

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 116	General Offering	\$ 4,925.55
Second service - 51	Specials	\$ 150.00
	Total	\$ 5,075.55

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

Greeters:	Today	Marvin & Rachel Reinford (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Karen & Sarah Kratz (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	David & Lisa Landis (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Arlin Benner & Joe Souder (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Corinne Guntz (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Shirley Kiefer (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Yvonne Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Mary Moyer (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. 23  
**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.

\*\*\*\*\* Please note \*\*\*\*\*

**Zion Mennonite Church’s Table of Plenty** will host a community Christmas day meal on Friday, Dec. 25, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who does not have someone with whom to share the day, or who wishes to spend the afternoon in fellowship may join the group for appetizers at 11:30 am and the full-course meal at 12 pm. The meal is free, however reservations are requested. Call the church at 215-723-3592 for reservations or transportation if needed.

\*\*\*\*\* 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 Joseph** (children 10 and under may come up front) Kris Wint

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25

**Message** – “Joe the Carpenter” Pastor John

**Offering** Finland Mixed Quartet - Offertory

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

**Children dismissed for Kids Kinection**

**Sharing Time** Stacey Kolb – 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** Finland Mixed Quartet – Offertory

**Sharing Time** Stacey Kolb – Elder in Charge

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Meet Joseph** (children 10 and under may come up front) Kris Wint

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25

**Message** – “Joe the Carpenter” Pastor John

**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***

**Today** – Those going to the Christmas Show will leave after the second service.

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

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** – Joy’s Worship Team practice

**Wednesday, 6-9 pm** – Youth Christmas Party. Please bring a food to share.

**Thursday, 6:30 pm** – Christmas Eve service. Celebrate the birth of our Savior through word and song, participate in candle lighting and enjoy refreshments with us following the service.

**Friday** – Have a Blessed Christmas and celebrate Jesus!

### **Announcements**

**Remember to turn in your ballots today** in the box provided at the back of the sanctuary. If you’ve forgotten yours, there are some extras on the back table.

**You’re invited** to a New Year’s Eve dinner concert with Donna Godshall, The Harmenaires and Renaissance Gospel at Franconia Heritage. See poster on the main entrance door for details and ticket information.

**January 2010** – Mennonite Central Committee’s project is **Health Kits**, which are distributed around the world to families in need, many of whom are refugees from war-torn areas. Contents are: (NEW items only)

- 1 adult size toothbrush in wrapper

- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum of 6 oz; leave in box)

- 1 large bar of bath soap

- 1 fingernail clipper

- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)

Place items in a school kit bag, available in the library. Bring the filled bags back to church. Rich and Doris Landis will take them to the Resource Center.

**School Cents:** Now is a good time to think about applying for the MMA College Scholarship. You will need to fill out the application and write an essay about how faith and finances can work together to improve lives. Go to Mennonite Mutual Aid website on line and type MMA College Scholarship in the search box to find and download an application, or talk to Marvin Reinford, our MMA advocate, for more information.

**A few small desk & wallet-size** calendars from “Life With God” are available under the mailboxes as well as **MAMA** newsletters. Please help yourself.

**The Connection**, newsletter from We Care Prison Ministry for December, is posted on the bulletin board.