

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

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 127	General Offering	\$ 4,697.71
Second Service – 56	Total	\$ 4,697.71

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

Greeters:	Today	Rose Longacre (1 st service) Rand & Mary Ruth Ziegler (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Les & Martha Guntz (1 st service) Rich & Whitney Longacre (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Barb Hess & Jess Swartley (1 st service) Karen Kratz (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Yvonne Drescher (1 st service) Yvonne Drescher (2 nd service)
Ushers:	April	Charlie Dibble (1 st service) Greg Ingram (2 nd service)
	May	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service) Grace Ingalls (2 nd service)
Closing church building in April - Marvin & Rachel Reinford		
May – Kris & Ginger Wint		

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

Youth – in basement of house next door discuss various topics.
Young Adult Class – Study of Philippians - first room on left in basement.
Men’s Class – “New Creation in Christ” - middle room on right in basement.
Women’s Class – Book study of “James” in secretary’s office behind stage.
Mixed Adult Class – “Fireproof Your Marriage” – in sanctuary.
Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.
Worship DVD series – 4 weeks especially for (but not limited to) worship team members – in garage next door.

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

Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, Pastor Bob, Ministry Directors, John Ehst (pastoral candidate) and his wife Bev.

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 8:30-11:30, Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30-12 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

Nursery facilities are available during both worship services.

FIRST SERVICE

Worship in Song - If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.
“Ministry Moment” Arlin Benner – Stewardship Director
Scripture Reading Matt. 15:21-28, Rom. 10:14-21
Message – “All Are Invited” Pastor Bob
Offering Rose & Ginger, Karen & Sarah - Offertory
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)
Children dismissed for Kids Kinection
Sharing Time Alan Kratz – Elder in charge
Pastoral Prayer
Closing Blessing
Doxology – “He Lives” (Please use and replace the printed song under each seat)

SECOND SERVICE

Worship in Song - If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.
“Ministry Moment” Arlin Benner – Stewardship Director
Offering Rose & Ginger, Karen & Sarah - Offertory
Sharing Time Alan Kratz – Elder in charge
(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading Matt. 15:21-28, Rom. 10:14-21
Message – “All Are Invited” Pastor Bob
Closing Blessing
Doxology – “He Lives” (Please use and replace the printed song under each seat)

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

Tonight, 6:30 pm – Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastoral Candidate

Monday, 7-9 pm – Women's Bible study on Proverbs 31

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Follow-up mtg. from Worship Summit for worship teams

Tuesday, 7:30 pm – Visitation & Care Team at Carlson's

Wednesday, 7:15 – Jeff's worship team practice. Note change to Wednesday.

Wednesday, 7:15-9:00 pm – Boys & Girls Club Bible study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Men's Bible study – "Developing a heart for God"

Friday, 7:30 pm – Tim's small group

Announcements

Plan to attend the congregational meeting tonight at 6:30 pm. There will be time for discussion and questions and then a vote to approve John Ehst as our next pastor. The vote for extending the call to John Ehst has been changed to 80% from the previously announced 90%. We felt that 90% would set a bad precedent for future votes. 80% is more in line with what other groups use when discerning the call of a pastor. If the vote is 80% or above, we will extend the call. John will then need to discern whether the call is strong enough for him to accept. Thank you for your patience as we work through these issues.

The Elder Team

Free drive-thru coffee this Wednesday, April 29th, from 6:30-8:00 am. If you would be available to help hand out the coffee or bake for this event, please let Rose know.

Next Sunday there will be a baptism for Joe Souder during the second service.

It's that time again! Tea Time! Invite all your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, neighbors and co-workers to our annual ladies tea on May 9th at 1:00 pm. Our special guest speaker will be Susan Yoder who will be talking about "Things my mother taught me." Please sign up on the sheets on the door if you are planning to come so that we can get a general idea of how many to plan for. Extra invitations are under the mailboxes. Don't forget to bring your teacup to church that day ... drinking tea from a paper cup just wouldn't be the same!

For the month of May, the Book Club will be reading *The Faith Club* – *A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew* – *Three Women Search for Understanding*. It is written by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. We will meet on Wednesday, May 27, to discuss this book.

Looking ahead – The Fundraising Committee is planning a chicken bar-b-cue for August 15th to raise money for our building project. Mark your calendar now.

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Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for our fellowship time between the two services. There is a sheet posted by the snack table in the basement with dates listed. If you are willing to provide snacks, please sign up. Instructions are also posted there.

Mennonite Disaster Service has an immediate need for **volunteers**. From May 3 - May 30, a Project Director and Skilled Crew Leader are needed in New Orleans, LA. Call if you are able to serve for any part of this time period. Crew leaders, cooks, and caretakers are also needed at various locations throughout the summer and fall. For more info, call Sarah Yoder at 1-800-241-8111.

Mission Network Prayer Request for this week: The Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network is a partner in the Ecumenical Christian Peace Witness in Iraq, scheduled for this Wednesday, April 29, in Washington, D.C. Leo Hartshorn, Mission Network minister for peace and justice, requests prayer that this effort will lead toward ending hostile activity in Iraq.