Rook, Birdie, the bird, tweety**, however you say it – it’s a lot of fun. The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Rook tournament on **April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** here at the church. For those of you who do not play rook, we are having a Dutch Blitz tournament that night as well. Do you have a quick eye and hand? Well, you’re gonna’ need it for that game! If you think you’ve got what it takes to go up against Finland’s finest, frenzied, fiery, fevered, fierce friends, you gotta’ sign up. Sign-up sheets are on the door for both games. The rules are posted on the door as well. And yes, we agree with the Rice’s – birdie at 10 1/2 is the only way to play!

**April 10 – Good Friday Service** with Daniel Goldstein, missionary from Jews for Jesus. Details were in last week’s bulletin. If you have a room for Daniel to stay that night, preferably without indoor pets, please contact Pastor Bob.

**Mark your calendars!** There will be a potluck lunch on Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

## March 15, 2009 insert

**We welcome James Longacre** from Barto, PA, as our guest speaker today. James has served as pastor of three Mennonite congregations, most recently as pastor of the Salford Mennonite Church.

**Youth Worship Team members** will practice immediately following the second service today and next Sunday. Youth who are interested are encouraged to bring song suggestions.

**The Music Director** is organizing a brass and woodwind group to play some special music on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please talk with Jeff if you are interested.

**Women**, if you’re planning to attend “Women of Faith” Sept. 17-19, a down payment of \$75 is due in two weeks. Checks should be made out to Finland Mennonite Church and given to Jina Reinford by March 29. She’s also the person to ask if you have any questions about the event.

**Men who want to get real with God** are invited to the **Sons of the Father** Conference led by Gordon Dalbey Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 at Souderton Mennonite Church. Registration is \$65. Gordon will also preach at the 9:00 and 11:15 am worship services at Souderton on Sunday. Sunday evening at 6:00 pm Gordon will speak on “Daughters of the Father: Healing the Father- Wound in Women.” This session is for both men and women and it is free. See the poster and brochure with registration details on the bulletin board. You can also see details at [www.soudertonmennonite.org](http://www.soudertonmennonite.org) or call 215-257-3643.

**Finland and Friends Community Festival:** Sat., **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 Kratz, Rose Longacre, Kathy Mease, Lynn Swartley, Ginger Wint

**A reminder that if another woman** is interested in attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Columbus, OH as a delegate from our church along with Mary Moyer from June 30-July 3, you should contact Alan Kratz by next Sunday, March 22. See last week’s bulletin for details.

**A March newsletter** from the Krupp family, missionaries in Europe, is posted on the bulletin board. **MAMA Newsletters** are available under the mailboxes.

**See the poster** on the bulletin board about the mobile MCC meat canner at Christopher Dock on March 30, 31, and April 1 from 6 am to 7 pm. Call 215-723-5513 ext, 123 to donate time. See address on poster to donate money.