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| <b>Last Week's Stats</b> |                                    |
| Attendance               | Offering                           |
| First service – 120      | General Offering \$ 9,930.00       |
| Second service - 69      | Building Mortgage \$ 120.00        |
|                          | Facility Rental (old church) 35.00 |
|                          | <b>Total \$10,085.00</b>           |

| Volunteers                     | Today   | Next Week                                     |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Greeters:<br>service)          | Sarah Burdge (1 <sup>st</sup> service)              | Rachel & Sarah Kolb (1 <sup>st</sup> service) |
|                                | Louise Kreider/Grace Benner (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser.)  | Merv & Ellen Rutt (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)   |
| Nursery:<br>service)<br>(S.S.) | Yvonne Drescher & Ellen Rutt (1 <sup>st</sup> ser.) | Bev Ehst & Dianne Wise (1 <sup>st</sup> ser.) |
|                                | Shirley Kiefer & Barb Hess (S.S.)                   | Jina & Laura Reinford                         |
|                                | Mary Moyer & Dee Dee Good (2 <sup>nd</sup> ser.)    | Rachel & Jalecia Reinford                     |

# Finland Mennonite Church

*Looking up, Moving forward, Reaching out*

[www.finlandmennonitechurch.org](http://www.finlandmennonitechurch.org)

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**December 12, 2010**

*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** Sarah Kolb - Offertory

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

**Scripture Reading** (brown pew Bible p. 863, blue pew Bible p.1902) I John 4:7-12

**Message** - "Love Came Down" Pastor John

**Children dismissed for Kids' Kinection**

**Sharing Time** Stacey Kolb - 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.*

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**Closing Blessing**

The best gift was found in a manger.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?**

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**Sunday School Class Locations and Topics**

Upstairs hallway: First classroom – Jr. High Girls  
 Second classroom – Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 Third classroom – 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Elder vote results** - All four names were affirmed last week to serve as Elder: Les Guntz, David Landis, Mark Livezey and Darryl Wallace. Continue to lift our leaders up in prayer, especially these men as they assume new roles in our church body.

**Thanks to each one of you** for your prayers, cards, visits, food and concern for Betty Drescher and all of us as her family as she has been recovering from her brain surgery. We feel blessed for our church family and are so thankful for God's answer to prayer. We are experiencing "A Miracle on Esten Road" for Christmas.

## ***This Week at Finland***

**Today, 6:00 pm** – WALTER meets at Les and Martha's

**Today, 6:30 pm** – Marvin Reinford's small group will meet at Karl Drescher's

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

**Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 am** – Free drive-thru coffee at the old church

**Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am** – Mom's Group here

**Wednesday, 7:15 pm** – Youth Bible Study

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

**Wednesday, 7:30 pm** – Book Club meets here to discuss "The Christmas Sweater"

**Thursday, 7:00 pm** – Men's Bible study here "Quiet Strength"

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**Coffee for Sale!** The Jr. High has 8 different kinds of coffee beans for sale in the gym from One Village Coffee. Prices are on each package and a cash box is on the table to put your money in. Thanks for your help!

**The Post High** still has some poinsettias left to sell. See Donna Benner or Ginger Wint if you are interested in purchasing any.

**Dec. 23, Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Our Christmas service will blend traditional and contemporary styles together as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Sarah Kolb will recite the Christmas story from scripture, interwoven with traditional Christmas carols sung by the congregation. Then, to round out this unique worship experience, listen to the Christmas story from a contemporary point of view. You won't want to miss it!

**Baby Boomers** – We are planning to go to the New Year's Eve Dinner Concert at Franconia Heritage Restaurant on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm followed by a concert featuring the Harmenaires, Depth of Mercy and the Brunner Family. Tickets are \$35 per person and going fast, so please contact Janet Gane by tomorrow night if you are interested in going. See poster on the bulletin board.

**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 fundraiser. Fundraising and Hospitality Committees

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**Please note** that there is a half sheet of paper in your church mailbox today with a couple of additions to add to your church directory.

**Looking ahead** - The Youth Auction will be held Saturday, March 5. Start thinking about how you can contribute. More details coming soon!

**Anyone interested in providing a meal** for someone who is shut-in, ill, just had surgery or a new baby, please contact Lynn Swartley or Rose Longacre. They will place your name on a list of volunteers and get in touch with you when meals are needed.

**Christopher Dock Mennonite High School** invites you to the annual Christmas Arts Festival this Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:30 pm. It includes the concert band, string orchestra, and jazz combo, as well as vocal selections by the chorale, chamber choir and concert choir. Student artwork will also be on display.

**Shaping Families** begins two weeks of special Christmas programs featuring favorite stories, scripture and carols from staff members and "My Turn" speakers. Tune in this Saturday, Dec. 18, on WBYN, 1160 AM at 10 am or WBYN, 107.5 FM at 8:30 pm.

**Camp Men-O-Lan** is hosting ARTIC BLAST January 28-30, 2011 for kids in grades 6-8. Cost is \$89 if registered before 12/18/10 and \$95 after. Stocking stuffer gift cards are available. See [menolan.org](http://menolan.org) to register and for more information.

**Heading to college next year?** Consider applying for an Everence College Scholarship before Feb. 28, 2011. Ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, the scholarships are open to adults (and their dependents) who are Everence members. Learn more from our Everence advocate, Marv Reinford, or visit [Everence.com](http://Everence.com).

**Save the dates!** Teaching and learning about the important gift of intercession in the life of the church is planned for three Sunday evenings in 2011: Feb. 13, March 13 and April 3, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Franconia Conference Center. Noel Santiago, conference minister, will be teaching on the topic of hearing God's voice and the practice of intercession. If you have questions, contact Sandy Landes at 267-932-6050 x116 or email her at [slandes@franconiaconference.org](mailto:slandes@franconiaconference.org). Sandy is the prayer ministry coordinator of Franconia Mennonite Conference.

**Clean out your quilt closets for MCC.** Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale would like quilt-related items - the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board. These items can be dropped off at the 10,000 Villages store in Ephrata.