

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

Attendance	Offering	
First Service – 84	Bldg. Fund Offering	\$ 9,056.45
Second Service – 81	Pledge money given	\$ 6,250.00
	Total for Bldg. Fund	\$ 15,306.45

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

Greeters:	Today	Marvin & Rachel Reinford (1 st service)
		Cheryl & Kelly Ingram (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Paul & Mary Cassel (1 st service)
		Karen & Sarah Kratz (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Maria Dibble & Hannah Landis (1 st service)
		Mary Moyer & Lauren Good (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Lisa Effrig & Monica Janton (1 st service)
		Veronica Janton (2 nd service)
Ushers:	November	Jim & Ruth Delp (1 st service)
		Arlin Benner - (2 nd service)
Closing church building	November	– Jeff & Jina Reinford

***** Youth and Adult Sunday School Class locations, & topics *****

- Youth – in basement of house next door discuss various topics.
- Young Adult Class – Studying book of Proverbs - first room on left in basement.
- Men's Class – "New Testament Community" - middle room on right in basement.
- Women's Class – "New Testament Community" - 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, John Drescher as he prepares to hold renewal meetings at Faith Baptist Church, Wilmot, Ohio, Nov. 16-19, and be in prayer for a **new Elder**. You will have an opportunity to give a nomination on November 23rd.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

Pastor Robert Nolt

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

Church office – 215-679-8980

Church email: finlandmennonitechurch@comcast.net

Elders – Stacey Kolb 215-541-0392, Larry Good 215-721-1229

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

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

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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 to 10:30 am

Praise, Worship & Welcome

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

Second Service Offering Jeff Janton - Offertory

Message – "A Slippery Slope" Exodus 20:14, Matt. 5:27-29 Pastor Bob

First Service Offering Jeff Janton - Offertory

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

Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.

Announcements

You are welcome to come join us in the Prayer Room during Sunday school. Share your cares and burdens and be lifted up to God's throne. Cast all your care on Him, for He cares for you.

This evening, 5:30 pm - potluck meal. A congregational meeting will follow at 6:30 pm with discussion on worship and the possible purchase of a 24-passenger bus. Information on both subjects was in your mailbox last Sunday. (Please remember individual's who have allergies, and mark your dish if it contains eggs, peanuts, peanut butter or foods processed in a factory with those items. Thanks.)

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

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Martha’s worship team practice.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Young Adult Bible study at Kris & Ginger’s.

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible study.

Wednesday, 7:30 pm – Marvin Reinford’s small group at Karl Drescher’s home.

Saturday, 8:00 am – Church work day. There is lots of work inside and outside. Please sign up on the sheets on the doors if you can help.

Announcements

The Hospitality Committee needs 3 or 4 volunteers for a clean-up crew after potlucks and other church dinners. Please talk to Mark Gane, Lisa Effrig or Barb Hess if you are interested in helping in this way. If you are willing to begin by helping with this evening’s meal, please speak with a committee member today. It would be most appreciated!

The adult class that meets in the sanctuary is starting a new study on “Money Management and Financial Planning.” Anyone is invited to join this class discussion on an important issue in our world today.

Next Sunday, Nov. 16th – Wayne Spiegle will be our guest preacher. He has served as pastor of West Swamp Mennonite Church. He is currently part-time interim pastor of Bally Mennonite Church.

Operation Christmas Child – Bring smiles and joy into a needy child’s life this Christmas. Brochures are under the mailboxes. Filled shoe boxes must be returned by **next Sunday, November 16th**.

Boys & Girls Club November activities: Wed. Nov. 19th – Bible Study at church 7:15-8:45 pm. Sat. Nov. 22nd - Hang out at Swartley’s for a bon fire/hot dog roast and games regardless of weather.

November 22, 7:00 pm – Baby Boomers’ game night at church.

November 23, 5-9 pm - Celebration of Gifts is two weeks from today. Have you decided what talent you will share? Remember, you can bring photos if your hobby is too big to bring in. Next Sunday, Nov. 16th, is the deadline to sign up with Sarah Kratz.

