

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Sunday School –103

Worship – 161

**Offering**

Spending Plan (general)	\$2,682.00
Spending Plan (outreach/welcome signs)	\$90.00
Oak Grove Exterior Sign	\$150.00

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:**

Renewal occurs as we reduce our consumption and engage in restorative acts. Choosing a Christ-style of living within community will result in a smaller ecological footprint.

**Thanks to a generous offer** towards the front sign project, a donor will provide a matching gift of \$1,000 as new donations are received to total this amount.

- Church Sign Committee

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 11** – CDC Regional Gathering - First Menn. – Wadsworth

**March 23-24** – Missional Conference – “Who Is My Neighbor”

**March 24-25** – Ohio Annual Conference Assembly - CCS/Kidron

**April 13** – Maundy Thursday Service

**April 22** – Community Plant Exchange

**April 29-30** – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

**May 14** – Parent/Child Dedication

**Men, Camp Luz has two upcoming retreats just for the guys:**

The **Men’s Retreat** is March 31-April 2, with pastors David and Chet Eshleman.

The **Father Son Retreat** is April 28-29, with father son duo Kent and Sean Miller. More information and registration for both retreats is available at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com) Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

**Pastoral Staff**

**Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr** [pastor@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:pastor@oakgrovemc.org)

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**Sermon:** “Restore Us, O God! We Hunger” – *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn:** HWB#360 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

**Communion**

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#472 “I Am the Bread of Life”  
– *Beth Falb*, soloist

**Benediction**

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**Baptism & Church Membership Exploration**

*Spiritual Life Commission encourages you to join Pastor Doug in an opportunity to explore your readiness for baptism and church membership here . . . at the Grove.*

**Attend an information session** to learn more about the exploration possibilities. The information sessions will meet in the **Conference Room**.

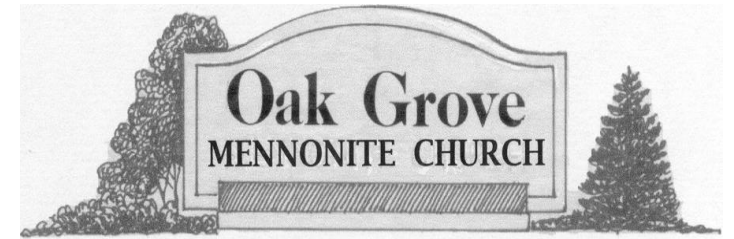
**Choose one** information session that suits your schedule:

- **Sunday, March 5 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 12 from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
- **Sunday, March 12 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**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. Brochures were put into mailboxes and there is a poster on the bulletin board with more information.

**Howard & Ellen Nikkel’s book, *New Heart, New Life***, which tells their story of heart failure to transplant, is available in the church office.

**The Rejoice** for March, April, and May is on the table in the foyer along with the **Upper Room** for March & April. Please take one or both for yourself or a friend.



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Sunday, March 5, 2017

Lent 1: Restore Us, O God! We Hunger

**Focus statement:** As humans, we hunger for many things. God, our Provider, knows our deepest longings, offering both sustenance and deliverance from temptation.

**Prelude** – *Dora Short*

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

**Call to Worship**

**Congregational response:** “Restore us, O God! We hunger.”

**Hymns:** HWB#46 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

HWB#71 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

– *Reneda Miller*, song leader

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Confession – Congregational response:** “Restore us.”

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Dora Short*

**Theme Song:** SJ#29 “You Are All We Have”

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11

**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

Visitation notes in mailboxes

**Greeters:** Don & Deb Ramseyer

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Wanda Hostetler & Dale Jaquet

**10:30 a.m.** – Tom & Kathy Smucker

**Monday, March 6**

**6:30 p.m.** –Spiritual Life Commission

**Wednesday, March 8**

**7:00 p.m.** – Choir

**Saturday, March 11**

**9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** – CDC Regional Gathering at  
First Mennonite Church, Wadsworth



**Birthdays this week**

**March** 7 – Molly Conrad  
8 – John Zook  
9 – George Bixler  
Bruce Kindy

**Anniversaries**

**March** 10 – Joe & Paula Vasichko

**NEXT SUNDAY – March 12, 2017**

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

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship - Lent 2: Pastor Doug

Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We Wonder”

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

**Greeters:** Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Jennifer Hartzler & Donna Kindy

**10:30 a.m.** – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Church Board will not meet** this week. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Maundy Thursday Service.

**Daylight Savings Time** begins next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

**Quinceañera Celebration – 15 years of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry!** You are cordially invited to attend our fifteenth anniversary dinner on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. at the Kidron Mennonite Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered by a local Mexican Restaurant. Also plan to enjoy a Mariachi Band and Quinceañera Program with Ministry Highlights. A free-will offering will benefit Open Arms. Please RSVP by March 9, 2017. Contact Karen Steiner at 330.682.2892 or [Steinco5@aol.com](mailto:Steinco5@aol.com)

**Congratulations to Chris & Kate Kwee** on the birth of a son, Emerson Hans, born on February 24, 2017. Grandparents are Mark and Deb Steiner. May God’s blessings surround this new life.

**Congratulations to Jim & Sharon Renfrow** on the birth of a son, Mark Alan, born on February 27, 2017. He joins sisters, Lily and Evie. Grandparents are Tom & Kathy Smucker. May God richly bless this new addition to the family.

**The Property Commission and Cemetery Board** are needing someone to mow the church grounds and cemeteries this year. If interested, please talk to one of the Property Commission members.

**We are looking for persons** who are willing to share their artistic, musical, and storytelling talents with the Oak Grove family. Our goals include praising God by celebrating the talents among us, getting to know each other better, and offering informal opportunities for you to invite friends or relatives to Oak Grove. We have scheduled the first opportunity for April 29-30, 2017. Please think about what you would like to contribute. Committee members are: Joanne Murray, Gladene Hershberger, Mahlon Schmucker, Dora Short, and Beth Falb.

**Habitat for Humanity** in Wayne County needs your help in funding our next build. This month, please consider a donation to fund **floor decking and nails**. Donations can be made online at [www.waynehabitat.org](http://www.waynehabitat.org) or mailed to: HFH 6096 East Lincoln Way, Wooster, Ohio 44691 phone: 330 263-1713. If you are involved in carpentry or house-framing, In-Kind services are very much needed and appreciated!

**Summer is soon upon us!** With summer comes the opportunity for camp experiences. Check the programs Camp Luz and Camp Friedenswald will offer by reviewing the flyer placed in your mailboxes several weeks ago or going online at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com) and [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org). There are camps for everyone, including families and adults. Remember to request the Oak Grove campership of \$125.00/camper to assist with the cost of this enriching experience. Contact Sherry Miller regarding plans for a camp experience for yourself or a person of your family.

**OrrVilla Retirement Community** is looking for volunteers. **Shuttle Bus drivers** pilot our 12 passenger bus on local trips—grocery store, bank, out to eat or an occasional drive in the country. There are no special license requirements for our 12-passenger shuttle style van, but you must be comfortable driving a large vehicle and have a good driving record. **Shoppers** assist in light grocery shopping for our Maple Terrace residents. **Library volunteers** help organize our small library at Maple Terrace. If you would like to volunteer at OrrVilla please contact us at 330-683-4455 or email [jgable@orrvilla.org](mailto:jgable@orrvilla.org)