

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Sunday School – 77      Worship –145

**Offering**

Spending Plan                      \$3,555.24  
Central Christian Student Fund      \$155.59

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:**

Riches are a blessing only to those who make them a blessing to others.

**Central Christian:** When students know that they are loved and valued by God and our church, it helps them to value and love others. We owe \$151.59 for this month. Please include Central in your giving.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 9** – Harvest Home Celebration w/ Malinda Berry

**October 15, 17 & 18** – MCC Meat Canning/Kidron

**October 21** – Central Christian School Service Day

**Funding for the new exterior sign** was approved by the Church Board. 25% of the sign’s total cost (\$20,800) will be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund and the balance will be raised by donations. A separate line item in the financial report will help track donations for this project. Mark your donations as “new sign.”

**MDS: Announcing the Annual Fall Meeting** of E. OH/NW PA Units MDS to be held at Mapleview Mennonite Church, 14890 Burton-Windsor Rd., Burton, OH 44021 on **November 19, 2016**. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Staff**

**Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr                      On sabbatical**  
**Associate Minister of Worship and Education:**  
**Miriam R. Zehr    [miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org)**  
**Bob & Enid Schloneger, Interim Pastors**

**Communion**

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#478 “Sent forth by God’s Blessing”

**Benediction**

\*\*\*\*\*

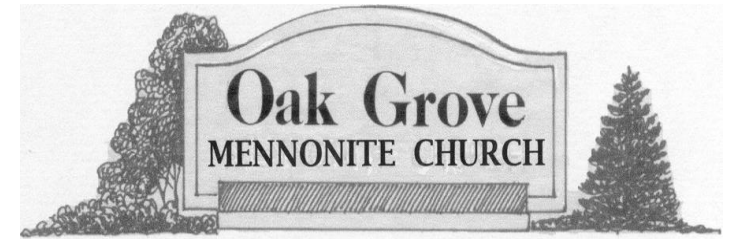
**Doug & Miriam Zehr today,** will be touring Israel’s Holocaust museum and memorials, tour Canada Park – which sits between Jerusalem & Tel Aviv, and will be listening to MCC staff talk about their work in the region.

**Harvest Home Celebration** is planned for Sunday, October 9, with guest speaker, Malinda Berry. Malinda is the Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at AMBS. A noon carry-in meal will follow the service. BBQ chicken & pulled pork will be provided with a donation basket available. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. We also encourage you to share financially with gifts designated to MCC Relief Canning/Kidron, MCC Syrian Relief, or to the Outreach portion of the Oak Grove budget. Other designations will be honored.

**MCC Meat Canning for Relief** is scheduled for October 15, 17 & 18 at the Gerber Building in Kidron. Starting time is 4:50 a.m. and runs well into the evening. You are encouraged to come and help for a few hours or for a day or two. Come by yourself or as a group and get to know others from our Mennonite communities. All ages are welcome. Monetary donations are welcome. Make checks payable to **MCC Relief Canning, Inc., Kidron**. You can mail donations to:

MCC Relief Canning, Inc., Kidron  
Attn: Doug Winkler, Treas.  
414 Overlook Circle  
Dalton, OH 44618

**Open Arms Hispanic Ministry** is sponsoring an evening of *Songs and Salsa* at the old church in Sonnenberg Village on **October 9, 2016**. Music will begin at 6:30 with the Dayspring Music Team followed by Melvin Lopez y Jon Geiser, who perform traditional music from the Andes Mountains. Snack on a variety of flavorful salsas and chips while you enjoy this musical multicultural event. A free will offering will benefit the ministry. See the poster on the bulletin board.



**7843 Smucker Rd., Smithville, Ohio 44677**  
**Phone: 330-669-2697                      Fax: 330-669-2617**  
**Office email: [office@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:office@oakgrovemc.org)**  
**Web Site: [www.oakgrovemc.org](http://www.oakgrovemc.org)**

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**Prelude** – *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

**Welcome** – *Gladene Hershberger*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship**  
**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#6 “Here In This Place”  
HWB#475 “Become to Us the Living Bread”  
- *Matt Wenger*, song leader

**Community Life Announcements**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Offertory:** *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