Ushers fill an important role for each Sunday morning service. Anyone and everyone is qualified for this job. Anyone interested in being an usher for either service please contact Alan Gilmore.

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Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join the 2nd Annual Buxmont Living Celebrate Community Youth Choir. This group will perform with the African Children’s Choir at the “Celebrate Community” concert on Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:00 pm in the Pennridge High School Auditorium. The rehearsals begin this Saturday, Nov. 15, 22, and Dec. 6 from 9-10:30 am in the Souderton Menn. Church choir room. If interested, please call the Souderton Mennonite Church office at 215-723-3088 as soon as possible.

All young adults are invited to a Barn Party on Sat., Nov.22, 7:30 pm. This event, sponsored by **OIL** (One in the Lord young adult ministries) will be held at 443 Stover Road, Harleysville, PA. Come enjoy a fun evening together! Bring a snack to share. Contact Jessica Leatherman from Towamencin Mennonite Church with any questions at jessil@hotmail.com or 215-872-4281.

Sermons you have always wanted to hear:

During January and February, 2009 the sermons will center on the theme “sermons you have always wanted to hear.” From November 9 through November 23, you are invited to submit ideas and scriptures for sermons that will be preached from January 11 to February 22, 2008. You are encouraged to contact your friends and neighbors who do not attend a church to ask them for ideas for “Sermons you have always wanted to hear.” Then invite them to worship when the sermon will be preached. You are also encouraged to discuss your suggestions in your small groups or your Sunday school class and submit your ideas as a group. Please complete the form below or you may email the sermon topic and scripture to pastorbobnolt@comcast.net. **Please tear off the bottom of this page and return the written form to Pastor Bob’s mailbox by Sunday, November 23.**

Sermon Suggestions for January - February, 2009

Scripture(s) _____

Topic _____

Group or Individual Name _____

Is this suggestion from your friend or neighbor: Yes _____ No _____

Return to Pastor’s Bob’s mailbox by Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008

Elder Meeting Summary - Retreat Meetings - October 18, 2008

The team went through a time of teaching on dealing with controlling spirits presented by Bob Petersheim. It is important for leadership to lead through and not react if attempts are made to manipulate issues and information to achieve a certain outcome. We must keep in mind that at the highest level we all want what is good for the church. Continued work at clear communications can lessen the tendency to be controlling.

We talked about formulating mission and vision statements. A list of goals from the night to remember was looked at. Based on the picture of 'who we are as a church' and 'who we want to be' we need to implement ways of implementing these goals. Several of these goals require time for ministry directors and others in the congregation to share what God is doing in and through them as they minister in the church. As the ministry directors and their teams develop goals and strategies they need to be included in the vision for the church and they need to be able to share them with the congregation.

Vision goals and statements need to be drafted in a way that reflects the unique ministry we have as a local body of Christ. A brief statement that is easy to remember should be used as an aid to help keep the goals in the vision statement ever before us as a congregation.

The elder team reviewed the responses from the survey on worship, fellowship and Sunday school. A night to bring the discussion to the congregation should be planned. November 9 will be the time for this.

The elder selection process was reviewed. According to the by-laws this process is to be over-seen by the ministry directors along with the lead elder and not the elder team. The process will be restarted under their supervision.

An item was brought to the elder team about the availability of a bus. There was no provision in the by-laws to approve this type of purchase outside of the context of a congregational vote. Regarding the bus directly, the elders approved the director of the stewardship ministry to find facts and present them to the congregation for a vote. This will take place in the meeting where we discuss the results from the worship survey.

The larger question of how to make such decisions in the future was discussed. Several issues important to consider – the item crosses clear ministry boundaries, the initial expense is several thousand dollars and there is an ongoing expense in insurance and registration fees. A policy needs to be developed that may allow the church leadership to make some decisions on behalf of the church in a timely way. It would also determine at what point a decision needs to be brought to the congregation for approval.