

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

Attendance                      Offering  
 Last week's services were cancelled due to icy road conditions.

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

Greeters:	Today	Gerald & Marian Souder (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Darryl & Eleanor Wallace (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	Next Week	Anna Nolt (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Don & Kathy Mease (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Nursery:	Today	Corinne Guntz (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Sarah Kratz & Natasha Wallace (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Ushers:	December	Rachel Reinford (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Greg Ingram - (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
	January	Russ & Barb Hess (1 <sup>st</sup> service) Grace Ingalls (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)
Closing church building	December	Wilson Swartley
	January	Greg & Cheryl Ingram

\*\*\*\* Youth and Adult Sunday School Class locations and topics \*\*\*\*

Youth – in basement of house next door discuss various topics.  
 Young Adult Class – DVD series “Money Talks” - first room on left in basement.  
 Men's Class – “Human Commitment” - middle room on right in basement.  
 Women's Class – in secretary's office behind stage.  
 Mixed Adult Class – “Money Management and Financial Planning” – in sanctuary.  
 Read through the Bible Class – in the garage next door.  
 Prayer Room – upstairs at rear of sanctuary for sharing prayer needs, etc.

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

**Pastoral Search Committee, Elders, Pastor Bob, Ministry Directors. Mennonite Mission Network workers Lillian & Norm Nicholson have returned to the village of Tin in Burkina Faso following a period of language study. Pray for Norm working in the recording studio and for Lillian in Bible translation.**

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# Finland Mennonite Church

**Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out**

[www.finlandmennonitechurch.org](http://www.finlandmennonitechurch.org)

**Pastor Robert Nolt**

Pastor's email: [pastorbobnolt@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbobnolt@comcast.net)

Pastor's office hours this week: Pastor Bob will not be in the office this week

Church office – 215-679-8980

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Greg Ingram 215-529-9852, Alan Kratz 215-679-3311

Visitation & Care Team – Marvin & Rachel Reinford 215-679-8598

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*Today is the Fifth Sunday of Advent*

*Pre-service Prayer Meeting 8:10 - 8:20 am*

*First service 8:30 am – Second service 11:00 am*

*Sunday School 9:45 to 10:30 am*

**Each Sunday of Advent** has a focus statement. Today's statement:

“Even as we struggle to hold on to hope, God's salvation appears in front of us.

Our communities reflect the face of God when women and men,  
 young and old together, behold and celebrate God's salvation.”

**Praise, Worship & Welcome**

*(If you need to sit down at any time during the singing, please feel free to do so.)*

**Confessing**

**Second Service Offering**

*Offertory – Worship Team*

**Message – “Displaying God's Glory” Isa. 61:1-11**

*Guest - Ray Yoder*

**First Service Offering**

*Offertory – Worship Team*

**Kid's Kinection downstairs** *(ages 2 and up)*

**Sharing time**

*Larry Good - Elder in charge*

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

**Pastoral prayer**

**Closing blessing**

**Doxology – “Take the Name of Jesus With You”**

*Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.*

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**Ray Yoder** has served as a pastor of three Franconia Conference churches and since 1999 served as an intentional interim pastor in five congregations. We welcome Ray and Edna to our church today.

*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?*

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## This Week at Finland

**Tuesday, 7:15 pm** – Young Adult Worship Team practice.

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth hang-out.

**Saturday, 7:00 pm** – The Skyline Boys from Virginia will present a southern gospel concert here. There will be a time of fellowship in the basement following the program. Please bring a dessert to share.

### Announcements

**The Women's** Sunday school class will begin again today in the secretary's office behind the stage. Women of any age are invited.

**SECRET FAMILY** – Due to inclement weather and vacation, I am extending the sign-up for the Secret Family program to January 11, 2009. You will have your assignments by January 25. Don't miss out on the fun! Anyone can participate – if you're a family of one or a dozen! Questions? Ask Mary Carlson. There are extra forms under the mailboxes if you need one.

**The Fundraising Committee** for our building project is planning a hoagie sale the middle of January. Hoagies may be purchased at Wawa, Tosco's in Pennsburg, or Landis' supermarket. More information later.

**The Fellowship Committee** has planned another bowling event at Earl Bowl in Earlington on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$2.50 per game plus \$2 to rent shoes. Sign up sheets will be posted on the doors.

**A box of 2008 packets from Burpee Seed Company** is on a table in the basement. Please help yourself to flower, vegetable, and herb seeds. Spring will be here before you know it. Start planning your garden now.

**Church pictorial directories:** Thanks to Lisa and David and Jina for taking everyone's picture for the directory and to Kathy for organizing and typing the personal information. Donna also deserves recognition for the fine job she did on the center pages showing many group activities of our church. We are grateful for all the volunteer time they put into it. Please check your family's information for accuracy. If anything is incorrect, let Martha (secretary) know and a correction will be put in the bulletin. One directory was placed in each mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox and would like a copy, there are a few extra copies available in the second last mailbox slot. One per family, please!

## Dec. 28, 2008 insert

**John Drescher** will bring the message in both services next Sunday. The title of her sermon is "Certainties for '09". Scripture passages are: Isaiah 58:11, Psalm 46:1-3, Exodus 33:12-14, and I John 1:9.

**Note from the Finance Committee:** If you use offering envelopes for tax receipts purposes, a new box for 2009 should be in your mailbox today. **PLEASE NOTE:** Since your new envelopes have a different number, it is very important that you throw out any leftover envelopes from 2008. If you haven't used envelopes in the past, but would like to, please contact Kris.

**Sunday School Meditations Association** invites you to a dinner meeting at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA on Saturday, January 31, 2009, 6:00 pm. See poster on the bulletin board for reservation information.

**Newsletters** from Liberty Ministries, New Life Youth & Family Services, Open Line, and the Samaritan's Purse have been posted on the bulletin board. Also see posters for Karen's Place coffee shop and a concert by Eddy Mann on Feb. 21, 7:00 pm at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church in Pipersville.

**"Seven Project Outreach"** is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2009, (a Thursday) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Upper Perk High School. This is a very powerful opportunity to share the gospel with teens from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, not only in our own school district, but other districts as well. It is expected that over 900 teens will attend this event. Area Christian teens and youth groups have been challenged to pray, fast, and invite friends. Consider fasting one meal each Thursday as you also pray for this event. Prayer requests include:

- Over 100 adult volunteers are needed on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Peter Smith at [petersmith4@comcast.net](mailto:petersmith4@comcast.net)
- Pray that God would raise up many intercessors to be in prayer daily.
- Pray for God to bless the **day-time** school assemblies on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray that many teens will come to Christ, and that there will be enough adult volunteer counselors to talk with them after the message.
- Pray for area youth pastors and leaders, and that churches will be prepared to add new teenagers to their youth ministries.
- Approximately \$2,300 is still needed to cover remaining costs. Mail checks to Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church, 2788 Geryville Pike, PO Box 88, Pennsburg, PA 18073. Write "The Seven Project" on the memo line of your check.