**Special Music** – *Beth Falb, Matt & Olivia Wenger*

**Scripture:** Excerpts from John 6, Readers Theatre  
–*Brett & Angela Buller, John & Carrie Skarl, Steve Murray*

**Jr. Church** – (children age 3 through Grade 2)  
– *c/o Crystal Conrad*

**Sermon:** “I AM the Bread of Life”  
– *Bob & Enid Schloneger*, Interim Pastors

**Hymn:** HWB#471 “Eat This Bread”

**continued on back**

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Bob & Enid Schloneger

**Communion**

**Greeters:** Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Diane Schrock

**10:30 a.m.** – John & Tammy Lyons

**Monday, September 26**

**6-8:00 p.m.** – Manna for Many

**Tuesday, September 27**

**7:00 p.m.** – Outreach Commission

**Wednesday, September 21**

**6:30 p.m.** – Hand bell practice

**7:00 p.m.** – Choir practice

**NEXT SUNDAY – October 2, 2016**

**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Rev. David Wilcox

**Message:** “Jesus’ ‘Unanswered’ Prayer”

**Scripture:** John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Visitation Ministry

**Greeters:** Betty Krabill & Bob Krabill

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Angela Buller & Velma Zook

**10:30 a.m.** – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Leadership Selection Committee** is the group that is responsible for finding people to serve on the church’s commissions. On Sunday, October 9, the congregation will nominate people for that committee. The congregation will then affirm two persons at the January member’s meeting.

Any congregational member may be nominated except those already serving: Rindy Morphew, Bruce Kindy, Dan Jaquet, Gwen Schmucker, Don Ramseyer and Linda Schrock.

**Choir practice will begin** this **Wednesday** evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and needed. For more information or questions, see Dora Short. **Hand bell practice** will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This time schedule will be for two weeks.

**The Endowment Committee** has considered and approved the following grant application for the congregation’s consideration: \$3000 to help provide educational scholarships for 20 medical employees of Shirati Hospital to achieve a certificate required by the Tanzanian government. Comments are welcomed by committee members Harold Hochstetler, George Bixler, Kay Hostetler, Linda Jaquet, Willie Troyer and Steve Miller. The committee will meet after church **today**, September 25, to finalize approval of this request.

**If you enjoy children and music**, we need you! Education Commission is looking for someone to lead the Primary children’s music for 15 minutes during the S. S. hour. For more information or to volunteer, please see Amy Lichti or Ellen Nikkel. Thanks for considering using your gift. – *Education Commission*

**Hannah Miedel will be taking orders** for Equal Exchange products. There are order forms on the table in the foyer and orders should be turned in to Hannah’s mailbox **today**, September 25.

**October 14-16 Men & Boys Retreat at Camp**

**Friedenswald!** Bring your family & friends for a weekend sitting around the fire, canoeing, hiking, playing games, worshipping and relaxing.

Come for the fun activities, and stay for the meaningful input from Luke Gascho, Executive Director of Merry Lea Learning Center, centering us on our communities of people within the community of creation. Make sure to bring the whole family, men of all ages are specifically invited for this weekend of fun together. Adults: \$150; Ages 6-12: \$25; Ages 13-18: \$50; Ages 18-25: Free

Register Today and learn more at: [friedenswald.org/retreats](http://friedenswald.org/retreats)

**OrrVilla Open House:** Mark your calendar to enjoy a casual and informative tour of the OrrVilla Retirement Community during the upcoming Open House event scheduled for **Sunday, October 2, from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** Both the Maple Terrace assisted living facility and the Locust Court independent living neighborhood will be featured during the event. For more information about OrrVilla, please call 330-683-4455 or check out our recently upgraded and enhanced website at [www.orrvilla.org](http://www.orrvilla.org) Please follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.

**Everence is offering** an educational seminar “Retiring Soon” at the Kidron office for those approaching retirement age, or anyone interested in learning about Medicare and Social Security. These seminars will occur monthly through December, with the next one being held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information or pick up a flier from the table in the foyer.



**Birthdays this week**

September 27 – Sue Herman  
29 – Erv Stutzman  
Matt Hochstetler  
30 – Steve Murray

October 1 – Ron Murray  
Jessica Witmer Gundy  
2 – Carrie Skarl  
Aaron Bontrager

**Anniversaries**

October 27 – Robert & Jennifer Stutzman