

Finland Mennonite Church

Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out

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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?

Last Week's Stats

Attendance	Offering		
First service – 100	General Offering	\$	5,898.20
Second service - 80	Building Mortgage	\$	820.00
	Soup sales		20.00
	Total	\$	6,738.20

Volunteers	Today	Next Week
Greeters: service)	Sarah Burdge (1 st service)	Paul & Mary Cassel (1 st)
Benner (2 nd service)	Stephanie Laub/Dennis Derstine (2 nd)	Louise Kreider/Grace
Nursery: Rutt (1 st service)	Rose & Whitney Longacre (1 st service)	Yvonne Drescher & Ellen
(S.S.)	Rachel Kiefer & Karen Kratz (S.S.)	Shirley Kiefer & Barb Hess

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The family that prays together, stays together.

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 care is provided during all morning services for children 3 years and under.

FIRST SERVICE

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

Offering Alan & Jen Kratz, Ginger Wint - Offertory

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

Scripture Reading (brown pew Bible p. 724, blue pew Bible p.1589) Luke 1:46-55

Message - "*Looking Up at Christmas Time*" Pastor John

Children dismissed for Kids' Kinecton

Vote for Elders

Sharing Time

Marvin Reinford 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.*

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Sunday School Class Locations and Topics	
Upstairs hallway:	First classroom – Jr. High Girls Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2 nd Grade Third classroom – 3 rd through 5 th Grade Fourth classroom – Jr. High Boys Fifth classroom – High School
Main floor hallway:	Last room on left – Preschool Second last room on left – Nursery facilities
In gymnasium:	Library – Men's Class – "The Inescapable God" (Exodus & Psalms) Second classroom – Hosea - led by Alan Kratz Third classroom – Post High – Study on the book of Romans

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

Pray for Pastor John, the Elder Team, the Ministry Directors, and for the Drescher family.

The Ballot for Elder inside your bulletin will be collected just before sharing time today. The four names on the ballot are Lester Guntz, David Landis, Mark Livezey, and Darryl Wallace. Each candidate must receive at least 66% of the ballots to be affirmed as an Elder. If two names receive 66% of votes, it will keep our Elder total at four. If three names receive 66% of votes, it will increase the Elder total to five. If all four names receive 66% of votes, it will increase the Elder total to six.

This Week at Finland

Today during fellowship time – a meeting in the sanctuary for parents of youth

Today, 1:00-4:00 pm – Disney Princess Open House here

Today, 6:30 pm – O.U.R. small group here at the church

Monday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rose Longacre's

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

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm – Practice for “Meet Me at the Manger”

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Youth hang-out

Wednesday, 7:15 pm – Post High **FUEL** at Wint's

Wednesday, 7:15-9:00 pm – Boys & Girls Club Bible Study here

Friday, 5:30-8:30 pm – Pizza party & dress rehearsal for kids' Christmas musical

Saturday, 7:00 pm – “Meet Me at the Manger”. All are invited to come to this musical by the children in Kids' Kinection. They have worked long and hard on it.

Dec. 23, Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm, plan to attend the Christmas service here with a unique worship experience including both traditional and contemporary styles.

The Boys & Girls Club is still looking for donations of canning jars/lids/screw caps. See Lynn Swartley or Shannon Derstine for more details.

You should have received a packet in your church mailbox for the Jan. 29, 2011 soup sale. We are asking everyone to sell soup to family, friends & neighbors. Keep track of your sales on the attached form. Also attached is a donation list for ingredients. Last year, due to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to donate all profit to the building fund. We hope we can do this again. Please do not feel obligated to donate the entire amount needed. Only do what you feel you can. Some people gave a cash donation instead of ingredients. You may use the email address in the packet to forward the amount and type of your donation. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the window by the snack list on the kitchen “take out” door. If you did not receive a letter packet, there are extra below the mailboxes. Contact Julie Landis with questions. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this building project **Fundraising and Hospitality Committees**

Plains Mennonite Church invites anyone to “**The Longest Night**” on Dec. 21 at 7 pm. The Christmas season can be a painful time for many of us. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness, fear, and anxiety and to know that we are not alone. Join us in prayer, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle – and that God's Word comes to shine light into the darkness.

Shaping Families – What do you do if your mom or dad has a stroke at the early age of 72? Marcella and her mother share both sides of their experience and witness to their faith as they moved forward. Listen this Saturday, Dec. 11, on WBYN, 1160 AM at 10 am or WBYN, 107.5 FM at 8:30 pm.