

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Christmas Worship –185

Offering

Spending Plan	\$6,214.00
Relief Canning/Kidron	\$25.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$200.00

White Gift Offering - 12-25

Manna for Many	\$800.00
Mennonite Disaster Service (region 2)	\$150.00
Spending Plan (outreach)	\$590.00
Spending Plan (undesignated)	\$1,100.00

White Gift Offering (total to date) - \$31,920.00

Manna for Many	\$3,100.00
MDS (region 2)	\$1,675.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$3,700.00
Open Arms Ministry	\$200.00
Oak Grove Ext. Sign Project	\$6,600.00
Spending Plan (Outreach)	\$6,290.00
Spending Plan (undesignated)	\$10,355.00

Thank you for your generosity. We were able to meet our obligations for the 2016 spending plan. Thank you to everyone for this accomplishment. Details will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January.

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have. ~ Norman Vincent Peale

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29 –Annual Congregational Meeting/Carry-in meal

Pastoral Staff

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

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn: HWB#199 “The First Noel”
“Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” – insert

Sermon: “A Light Has Dawned!” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: “Arise, Your Light is Come!” – insert

Benediction

We are grateful for your donations to the Mitten Tree. You gave 5 pair of children’s socks, 14 children’s hats and 19 pair of children’s gloves. There were 3 women’s hats, 6 pair of women’s gloves and 8 pair of women’s socks. Also given were 7 men’s hats, 14 pair of men’s gloves, 32 pair of men’s socks, 27 pair of men’s underwear and 7 men’s tee shirts along with 2 pair of ear muffs. These items were delivered to People to People Ministries. Thank you for sharing with those who need a little warmth in this cold season.

A copy of “The Hole in My Story” by *Enid Miller Schloneger* is available in the church library. If you would be interested in purchasing a paperback copy of Enid’s book, please call the church office.



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Sunday, January 1, 2017
Epiphany

Focus statement: God’s day of radiance is at hand.
Come, walk in the way of God’s heart.

Prelude – *Rindy Morphew*

Welcome – *Paul Miller*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Day has dawned!
The light of Christ has come into the world.
People: We see God’s radiance in creation and in our lives.
We rejoice in God’s boundless riches given for all.
We worship and adore our Savior, Christ the Lord.
All: Come! Let us walk in the way of God’s heart!

Hymns: HWB#218 “As With Gladness Men of Old”
HWB#215 “What Child Is This”
HWB#220 “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”
–*Paula Vasichko*, song leader

Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer

Offering
Offertory: *Rindy Morphew*

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

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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 –Pastor Doug

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Gloria Miller & Rindy Morphew

10:30 a.m. – Von & Rita Schrock

Monday, January 2

6:30 p.m. – Spiritual Life Commission

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women – January offering project
– Every Woman’s House

 <p>Birthdays this week</p> <p>January 5 – Wendy Breneman 7 – Kayla Robinson</p>
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The Upper Room for January & February is on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take on for yourself or a friend.

Camp Luz Retreats:

Jr. High Retreat - January 13-15, 2017

Mother & Daughter Retreat – January 20-21, 2017

Men’s Retreat – March 31-April 2, 2017

Brochures for these retreats are on the table in the foyer.

NEXT SUNDAY – January 8, 2017

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Message: “Love is A Verb”

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-18

Visitation Ministry

Greeters: Herb & Gladene Hershberger

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Anita Bixler & Lucinda Gill

10:30 a.m. – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to thank you, my church family, for your cards, prayers, visits, the Builder’s class carolers, and the get well expressions while in the hospital and Smithville-Western. It means so much to have a supportive church family. Happy New Year.

~Norma Steiner

Bev Plessinger has been moved to Shady Lawn Care Center in Dalton, room #106. The special care unit at Smithville-Western Care Center had a water break and it will take some major repairs before she is able to return.

Congratulations to Aaron & Chris Long on the birth of their daughter, Remi Elizabeth, born December 12, 2016. Grandparents are Don & Deb Ramseyer and great-grandmother is Ruth Ramseyer. May God bless this new addition to the family.

Annual reports from Commissions and Boards are due by **January 8**. Please take time to prepare these items and turn them in to the church office in a timely manner. Thank you.

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 by January 15.

Ohio Conference welcomes Alan & Debra Hirsch as presenters for the missional conference March 23-24, 2017, at Kidron Mennonite Church. The conference title is “Who Is My Neighbor” and it will include several sessions on relating to those who have different backgrounds and ideas than we do. This will precede the Ohio Conference’s 2017 Annual Conference Assembly held on March 24-25. There are brochures in you mailboxes along with a poster on the bulletin board with more information.

OrrVilla Events:

A special evening of music will mark the Feast of the Epiphany at OrrVilla Retirement Community when accomplished local pianist Peter Douglas performs for residents and guests on **Friday, Jan 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** in OrrVilla’s Maple Terrace. The concert, celebrating the arrival of the Three Magi, will include sacred and classical music in addition to audience carols. Free and open to the public, the event takes place at OrrVilla’s Maple Terrace, 333 E. Sassafras Street, Orrville. For more information please call 330-683-4455, visit www.orrvilla.org or follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.

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.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops in Goshen, Indiana, is seeking a full-time general manager. Applications will be accepted until January 2, 2017. Send resume and cover letter to: Search Committee, email brshirk69@gmail.com; or C/O Ben Shirk 63341 CR 33, Goshen, IN 46528. For more information, see the notice on the bulletin board.

Christian Children’s Home of Ohio will be offering foster parent training classes at their retreat center located at 2685 Armstrong Rd., Wooster. If this is something you would be interested in, see the poster on the bulletin board. Additional information about foster care and adoption can be found at www.encompasscenters.org.