

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 96	Building Fund Offering	\$11,389.50
Second service - 32	Total	\$11,389.50

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

Greeters:	Today	Russ & Barb Hess (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Arlin & Donna Benner (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Sarah Burdge & Mary Carlson (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Mel & Joy Cassel (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Rose Longacre (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Shirley Kiefer & Jess Swartley (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Barb Hess (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Tara Gilmore & Natasha Wallace (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Ushers:	November	Kevin Bannon (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Greg Ingram (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)

Closing church building in Nov. Jeff and Jina Reinford

\*\*\*\*\* 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** - first room on left in basement. Study of Wisdom – Prov. 22  
**Parenting Class** – first room on right in basement. “Shepherding a Child’s Heart”  
**Men’s Class** - middle room on right in the basement. “Covenant Communities”  
**Women’s Class** – secretary’s office behind stage. “Covenant Communities”  
**Sermon Response Class** meets in the sanctuary.  
**Prayer Room** – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

\*\*\*\*\* Announcements \*\*\*\*\*

**See posters on bulletin board for November activities:**

- Nov. 16, 6:30 pm – Sunday School Meditations dinner meeting at CD
- Nov. 17, 2-4 pm - Frederick Mennonite Community open house
- Nov. 21, 9am-3pm – Palm Schwenkfelder holiday bazaar
- Nov. 28, 7:30 pm – “Recalling Our Landscape” at Franconia Church, John Ruth
- Nov. 28, 7:00 pm – “Just Give ‘em the News” Ted Swartz at Neffsville Menn. Ch.

\*\*\*\*\* Prayer Requests \*\*\*\*\*

Pray for Pastor John and Bev Ehst, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, Building Committee members and the building project. Remember those recovering from surgeries and illness, and others experiencing difficult times in their lives.

# Finland Mennonite Church

*Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out*

[www.finlandmennonitechurch.org](http://www.finlandmennonitechurch.org)

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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 9:45-10:30 am*

*Fellowship and refreshments 10:30-11:00 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.*

**Scripture Reading** *I Corinthians 11:23-30*

**Message** – “Communion: What Jesus Wants Us to Remember” Pastor John

**Communion**

**Offering** *Risktakers - 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**

SECOND SERVICE

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

**Offering** *Risktakers - Offertory*

**Sharing Time** *Alan Kratz – Elder in Charge*

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

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**Closing Blessing**

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?**

## *This Week at Finland*

**Today, 4:00pm** – WALTER at Les and Martha Guntz's

**Today, 6:30 pm** – Marvin Reinford's small group

**Monday, 7:00 pm** – Women's Bible study – "Wired That Way"

**Tuesday, 9:00-10:30 am** – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Betty Drescher's

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** – Martha's worship team practice

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

**Wednesday, 7-9:00 pm** – Youth volleyball at Men-O-Lan (bring a friend - free)

**Friday, 7-10:00 pm** – Jr. High hang-out at Longacre's

### **Upcoming Events**

**Preparing for baptism class** will meet in Pastor John's office at 9:45 am.

**Scripture for next week's sermon:** Romans 1:18-32.

**Beginning Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday morning** Women's Bible Study will meet at Betty Drescher's home from 9:00-10:30 am. This is a 5-part video series by Women of Faith entitled "Forgotten Truths". All ladies are welcome. November 17 – Curiosity, November 24 – Awe, December 8 – Innocence, December 15 – Daring, and December 22 – Perseverance.

**November 17, 5-8 pm** – Youth group fundraiser at Wendy's in Souderton. For those who may not be familiar with this, the youth receive a percentage of all **eat-in** meals only. In past years, this has been a fun time of eating together with other people from our church in a very casual setting. Come show your support.

**November 22, 5-9 pm** – Thanksgiving is a time of being thankful for what we have. We can share by giving to Open Line during the whole month of November (announcement was in your mailbox), and we can share our gifts with each other. Please sign up and share a gift (this may include food) with your church family. Each of us has been given gifts. Let's praise God for His blessings to each of us in this "Celebration of Gifts" Thanksgiving service.

**Interested in spending time** with the young adults of the church? The post high is looking for hosts willing to serve a course for their Progressive Lunch on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested please call Ginger at 215-527-6802 or talk to Arlin and Donna Benner. Thank you!

