

\*\*\*\*\* Last Week’s Stats \*\*\*\*\*

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 93	General Offering	\$ 6,930.60
Second service - 61	Building Fund	\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 6,980.60

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

Greeters:	Today	Jeff & Jina Reinford (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Josh Rice & Jared Landis (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Marvin & Rachel Reinford (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Karen & Sarah Kratz (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Dee Dee & Lydia Good (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Betty Drescher (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Corinne Guntz (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Shirley Kiefer (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Ushers:	December	Charlie Dibble (1 <sup>st</sup> service)
		Grace Ingalls (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)

Closing church building in Dec. Wilson Swartley

\*\*\*\*\* 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. “Christ the Fulfillment”  
**Women’s Class** – secretary’s office behind stage. “Christ the Fulfillment”  
**Parenting Teens** – taught by John & Bev Ehst meets in the sanctuary  
**Study of Matthew** – led by Alan Kratz meets in the garage next door  
**Prayer Room** – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.  
**Baptism class** will meet in Pastor John’s office.

\*\*\*\*\* Thank You Note \*\*\*\*\*

**On behalf of The Open Line** board, staff and clients, I thank you for Finland Mennonite Church’s very generous donation toward our operations. We are very blessed here at The Open Line to have so many “angels” in our community, because we could not do our work without your support. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!  
Lilibet Coe, Executive Director.

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

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, and our building project. Remember those struggling with physical, spiritual, emotional & financial issues.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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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.

Meet Mary, the mother of Jesus Whitney Longacre

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-45

Message – “Mary’s Song” John Kiefer

Receiving of Jason & Jana Scheetz on confession of faith Pastor John

Offering Zenaida Ramos Rivera - Offertory

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

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time (will include a Ministry Moment from Rose Longacre) Larry Good

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

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

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Sharing Time (will include a Ministry Moment from Rose Longacre) Larry Good

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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** – Ministry Council meets after the second service

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

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

**Tuesday, 9:00-10:30 am** – Women's Bible study on "Daring" at Betty's

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** – Martha's Worship Team practice

**Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 am** – Free drive-through coffee and donuts

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth Bible study

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Post High Bible study at Arlin and Donna's

**Wednesday, 7:30 pm** – Book Club meets to discuss "*Till Morning is Nigh*"

**Friday, 7-10 pm** – Jr. High Christmas Party at Longacre's

### **Announcements**

**Scripture for next week's sermon:** Matthew 1:18-25.

**The ballot** in your bulletin today is regarding affirmation for various positions within the church that need to be filled. Please fill it out and place it in the box marked "Ballots" at the back of the sanctuary today or next Sunday at the latest.

**The total** for the youth cookie sale was \$559.75. Thanks for your support.

**If you've ordered chili**, please pick it up today. All donations go to the Building Fund. Thank you for your support in this way.

**The Princess Open House** was attended by approximately 300 people last Sunday. Thanks to all our Finland princesses, guides & workers who made this a great and fun day for all the "little princesses" and their families who attended!!

**Prayer Shawl Update:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry has completed a full year cycle now after meeting this past Monday night. We have recorded 72 prayer shawls that were given out over this period of time. We have a lot of yarn, extra needles and willing teachers for anyone who would like to join us at any time. Also, there are always extra prayer shawls available to give to anyone who could use one. See Rose if you'd like one.

**Those going to the Christmas Show** next Sunday should bring a packed lunch to eat on the way out. We'll stop for a meal on the way home.

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### **Finland Mennonite Church - Coming Events**

**Dec. 23, 6-9 pm** – Youth Christmas Party at church. Please bring a food to share.

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

**January 24, 6:30 pm** – Congregational budget meeting.

**January 30** – Pick up date for soup orders to benefit our Building Fund.

**January 30, 7:00 pm** – "Coming Out Party" for everyone who had a "Secret Family" this year to reveal who they are. Please keep your secret until then.

**February 5-7** – Adult Retreat at Camp Hebron.

**February 20** – Pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser for Building Fund.

**March 6** – Mark your calendar awhile for the Youth Auction. More details later.

**June 5** – Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser for Building Fund.

**July 11-17** – Youth service project with Christian Endeavor.

## **Community Events**

**Dec. 13, 6:30 pm (tonight)** – Children's Christmas Pageant at Souderton Menn. Church presented by adult choir and children, followed by refreshments.

**Dec. 14, 6-8:30 pm** – Christmas Open House at Mennonite Conference Center's new location, 569 Yoder Road, Harleysville.

**Dec. 17, 7:30 pm** – Annual Christmas Arts Festival, featuring music and art, in the Clemens Center Auditorium at Christopher Dock.

**Dec. 19, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm** – "Hallelujah, Jesus Is Born" at Montco Bible Fellowship Church, 160 E. Main St., Lansdale, featuring adult & children's choirs.

**Dec. 21, (Monday) 4-5:00 pm** – "Longest Night Service" at Souderton Mennonite Church for all who experience pain and loneliness during the holiday season.

**Deep Run East Mennonite Church** is putting together a tour group to travel to the Holy Lands in October of 2010. There are a few brochures in the rack beside the bulletins at the rear of the sanctuary for anyone who's interested. Take one and let one of the contact people know of your interest by Dec. 31, 2009.