

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

Attendance	Offering	
First service – 102	General Offering	\$ 5,573.00
Second service - 52	Baby Boomers	\$ 44.70
	Building Fund	\$ 295.00
	Total	\$ 5,912.70

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

Greeters:	Today	Corey & Corinne Guntz (1 st service)
		Merv & Ellen Rutt (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Jim & Ruth (1 st service)
		Marv & Rachel Reinford (2 nd service)
Nursery:	Today	Melissa Carl (1 st service)
		Tara Gilmore (during S.S.)
		Tara Gilmore & Natasha Wallace (2 nd service)
	Next Week	Yvonne Drescher & Lisa Effrig (1 st service)
		Ginger Wint (during S.S.)
		Sue Rice & Mary Moyer (2 nd service)
Ushers:	March	Kevin Bannon (1 st service)
		Jonathan Kiefer (2 nd service)
	April	Charlie Dibble (1 st service)
		Greg Ingram (2 nd service)

Closing church building in Apr. Kris & Ginger Wint

***** 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

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

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, Ministry Directors, and Building Committee members. Remember to keep the transition from this building to our new facilities in your prayers. Praise God for the many answers to prayer we have seen.

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

The Church Moves Forward on its Knees

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

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-11*

Message – "When Messiah Comes to Town" *Pastor John*

Offering *Rose Longacre & Jalecia Reinford - Offertory*

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

Children dismissed for Kids Kinection

Sharing Time *Alan Kratz - Elder in charge*

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing

SECOND SERVICE

The Church Moves Forward on its Knees

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

Offering *Rose Longacre & Jalecia Reinford - Offertory*

Sharing Time *Alan Kratz - Elder in charge*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-11*

Message – "When Messiah Comes to Town" *Pastor John*

Closing Prayer

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

Today after 2nd service – Procession to new church and prayer.

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm – Ministry Directors meeting

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

Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 pm – Boys & Girls Club making Easter eggs

Wednesday, 7:15-9:00 pm – Jr. High filling Easter eggs

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Friday 7:30-8:30 pm – Good Friday service

Saturday, 9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt in the new gym

Sunday, 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service outside new building

Good Friday and Easter Services

Good Friday service will be a special Tenebrae Service taking us from the Garden of Gethsemane through the death of Jesus on the cross. **Easter Sunrise Service** will be at 6:30 am outdoors at our new location followed by a continental breakfast in the new building. Plans are to have our first worship services in the new facilities on **Easter Sunday**.

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 3, 9:30 am in the new gym. Place donations of plastic eggs or small wrapped candy in the bins in the basement. If you'd like to help in other ways, see sign-up sheet posted on side entrance door or see Rose.

The Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser: Sign-up sheets are on the doors for placing orders for coconut and peanut butter eggs for Easter. The eggs will be sold in boxes of 6. The cost is \$3.50/half dozen and \$5.50/dozen. Please see Dee Dee Good or Sarah Kratz with any questions. **Boys & girls**, we will meet at church from 6-9 pm on Wednesday, to make the eggs.

S.S. Teachers please note: The brunch planned for April 10 has been postponed until fall due to the busy schedules right now of moving to our new facility.

April 10, 6:30 pm – Rook and Dutch Blitz Tournaments in the new gym.

May 2 – Baptism service. This will also be a time to receive new members by transfer or confession of faith. If you have interest, please talk with Pastor John.

May 8, 1:00 pm – Ladies Tea in new church building

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.

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

June 6 – Dedication Service for our new church building

June 12 – Finland and Friends Community Festival

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Finland Mennonite Church

Today is the last regular worship service we will be having in this building. Some of us are newer on the scene. We are here mostly because of relationships made with those here longer than us. We know that worship here has been really good although crowded at times. It gets hot in the summer. Sometimes the Sunday school class next door may sound just as interesting as the one you are sitting in. This has been a comfortable place. A place we called home for a while.

Some of us have grown up here, were carried in as a baby. We know the places where we skinned our knees or broke an arm or leg, came to faith. Married here, carried our own babies in, and came with our kids (and grand kids). Life was lived here. Ministry happened here. God was glorified here.

It is fitting to take some time to remember and to praise God for his faithfulness to a work that was a dream and became reality. God has worked through many people in many ways over several generations.

But God isn't going to stop working because we go to a new place! Take time to remember what has happened here. Take time to dream about what is beginning here.

The Leadership Team

The Discernment Committee is beginning the work of filling positions of service and leadership within our church. In the next few weeks we will be asking you for names of individuals to serve in the following capacities: Ministry Director of Fellowship, Ministry Director of Worship, Young Adult leaders, Jr High leaders, Boys & Girls Club leaders, Vacation Bible School Committee, Library and Women's Ministry Coordinator. The Ministry Directors start in January, the rest start in September. The individuals chosen for the Ministry Director positions must be members of the church. The others can be members or regular attenders. Everyone who attends regularly is encouraged to submit names. There will also be a place for you to tell us if there is an area you are interested in serving our church. Job descriptions are available in the back of the sanctuary. The nominations will be received April 11 during the worship services.