**December 5, 9am-noon** – Annual youth Christmas cookie sale with proceeds going to Christian Endeavor for the youth missions trip.

**December 5, 2:00 pm** – Senior Dessert Social here. Mark your calendars.

**The Hospitality Committee** will be making chili available in pints or quarts to sell as a fundraiser. It may be picked up Sunday, Dec. 13. Sheets are on both doors for you to sign your name and how much you want. This will be sold on a donation basis with all proceeds going to the Building Fund.

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**The Fundraising Committee** has also planned several events for next year to raise money for our Building Fund. There will be a **Soup Sale** in January, **Breakfast Buffet** on February 20, and **Chicken BBQ** on June 5.

**How does a weekend away sound to you?** Does it sound like relaxation without the kids, fellowship with other adults and especially time to block out the world and just spend time with God? The adult retreat is the perfect place for you then! The Fellowship Committee is panning this time at Camp Hebron on **Feb. 5-7, 2010**. We are taking deposits of \$100 and the sooner you get yours in, the better. Total cost is \$285 with \$20 taken off if you get your deposit in early. That is for the whole weekend for 2 adults! Please let Jan Bannon, Mary Carlson, or Maria Dibble know if you are interested.

**A new committee** is being formed to brainstorm and plan outreach events for our church. If you have a passion for this, please contact Rose Longacre.

**Mennonite Central Committee's project for November** is Relief Kits. Contents include the following items which must all be new: 4 large bars bath soap (in wrapping), 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13-24 oz bottle placed in re-sealable plastic bag), 4 large bars of laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote), 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (min. 6 oz; leave in box), 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in packaging), 4 bath towels (medium weight, dark color), 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 inches), 1 fingernail clipper, 1 box adhesive bandages (min. 40, assorted sizes) 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi). Place contents in a box or bag and drop off at the Resource Center in Harleysville where they will be re-packed into a plastic pail.

**"Cinderella"** will be presented at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School this Thurs, Fri. & Sat. (Nov. 12-14) at 7:30 pm. See poster on bulletin board. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Call 215-362-2675 for info.

**Franconia Mennonite Conference Assembly 2009** will be held this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 & 14, at Souderton Mennonite Church. The theme is *"Cultivating Healthy and Growing LEADers"*. A broad variety of workshops designed to equip leaders in various areas of congregational ministry will be held from 12-3 pm on Saturday and are open to **anyone** with interest. See [www.franconiaconference.org](http://www.franconiaconference.org) for more information.

**"Sleep Out for Homelessness"**, Nov. 14-15. What would it be like to have no place to spend the night? Find out more at [www.keystoneopportunity.org](http://www.keystoneopportunity.org).

**Christopher Dock Mennonite High School** is having a school visitation day for prospective students on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional visitation days are Dec. 14, Jan. 29, Feb. 8, Mar. 5, and April 19, 2010. A current student will accompany you through a typical day of classes, chapel and lunch (free of charge). To schedule a visit, call the admissions office at 215-362-2675.

**“Grief, Spirituality and Sexuality: Life after Losing a Spouse”** is a weekend retreat for widowed individuals and those who walk alongside them at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center on Dec. 4-6. Rachel Nafziger Hartzler will explore themes of suffering, lament and hope. Included in the weekend will be **“A Decembered Grief”**, a ritual service addressing grief during the holiday season. For information and registration, visit [www.laurelville.org](http://www.laurelville.org) or call 800-839-1021.

**Men of all ages** are invited to a Men’s Retreat, Jan. 14-15, 2010, at Spruce Lake Retreat. The featured speaker will be John Fischer with praise and worship artists, **Next 2 Nothing**. Fischer, a senior writer for PurposeDrivenLife.com, has a distinctive ministry career spanning over 35 years. The retreat begins late afternoon/early evening Thursday and ends Friday afternoon, a short but powerful event that could easily be life-changing! The all-inclusive retreat package is \$109/person. Bring your church or community men’s group with you! Call 800-822-7505 or visit [www.sprucelake.org](http://www.sprucelake.org) for retreat information.

**Mennonite Heritage Center** historical library, 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, is now open Saturdays from 10am-2pm, excluding holidays. Thurs. evening library hours have been discontinued. Questions? Call 215-256-3020.