

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 101	General Offering	\$ 5,424.14
Second service - 63	Building Fund	\$ 198.00
	Total	\$ 5,622.14

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

Greeters:	Today	Paul & Mary Cassel (1 st service) Jim & Lynn Swartley (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Marvin & Rachel Reinford (1 st service) Darryl & Eleanor Wallace (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Maria Dibble (1 st service) Jina Reinford (during Sunday School) Shirley Kiefer (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Rose Longacre & Whitney (1 st service) Shirley Kiefer (during Sunday School) Rachel Kiefer (2 nd service)
Ushers:	March	Kevin Bannon (1 st service) Jonathan Kiefer (2 nd service)

Closing church building in Mar. Arlin & Donna Benner

***** 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
Men's Class - middle room on right in the basement. "Teachings on Community"
"Welcome" – taught by Rich Longacre meets in the sanctuary
"Praying Grace" – led by Rachel Reinford meets in the Prayer Room
"The Cry for Spiritual Fathers & Mothers" – led by Sarah Burdge will meet in the first room on the right in the basement.
Study of Matthew – led by Alan Kratz meets in the garage next door
Baptism Class – meets in Pastor John's office

***** You're Invited *****

Haiti benefit concert, March 20, 6:30 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church.
Liberty Ministries benefit concert, April 25, 7 pm at Salford Mennonite Church with Donna Godshall. See posters on the bulletin board.

***** Prayer Requests *****

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, and our building project.

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 all our morning services.

FIRST SERVICE

Worship in Song - If you need to sit down during the singing, please feel free to do so.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

Message – "Beyond Revenge" Alan Kratz

Offering Jeff Janton - Offertory

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

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time Greg Ingram - 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 Jeff Janton – Offertory

Sharing Time Greg Ingram - Elder in charge

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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

Message – "Beyond Revenge" Alan Kratz

Closing Prayer

Next Week: "The Greatest Power in the World" – Matthew 6:1-8; 7:7-11

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

Monday, 7:00 pm – Banner Workshop here. Bring scissors and pins and help stitch banners for the Easter Service in our new church. Non-sewers welcome!

Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am – Women's Bible Study at Betty Drescher's

Tuesday, 7:15 pm – Martha's Worship Team practice

Wednesday, 10 am– Mom's Group at Ginger's for all moms with small children.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – John Drescher's small group

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High Bible Study at Kris and Ginger's

Friday, 9:00 pm – Jr. High Lock-in at CD until 7:00 am Saturday morning

Announcements

Reminder: Three new S.S. classes are beginning today. ***"Welcome"*** led by Rich Longacre will meet in the sanctuary. ***"The Cry for Spiritual Fathers and Mothers"***, facilitated by Sarah Burdge, will meet in the first room on the right in the basement. ***"Praying Grace"*** led by Rachel Reinford will meet in the prayer room. The prayer room continues to be meant for those who want to come with a prayer concern. This study is just in addition to the prayer time. For a complete list of youth & adult classes and topics, see inside left page of bulletin. We invite you to join any of our Sunday School classes.

John and Bev are on vacation through March 11. John will be back in the office this Friday, March 12. Please contact Alan Kratz as head Elder with any pastoral needs while John is away.

The Child Safety Committee is asking everyone who works with children and youth in our congregation to have a criminal records check and child abuse history clearance done. When you receive them in the mail, please give a copy to Martha, our church secretary, to keep in a locked file.

The Mom's Group that meets at Ginger Wint's every other Wednesday at 10am is hoping to use the facilities at our new building once we move into it. Our desire is to expand this activity into a Bible Study for moms, which means we need some willing and capable women to watch our children during this time. We are not asking you to help out every time, just whenever you can (once a month, once a year – anything is helpful). Please contact Ginger if you are able to help out.

Finland Festival Planning Committee is being formed. Contact Rose, Ginger, or Dee Dee if you are interested in helping on this committee.

Easter Egg Hunt: If you can donate plastic eggs or small wrapped candy, please put it in the bins in the basement for our community egg hunt which will be held on Saturday, April 3rd. See Rose if you have questions. Thanks!

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Please add the following March events to your church calendar at home:

Mar. 10 & 24 at 10 am- Mom's group at Ginger's for all moms & young children.

March 27, 6:30 pm – Baby Boomers' game night at the church.

March 31, 7:15-9:00 pm – Jr. High fill Easter eggs here in the church basement.

Upcoming Events

March 21, 7:00 pm – Prayer and Praise Service

March 27, 6:30 pm – Baby Boomers' Game night here at the church.

April 3, 9:30 am – Community Easter egg hunt.

April 10 (Saturday) – Appreciation Brunch for all S.S. teachers.

April 10, 6:30 pm – Rook Tournament in the new gym. More details later.

April 11 – **VBS Kick-off meeting** and potluck lunch immediately following the second service in our new church building.

April 25, 12:00-4:00 pm – Post High activities in the new gym.

May 2 - Baptism and receiving new members by transfer or confession of faith.

May 8, 1:00 pm – Ladies Tea in new church building. More details later.

June 5 – Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser for our building project.

June 6, 2:00 pm – Dedication Service for our new church building.

June 12 – Finland and Friends Community Festival.

June 21-25 – Vacation Bible School with program on Friday night.

May is Family Month with emphasis on family issues during S.S. and sermons, and also each Wednesday evening, 5:30-8:00 pm. Evening meal provided.

"Celebrate!" **Saturday, April 17, 9am - 3pm**, at Franconia Mennonite Church. Women throughout our region will join together to celebrate life, community and the love of Jesus. Our speaker will be Bonnie Stevenson from Iglesia Tierra Prometida, Mexico City, with the theme **"Come and be Filled."** Come ready to relax and rejoice, be refreshed and renewed. Lunch and pampering is provided, admission is free, donations will be accepted the day of the event. Interested persons must register before April 5. Registration forms are in your mailboxes, or contact Donna Benner. See flyer on the bulletin board.

The Hospice Program at Grand View Hospital is committed to meeting the needs of terminally ill patients and their families with skill, caring and compassion. We are looking for caring volunteers willing to share their time & presence in this important ministry. The next training session begins in May and includes instruction in hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, the experience of death, dying and grief, and practical information needed to assist patients and their families. If you are interested, please call Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Bongiovanni at 215-453-4149 before March 30 to register & schedule an interview.