

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 121	General Offering	\$ 5,031.00
Second service - 36	Building Fund	\$ 200.00
	Total	\$ 5,231.00

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

Greeters:	Today	Nell Hecker & DJ Swartley (1 st service)
		Mary Ruth Ziegler & Mary Moyer (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Don & Kathy Mease (1 st service)
		Merv & Ellen Rutt (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Yvonne Drescher (1 st service)
		Rachel Kiefer (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Melissa Carl (1 st service)
		Donna Benner (2 nd service)
Ushers:	November	Kevin Bannon (1 st service)
		Greg Ingram (2 nd 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.

*****From the Broader Church*****

The people of the **Argentine Chaco** are used to getting along with little water, but this year the drought is severe. Pray for rain and for the health of people who are obliged to use unclean water for their daily needs.

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

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, Building Com. members and the building project. Pray for those experiencing difficult times in their lives.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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 Matthew 25:31-40

Introduction of Claude Good Kathy Mease

Message – “Rattling Our Cages” Claude Good

Offering Finland Octet - Offertory

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

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time John Ehst 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 Finland Octet - Offertory

Sharing Time John Ehst in charge

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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: _____

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

This morning - Claude Good will be the guest speaker in both services.

Tonight, 5-9:00 pm – “Celebration of Gifts”. We hope to see you here.

Monday, 7:00 pm – Women’s Bible study – **“Wired That Way”**

Tuesday, 9:00-10:30 am – Women’s Bible study **“Awe”** at Betty’s

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Youth worship team practice

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Upcoming Events

Preparing for baptism class will meet in the garage next door at 9:45 am.

“Celebration of Gifts” here tonight from 5-9 pm. Come share your gifts and discover the talents God has given to others in our church. It’s a great time to see another side of people you may only get to see on a Sunday morning.

December 5, 9am-noon – Annual youth Christmas cookie sale with proceeds going to their mission trip with Christian Endeavor next summer.

Attention everyone age 60 and above! You are invited to the senior dessert social on **December 5th** here at the church. This event starts at 2:00 pm and all you need to bring is yourself! If you have any friends that you think would enjoy an afternoon out for an old fashioned Christmas celebration, please invite them too. Extra invitations are under the mailboxes. If you would like to come but transportation could be a problem, please see Charles Dibble or Kevin Bannon.

Dec. 6, 1-4 pm – Disney Princess Open House here as part of Upper Perk’s Hometown Christmas event. Want to help? Questions? See Rose or Ginger.

December 11, (Friday), 6:30 pm – Join us in singing Christmas carols to our members at the retirement homes and to shut-ins. Open to all ages.

December 16, 7:30 pm – Book Club will meet. The book to read for the month of December is ***Till Morning Is Nigh*** by Leisha Kelly.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service here. More details later.

Barb Hess has tickets for two events open to anyone. See her for tickets to:

The Christmas Show, Sunday, **Dec. 20, 3:00 pm** at The American Music Theater in Lancaster. Give \$35 per person to Barb by Dec. 1st.

“Joseph” at Sight and Sound, Saturday, **March 20, 1:00 pm**. Cost is \$54.17.

Time is counting down for getting a discount on the adult retreat. You only have until Nov. 29th to see Mary Carlson, Jan Bannon, or Maria Dibble for the discounted rate of \$265 per couple for the whole weekend. If you are single, we have special rates for you too. There are just a few more rooms left at the main building, so don’t delay, or you may be left out! **February 5-7** at Camp Hebron is shaping up to be a great time you won’t want to miss!

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Reminder: Please sign up for **chili** by the pint or quart, made by our Hospitality Committee. It may be picked up anytime after the first service on December 13th. Cost is by donation with all proceeds going to our Building Fund.

Have you been hoping for a chance to do an offertory? Karen Kratz would love to hear from you. She is especially looking for seasonal songs for the month of December, either singing or instrumental.

Men, women or teens – We need more volunteers to be ushers in both services, but especially the 2nd service. The only qualification you need is a welcoming smile and cheerfully helping someone find a seat when needed. If you’d like to help, please contact Alan Gilmore.

Area Events:

Nov. 25, 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service at Zion Mennonite Church.

Nov. 26, 12:00 noon – Thanksgiving Day meal at Zion Mennonite Church’s Table of Plenty in the fellowship hall is open to anyone who does not have someone to share the day with. Meal is free, but reservations are requested. Call the church at 215-723-3592. Take-out meals or transportation can also be arranged.

Nov. 28, 7:00 pm – *“Just Give ‘Em the News”* by Ted & Company at Neffsville Mennonite Church. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Dec. 4, 7:30 pm – Penn View Christian School’s annual Christmas benefit concert at Franconia Mennonite Church.

Dec. 6, 4:00 pm – The Bel Canto Children’s Chorus at Zion Mennonite Church.

Dec. 13, 6:30 pm – Handel’s Messiah at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church presented by the adult choir, will be followed by a fellowship tea. No admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received.

