

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Sunday School –103 Worship –147

Offering

Spending Plan	\$5,354.80
Spending Plan (Outreach)	\$200.00
Oak Grove Ext. Sign Project	\$100.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00

2016 Spending Plan

Approved Spending Plan	\$310,927.00
Year to date received	\$242,542.00
Funds needed by year end	\$68,385.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive. ~ *Albert Einstein*

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 – 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Search for the Christ Child

December 9 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Messiah rehearsal

December 10 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Messiah rehearsal

December 11 – 2:30 p.m. – The Messiah

December 24 – 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 – 10:00 a.m. – Worship

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a

Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. To see a full job description and apply, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
Associate Minister of Worship and Education:
Miriam R. Zehr miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org

Scripture: Psalm 148:1-13

Quartet Five - “Let All Things Now Living”

- *Marg Baker, Mary Lou Brady, Reneda Miller, Linda Schrock;*
- *Dora Short, piano*

Scripture: Psalm 96

- *Aaron Bontrager, Jenna Ramseyer, Fritz Sprunger*

Hymn: HWB#124 “O Worship the Lord”

Sermon: “Worship: For God or Us or Both?”

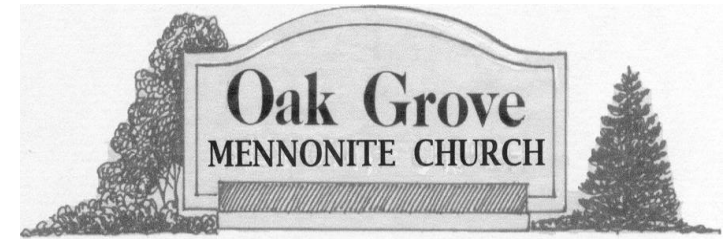
– *Pastors Doug & Miriam Zehr*

Benediction: HWB #118 “Praise God From Whom”

The sculpture on display: The title of the sculpture is “Theosebeia,” a Greek word which means “worshipping God” or “reverencing God” or “sincere adoration.” Sculptor Esther K. Augusburger says, “The sculpture is not an object to be worshipped, but a visual call to focus our worship on God. It is a call to raise our hearts and our thoughts toward God in every part of the worship experience, from the time one enters the sanctuary to the benediction.” Our thanks to OH Conference for loaning the sculpture to us.

Green Local Schools has provided us with an opportunity for Christmas gift giving. There are four easy steps: 1) Select an ornament today from the tree in the foyer and write your name on the list beside the number of your ornament; 2) Purchase a gift; 3) Wrap gift and attach ornament to gift and 4) return wrapped gift to the church by December 4th. Thank you in advance for sharing with those in our community.

2016 reports on Relief Canning, Inc., Kidron, and Manna for Many were put in your mailboxes last week. There are extra copies on the table in the foyer.



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Sunday, November 20, 2016

A service of Praise & Thanksgiving

Prelude – *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

Welcome – *Miriam Zehr*, Worship leader

Call to Worship – Psalm 100 - HWB#821

“Sing, Sing Praise and Sing” – Primary S. S. K- Grade 3

- *Angela Buller*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

What Is Worship? – Reader’s Theater

- *Harold Hochstetler, Krista Martin, John Skarl*

Hymns: HWB#87 “Great Is the Lord”

HWB#56 “Awake, Arise, O Sing A New Song”

HWB#37 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (vs. 1 & 4)

- *Nate Gundy, Craig Mast* – song leaders

Community Announcements

Please sign the welcome pads.

Pastoral Prayer – HWB#721 “We give you thanks, O God”

Offering

Offertory – *Sadie, Aaron & Mary Miedel*

Scripture: Psalm 66:1-4

Choir: “Shout, Shout”

- *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

Scripture: Psalm 95: 1-7

Hymn: HWB#71 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs. 1 & 2)

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Worship at OrrVilla

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastors Doug & Miriam

Greeters: Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Duane & Deb Kurtz

10:30 a.m. – Tom & Kathy Smucker

Monday, November 21

7:00 p.m. – Bicentennial Committee

The church office will be closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving. Please have bulletin announcements in by Wednesday morning.

Carol Phillimore will be in the office this week covering for Mary Lou who will be on vacation.



Birthdays this week

November 23 – Bunny Stutzman (85)

Anniversaries

November 24 – Art & Cheryl Neuenschwander (44)

NEXT SUNDAY – November 27, 2016

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship –Pastor Doug

Message: “Peace Without Security is Impossible”

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Greeters: Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Olivia Wenger & Diane Schrock

10:30 a.m. – John & Carrie Skarl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bicentennial Committee will have a meeting on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this time of praise to God for the many ways he has blessed us.

Dear Friends at Oak Grove, Thank you so much for your beautiful words of affirmation & generous gifts as we served as your pastors during Doug’s sabbatical. Who would have known that a few weeks after we left we would need to lean on your for strength & comfort as we faced the tragic death of our daughter, Tricia. You cared for us & loved us in ways that words cannot express. The beautiful planter is a visual reminder of your support and love. With love & gratitude, Bob & Enid

I want to thank everyone who remembered me over the last 6 weeks with prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and meals. This made the time spent inside go much more quickly. I’m so glad to belong to such a caring church. ~Kay Hostetler

Search for the Christ Child is December 4th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Fliers are available on the table in the foyer for you to hand out to friends, family & co-workers.

Oak Grove's performance of selections from Handel's Messiah is coming up on Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 pm. The performers may change through the years, but the beauty and power of the music remains the same. We are excited to have members Hannah Miller and Jack Lyons as soloists this year. Brian Wiebe is returning to conduct after several years away. Thank you to everyone who makes this event possible by ushering, helping to set up and tear down, and singing in the chorus. Please consider joining us this year and inviting your friends to attend. Chorus rehearsals are Friday, December 9, at 7pm, and Saturday, December 10, at 4pm at the church. See Hannah Miedel or Waunita Witmer with questions.

OrrVilla Events:

The Central Christian High School Varsity Singers will be making a stop at the OrrVilla Retirement Community on Wednesday, November 30, at 2:30 p.m. during their annual schedule of local appearances. Under the direction of Tim Shue, High School Choral Director, the ensemble will deliver a lively performance of tunes from a number of different genres. For more information please call **330-683-4455**, visit www.orrvilla.org or follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.

Central Christian Upcoming Events:

1. **Christmas Madrigal and Feast**, presented by Central Christian School Varsity Singers, Saturday, December 3, at 6:00 pm. Vocal and instrumental works will be presented in old English tradition. Enjoy drama, costumes, fanfares and delicious food. Reservations required, to purchase tickets, visit www.ccscomets.org or call 330.857.7311.
2. **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
3. **Central Christian High School** choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
4. **Alumni Night, December 23:** Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 - 7pm by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls basketball at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings. www.ccscomets.org