

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 103	General Offering	\$ 5,556.00
Second service - 53	Building Fund	\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 5,606.00

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

Greeters:	Today	Don & Kathy Mease (1 st service)
		Merv & Ellen Rutt (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Paul & Mary Cassel (1 st service)
		Kevin & Jan Bannon (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Melissa Carl (1 st service)
		Donna Benner (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Maria Dibble (1 st service)
		Jina & Laura Reinford (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.
Preparing for baptism class will meet in the garage next door.

***** Note from Perkiomenville Mennonite Church *****

Dear Brother & Sisters at Finland, You blessed our congregation in the past by sending us a contribution for our Building Fund. We received that with gratitude & warmth as we were reminded of your concern for the larger body of Christ. We have received an estate gift and our Council has decided to share some of that blessing with others. It is our privilege to now share with you as you continue the process of building. May God continue to provide the Holy Spirit giftings needed to successfully carry out His purposes through the believers at Finland. (A check for \$2,500 for our Building Fund was enclosed.)

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

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, and our building project.

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 7:13-27

Message – “Are You a Fan or Follower of Jesus?” Pastor John

Baptism of Tyler Rice

Pastoral Prayer Alan Kratz

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Offering Roni Janton & Amanda Mease - Offertory

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

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

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

Offering Roni Janton & Amanda Mease - Offertory

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:13-27

Message – “Are You a Fan or Follower of Jesus?” Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer Alan Kratz

Baptism in the Unami Creek for Roni Janton and Felicia Piepszowski

Please note that there will be no sharing time today due to baptism.

If you have a prayer request, please speak with Pastor John or Alan Kratz.

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

Today – Post High progressive lunch

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 – Jeff’s worship team practice

Wednesday, 6:00 pm – Youth Council meets prior to Bible study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study

Wednesday, 7-9 pm – Princess Open House preparations. Anyone is welcome to help make the ornaments to give out as gifts at the Princess Open House next Sunday. See Rose or Corinne if you have any questions.

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Last session of the Men’s Bible study

Friday, 7:30 pm – Tim Moyer’s small group

Saturday, 9am-noon – Annual Youth Christmas Cookie sale. Help our youth group raise money for their mission trip next summer by either baking or buying Christmas cookies. Invite friends and neighbors.

Saturday, 2:00 pm – Senior Dessert Social for anyone 60 and over. You may even invite friends to enjoy this old-fashioned Christmas celebration with you. Call Charles Dibble or Kevin Bannon if you need transportation.

Upcoming Events

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

Friday, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm – Join us in singing Christmas carols to our members at the retirement homes and to shut-ins. Bring the whole family.

Dec. 24, 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service will include special music by various age groups, congregational singing, a Christmas meditation and candle lighting.

See Barb Hess for tickets to **The Christmas Show, Dec. 20** at The American Music Theater in Lancaster (\$35 per person) or **“Joseph”** at Sight and Sound, Saturday, **March 20, 1:00 pm** (\$54.17 per person).

Today is the deadline for getting a discounted rate for the Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron, Feb. 5-7. Write out a check to Finland Mennonite Church for \$100, put “Adult Retreat” on the memo line, and give it to Mary Carlson, Jan Bannon, or Maria Dibble. \$265 covers everything for the entire weekend for a couple. If you are single, we have special rates for you too. After today the cost will be \$285. Hurry! You won’t want to miss this fun time!!!

Please get your order in for chili by the pint or quart, so that the Hospitality Committee knows how much to make. 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. Sign-up sheets are on the doors.

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Adult Sunday School: Beginning next Sunday, in place of the sermon response class, two classes will be offered. A Parenting Class focusing on the challenges and opportunities of parenting older teens will be taught by John & Bev Ehst. A second class will be offered on the book Matthew. This is not intended to be a sermon response class, but rather a study alongside of and in addition to the messages Pastor John will bring from the book of Matthew over the next four months. Class meeting places will be announced next Sunday. Other classes will continue meeting as usual.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Thanksgiving food drive. They were delivered to Open Line on Wednesday and gratefully accepted.

“Our Daily Bread” devotional booklets for December, January and February are on the shelf under the mailboxes. Please feel free to take one.

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.

Franconia Mennonite Church is having a Christmas Song Service next Sunday evening, Dec. 6, 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy an evening of singing traditional a cappella Christmas favorites, followed by refreshments.

West Swamp Mennonite Church invites you to join them for a concert featuring the Quakertown High School Varsity singers on Dec. 13, 6:00 pm. Refreshments will follow.

This Christmas, choose a gift for family and friends that helps one more child sleep in a safe shelter, one more family add to it herd or flock or one morecommunity have safe drinking water from a nearby source. For gift-giving ideas, go to MCC/Mennonite Central Committee and click on Christmas Giving.