

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

Attendance	Offering	
One Service – 118	General Offering	\$ 3,558.00
	Total	\$ 3,558.00

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

Greeters:	Today	Ed Griffin
	Next Week	Jeff & Ruth Janton (1 st service)
		Rich & Rose Longacre (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Betty Drescher
	Next Week	Yvonne Drescher (1 st and 2 nd service)
Ushers:	September	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service)
		Arlin Benner (2 nd service)

Closing church building in Sept. Rich & Rose Longacre

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

Youth Class meets in basement of the house next door to discuss various topics.
Young Adult Class meets in first classroom on the left in the basement. DVD – “Discovering God’s Will” by Andy Stanley.

Men’s Class - middle room on right in the basement. “Covenant Communities”
Women’s Class – Book study of I & II Timothy in secretary’s office behind stage.
Sermon Response Class meets in the sanctuary beginning September 13.
Mixed Adult Class studying “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” will meet in the garage next door. Discussion is led by Alan Kratz and Rich Longacre.
Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

***** Announcements *****

Gifts Discernment Committee announces a unanimous vote of affirmation for all 7 names presented to the congregation on Aug. 23: Dee Dee Good for Boys & Girls Club, Doug and Sharon Jones for Jr. High Leaders, Shirley Kiefer for Children’s Sunday School Superintendent, Anita Livezey for Vacation Bible School, Mark Livezey for Men’s Ministry and Mark Ziegler for the Worship Service Planning Committee. We will bring the remainder of names for the committees needing to be filled to the congregation for another vote of affirmation at a later date. Thank you for your votes, and we covet your continued prayers.

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

Pray for Pastor John and Bev Ehst, Elder Team, Ministry Directors, Building Committee members, and the congregational meeting coming up Sept. 16th.

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Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:40 – 8:50 am

One Worship Service only at 9:00 am

No Sunday School Today

Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

Worship in Song - *If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-32

Message – “*The Living Christ says: ‘Come’*”

Pastor John

Offering

Josh Rice – Offertory

(Please pass the attendance pads located under the seat by the center aisle.)

Sharing Time

Stacey Kolb – Elder in charge

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

Doxology – “*I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*” (*copies under each seat*)

Welcome to Pastor John and Bev Ehst. Pastor John began his term of service here at Finland this past Tuesday. A new email account has been set up for him here at church: pastorjohnnehst@comcast.net. This is the address to use for any communication with Pastor John that pertains to church matters. Please note that the account pastorbobnolt@comcast.net is no longer in service.

There are no Sunday school classes or Kids Kinection today. Both will resume again next Sunday, **September 13th**, when we will also go back to two services. First service is 8:30 am, Sunday school is 9:45-10:30, followed by refreshments and fellowship downstairs prior to the second service at 11:00 am.

Please pick up some postcards from the stack under the mailboxes or from the table downstairs to hand out to friends, co-workers and neighbors, inviting them to join us in welcoming Pastor John and Bev Ehst.

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Elder Team meeting

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Lisa’s worship team practice

Wednesday, 6:30-8 am – Free drive-through coffee

Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Post High Bible study at Kris and Ginger’s

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Ladies social night

Friday, 6:30 pm – Boys & Girls Club meet at church to go miniature golfing

Friday, 7-10 pm – Jr. High hang-out at Longacres

Saturday, 2:00 pm – Church picnic

Announcements

Boys and Girls Club – We have two events this week and welcome anyone in grades 3, 4, and 5 to join us. Wednesday we will meet at the church, 7-8:30 pm to talk about events for the coming year. Friday night we will meet at church at 6:30 pm to go miniature golfing at Putt U. Rain date is September 25.

Women’s Social here at the church this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please bring a dessert or snack to share as well as a photo, memory, or item from your favorite day this summer. Feel free to invite a friend and come join other women from our church for a fun evening. Any questions, see Jina.

Jr. High welcomes new members to a hang-out at Longacre’s this Friday from 7-10 pm. Everyone in grades 6, 7 and 8 is invited to come.

“A tisket a tasket, a green and yellow basket” - Come to the church picnic this Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 pm. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad and vegetable tray. M-Z please bring a finger dessert and fruit. The Hospitality Com. will provide sloppy joe/BBQ beef and ground turkey, drinks and chips. There will be a welcoming cake for pastor John and his wife Bev.

Next Sunday, September 13th, a new Sunday school class will begin in the sanctuary as a “Sermon Response” class for those who attended the first service and will double as an “Introduction to the sermon” for those who will be attending the 2nd service. The adults who want to continue the “What’s So Amazing About Grace” series will meet in the garage next door.

Starting next Sunday, Sept. 13, we will again have snack and fellowship time between Sunday school and 2nd service. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs by the tables for anyone who would like to provide a snack.

Scripture for next week’s sermon: Matthew 5:21-33 and 6:33.

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THE LIVING CHRIST SAYS, “COME!”

Matthew 14:22-32

The Test

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat...When evening came...the boat was buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.” (v. 22-24)

The Call

“Lord, if it is you,” Peter replied, “TELL ME to come to you on the water.” “Come,” Jesus said. (v. 28 & 29)

Stepping out

(3 calls to step out of the boat)

Water-walking

(4 characteristics of a water-walker)

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped Him, “Truly you are the Son of God.” **(v. 32)**

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Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm, there will be a congregational meeting to discuss information regarding our building project and the new facilities. Please plan to attend.

Reminder: The Finland Book Club will meet on September 23, 7:30 pm. The book to read and discuss is **Unlikely Angel** by Ashley Smith. The book chosen for the month of October is **My Sister’s Keeper** by Jodi Picoult.

Our Daily Bread devotional books for Sept, Oct, Nov, are under the mailboxes, as well as a few copies of the **MAMA** newsletter. Please help yourself.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Because of the Labor Day holiday, please note the change in date to Monday & Tuesday, September 14 & 15.

Remember to contact Kevin Bannon if you are interested in going on a week-long trip with Mennonite Disaster Service to rebuild homes down south.

Finland is providing overnight hosts for the Interfaith housing network at Souderton Mennonite Church from September 16-30. Rose shared about this need last Sunday. If you did not sign up, but are interested in helping, please talk with Rose.

Evening Song and Prayer in the Taize tradition at Perkasio Mennonite Church next Sunday evening, Sept. 13, from 7-8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Perkasie Mennonite Church invites you to come see “Pray the Devil Back to Hell” on Thursday, September 17, 7:30 pm. This film is a new documentary that

ironicles the remarkable story of courageous Liberian women who came together in 2003 to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. The film's protagonist, Leymah Gbowee, is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University. The film spreads a powerful message about how Leymah's work helped Liberian women organize an interfaith mass action for peace. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover costs. Call 215-257-3117 for more information.