

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

Attendance	Offering	
Worship Service – 94	General Offering	\$ 3,224.20
	Total	\$ 3,224.20

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

Today	12:30 pm	Young Adult Picnic at Kratz's
Monday	7:00 pm	Ministry Council & Elder Team mtg
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Elder Team Meeting
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Martha's Worship Team practice
Wednesday	7:15 pm	Youth Hang-out
Wednesday	7:15-9:00 pm	Boys & Girls Club Fall Kick-off
Saturday	2:00 pm	Wild West Finland Church Picnic

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

Sept. 14	9:45 am	Worship survey during S.S. time
Sept. 14	2:00-9:00 pm	Youth Picnic
Sept. 14	6:30 pm	Marvin Reinford's small group
Sept. 19	6:00 pm	Jr. High hot dog roast /Jeff & Jina's
Sept. 19-21		Baby Boomers' Retreat
Sept. 22	7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
Sept. 28	11:00 am	Baptism/reception of new members

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

Greeters:	Today	Jan & Aimee Bannon (1 st service)
		Arlin & Alyssa Benner (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Next Week	Ernie & Lisa Effrig (1 st service)
		John Rutt & Natasha Wallace (2 nd service)
Ushers:	Today	Maria Dibble & Hannah Landis (1 st service)
		Tara Gilmore (2 nd service)
Closing church building	Next Week	Betty Drescher (1 st service)
		Mary Moyer & Lauren Good (2 nd service)
September	September	Jeff Reinford (1 st service)
		Mary Snyder (2 nd service)

***** Announcements *****

“Discerning Our Gifts” – a green paper listing positions that need to be filled by January 1, 2009, is in your mailbox today. Please prayerfully consider where God may be asking you to serve and write your name in as a possible candidate, or suggest someone else who has gifts in certain areas. Sign your name and return the sheet by Sept. 21 to the box on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Teens and adults who attend Finland, whether you are a member or not, are invited to fill out this form.

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

www.finlandmennonitechurch.org

Pastor Robert Nolt

Pastor's email: pastorbobnolt@comcast.net

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

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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

Message – “Doing the Two Greats” Matt. 22:34-40 & 28:16-20 Pastor Bob

First Service Offering

Kid's Kinection downstairs (ages 2 and up)

Sharing time

Stacey Kolb - Elder in charge

Please pass the attendance pads

Pastoral prayer

Closing blessing

Nursery facilities are available during Worship Service.

Announcements

Today we go back to having two services again. Please follow this schedule:

First service - 8:30 am

Sunday school - 9:45 to 10:30 am

Fellowship time - 10:30 to 11:00 am

Second service - 11:00 am

Kid's Kinection begins again **TODAY!** We're looking forward to doing some fun things together this year. Kids from age 2 up to youth group age are invited to join us. Today will be a Celebration Birthday Bash.

All adult classes meet in the auditorium this morning. See note on back.

Scripture for next Sunday: Exodus 20:2

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?

Jim Swartley will share information regarding our building program during Sunday School **this morning**. All adult classes please meet together in the sanctuary. Then on Monday evening, **Sept. 22**, 7:00 pm, there will be a congregational meeting consisting of a time of open discussion regarding the proposals shared by the Building and Finance Committees. The evening will end with a vote taken on the proposals. Please be in prayer as together we seek God's will for our future.

Young Adults of Finland (Post High) – Meet at 12:30 pm at Kratz's place **today** for fun, food, and football.

All Boys & Girls in grades 3, 4 & 5 - come to our **fall kick-off** this Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 7:15-9:00 pm at the church. We will be welcoming new members.

HeeHaw! Attention all cowboys and cowgirls! The church picnic is this Saturday, Sept. 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 – next 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). Sign-up sheets are on the doors. Please sign up TODAY or next Sunday at the latest.

Congratulations to Heather Longacre and Ryan Landis on their recent engagement. An August 22, 2009 wedding is being planned.

Check out the bulletin board above the snack table in the basement to see ministry opportunities in our church, community, and in the world.

A Service to celebrate the faith and life of Noah Paquin will be held at Franconia Mennonite Church at 4:00 pm today. Noah was a 7th grade student at Penn View Christian School who died in a recent accident. Please join us in remembering Noah's zest for life and love of God.

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The MAMA Newsletter from July/August just arrived and is on the bulletin board. There are a few extra copies under the mailboxes. Please take one.

Community and Conference Events listed by date:

UPPEN is planning for a special 31-day fast beginning tomorrow, Sept. 8 - October 8th. It will cover the first 31 days of the new school year for Upper Perk Schools. Pray for our schools, our kids, our world, and for God to do miracles in our lives and churches. You are invited to fast at least one meal each week.

Sept. 16, 7:00 pm (Tuesday) – Peace and Justice film series "**Women In War Zones**" will be shown at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church. It is free and open to the public, but not recommended for young children because of the subject and nature of the film. See www.womeninwarzones.org for more details, or call Sarah Witter at 215-510-2979 with further questions.

Sept. 19, 7:00 pm (Friday) – Penn View Christian School will host a Community Outreach Concert in their auditorium. The concert features the bands FIREFLIGHT and Nevertheless as they launch their "UNBREAKABLE" tour. The concert is **free**, but a ticket should be obtained for admission. Tickets are available at the Penn View office by calling 215-723-1196, ext. 1280. This is a great event for youth groups!

Sept. 20, 7:00-10:30 pm (Saturday) – Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of Doylestown Mennonite Church, will reopen featuring the folk-rock singing songwriter Mindy Boyd, who recently released her 4th album. Donations will go to Mennonite Disaster Service to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Call the church office, 215-345-6377 for more information or www.karensplace.org.

Sept. 27, 10:00am-1:00pm (Saturday) Montgomery County is hosting its 2nd Annual children's Safety Fair in Conshohocken. See flyer on bulletin board or visit www.health.montcopa.org and click on "calendar".

Oct. 11, (Saturday) – Spruce Lake's annual Firewood Cutting Day. We need lots of willing workers. Bring friends and family and have fun working together. Call Spruce Lake at 1-800-822-7505 to sign up. Bring work gloves and a chain saw if you have one. Lunch will be provided. Several log splitters will also be needed. Contact Spruce Lake if you are able to bring one.

MDS service trips to Pass Christian, Mississippi, are scheduled for Nov. 1-8 and Nove. 8-15. Please talk to Kevin Bannon if you are interested in going.