

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

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| Attendance | Offering | |
| Worship Service – 81 | General Offering | \$ 3,392.50 |
| | Total | \$ 3,392.50 |

***** This Week At Finland *****

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| Tuesday | 7:15 pm | Jeff's Worship Team practice |
| Wednesday | 7:15 pm | Youth Bible Study |

***** Coming Events *****

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| Sept. 10 | 7:15-9:00 pm | Boys / Girls Club kick-off at church |
| Sept. 13 | 2:00 pm | Church Picnic |
| Sept. 14 | 9:45 am | Worship survey during S.S. time |
| Sept. 22 | 7:00 pm | Congregational Meeting |
| Sept. 28 | 11:00 am | Baptism/reception of new members |

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

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| Greeters: | Today | Grace Ingalls |
| | Next Week | Jan & Aimee Bannon (1 st service) Arlin & Alyssa Benner (2 nd service) |
| Nursery: | Today | Dee Dee & Lydia Good |
| | Next Week | Maria Dibble & Hannah Landis (1 st service) Tara Gilmore (2 nd service) |
| Ushers: | September | Jeff Reinford (1 st service) Mary Snyder (2 nd service) |
| Closing church building | August – Alan & Tara Gilmore | |

***** Announcements *****

Dan Ziegler brought vanilla and honey along back from Haiti, available for purchase at \$6 a bottle. All profits go back to Labaleine, the village we worked in, to produce more. If interested, see Jina Reinford.

Contact **Kevin Bannon** if you'd like to join either of the **MDS** service trips to Pass Christian, Mississippi. Dates are Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 8-15.

You're invited to music programs:

Sept. 14, 6:30 pm – Harmony Sound Quartet, including Donna Godshall, at Franconia Mennonite Church - an evening of Southern Gospel Music.

Sept. 14, 7-8:00 pm – An evening of song and prayer in Taize tradition at Perkasio Mennonite Church the 2nd Sunday evening each month through May 2009 with candlelight, scripture, song, silence and prayer.

Sept. 20, **Next-2-Nothing Band** will be in concert at Swamp Mennonite Church presenting Praise/Worship/Original works. Doors open at 7 pm. A free-will offering will be received. Come and be refreshed.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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Pastor's office hours this week: Tues. 8:00-11:00, Wed. & Fri. 8:30-12:00 noon

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Pre-service Prayer Meeting 9:10 am

July 20 - August 30, only one worship service at 9:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

Praise, Worship & Welcome

Message – “Everywhere Is Holy Ground” *John 4:16-26* *Pastor Bob*

Offering

Sharing time

Larry Good - Elder in charge

Please pass the attendance pads

Pastoral prayer

Closing blessing

Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.

Sunday School will begin at 10:45 am.

Announcements

TODAY is the last Sunday in our summer schedule of having only one service. Next Sunday, Sept. 7th, we go back to an early service at 8:30, Sunday school 9:45-10:30, fellowship time, and 2nd service at 11:00 am.

The Prayer Room may not always be staffed during Sunday School this summer, however it is always open if you desire a place to pray. You may share needs or praises by writing them on the tear-off portion of the bulletin under “How can we minister to you” and placing it in the offering basket. The Prayer Team will be sure to lift you up in prayer.

Scripture for next Sunday: Matt. 22:34-40; Matt. 28:16-20.

Two new books have been added to the library:

Soul Surfer – a true story by Bethan Hamilton

All the Tea in China – a novel by Jane Orcutt

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?

Jr. High Youth – Come to the hang-out at Longacre’s this Friday night, Sept. 5, from 7-10 pm to welcome new members.

Young Adults of Finland (Post High) – Next Sunday, September 7th, meet at 12:30 pm place for fun, food, and football. Call Kris for details.

Boys & Girls Club fall kick-off on Wednesday, Sept. 10th, at the church from 7:15-9:00 pm. We will be welcoming new members.

The Building Committee and Finance Committee met recently to discuss the next steps regarding our building project. Berks Ridge has given us figures on the estimated cost of building our new facility on Ziegler Road. We would like to share this information as well as several proposals with the congregation next Sunday, Sept. 7th, during the Sunday school period. A Congregational Mtg. has been set for Monday, Sept. 22, 7:00 pm, for discussion and a vote on these proposals. Please be in prayer as the congregation together seeks God’s will for our future.

HeeHaw! Attention all cowboys and cowgirls! The church picnic is September 13th at the Wild West Finland Church! At 2:00 pm all you cowpokes will have fun roping “bulls”, shootouts at the OK corral, and other western games. The kids will have pony rides starting at 3:00. Come dressed in your best western attire. Prizes will be given out for the best outfit. Chow time is 5:00 pm. Look for additional information in your mailbox from Cookie (Mark Gane) as to what food to bring along. Sign-up sheets are posted on both doors to give us a general count. We’re going to have a boot-stomping good time!

Youth Group Picnic – Sunday, September 14, from 2:00-9:00 pm at the church to welcome the new members. There will be hot dogs, a slip and slide and games. Girls bring desserts and guys bring snacks.

Baby Boomers’ Retreat, Sept. 19-21, at Mt. Zion Christian Camp, Roaring Branch, PA. The cost of \$85 a person includes all meals and accommodations, (bedding provided). Please sign up on the sheets posted so we know how many are coming.