

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Sunday School –117

Worship – 180

Offering

Spending Plan (general)	\$7,993.00
Spending Plan (outreach/MDS)	\$150.00
MCC Relief Canning/Kidron	\$50.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00
Oak Grove Exterior Sign	\$50.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

A man’s security is not in his savings, but in his giving. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

The proposed exterior sign for the front of the church has been slowly raising funds. Currently we have \$16,460. We need an additional \$8,540 to complete the project. The Church Board and Property Commission would like to start this project early this summer during good weather.

There is an individual who has challenged anyone to match \$1,000. If we get that match we will need \$7,540 by May to get started. If you would like to help move this project forward, send your contribution to the treasurer marked “sign”. Any questions contact Tom Smucker, Church Board chair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Bicentennial Committee will be meeting on March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

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

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

Congregational Response:

“You Are All We Have”

– *Angela Buller*, piano; *Brett Buller*, violin

Hymn of Response: HWB#338 “I Know Not Why”

Benediction

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.

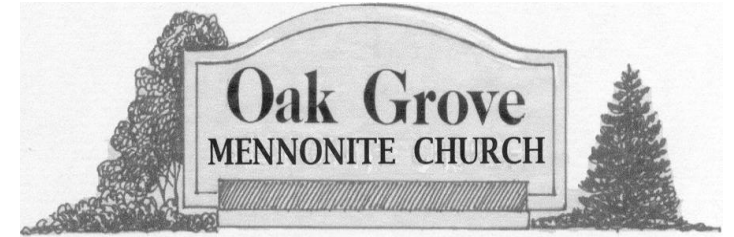
Attend an information session to learn more about the exploration possibilities. The information sessions will meet in the **Conference Room**.

Choose one information session that suits your schedule:

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

Ohio Conference invites you to join us on Friday evening, March 24, at Central Christian School for the ACA evening worship service. The speakers will be Alan and Debra Hirsch, well-known leaders in the Missional Church movement. Alan and Debra will be leading the “Who Is My Neighbor?” missional training event immediately prior to ACA. The worship service wraps up the missional conference and kicks off Annual Conference Assembly. You are welcome to attend this event, which begins at 7 p.m., at no charge. There is no need to register to attend the worship service only. Just come and worship with us!

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



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Lent 2: Restore Us, O God! We Wonder

Focus statement: In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wondering.

Prelude – *Angela Buller*

Welcome – *Miriam Zehr*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Congregational response: “We gather to worship.”

Hymns: HWB#51 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

“How Great Thou Art” – hymnal insert

– *Paula Vasichko*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Angela Buller*, piano

Choir: “A Closer Walk with Thee”

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

Children’s Time – *Linda Jaquet*

Hymn: SJ#18 “Over My Head”

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

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE
8:45 a.m. – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug


Greeters: Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

Nursery:
9:15 a.m. – Jennifer Hartzler & Donna Kindy
10:30 a.m. – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

Wednesday, March 15
9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women – fine stitch
7:00 p.m. – Choir

Saturday, March 18
7:30 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Meeting is planned for **Saturday, March 18,** at Kidron Community Center, located in Kidron Park behind the ball diamonds at **6:30 p.m.** Fliers were put in your mailboxes last week with detailed information.



Birthdays this week

March 13 – Tasha Murray
14 – Clair Hostetler (85)
15 – Roger Ramseyer (80)
19 – Christiana Murray

Anniversaries

March 16 – Herb & Gladene Hershberger (49)

NEXT SUNDAY – March 19, 2017
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 - Lent 3: Pastor Doug
Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We Thirst”
Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-12

Greeters: Ron & Joanne Murray

Nursery:
9:15 a.m. – Gloria Miller & Rindy Morpew
10:30 a.m. – Anson & Hannah Miedel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Bryce and Emily Toews Miller on the birth of a daughter, Anna Eirene, born March 7, 2017. She joins brother, Luke, and the grandparents are Paul and Sherry Miller. May God’s blessings be with this new family member.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Margaret Berkey, who died on March 3, 2017. She was the aunt of Beth & Jess Hamman. May God grant you comfort at this time of loss.

You are invited to purchase an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of a relative or friend. The lilies will be used in the sanctuary for our Easter worship celebration and can be picked up after the service. Names will be listed in the bulletin that Sunday if you wish. Please let Sue Turskey or the church office know by April 9 if you would like to order one. The cost is \$9 and checks should be written to Oak Grove.

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.

Have you registered for your time at summer church camp?
Check out the opportunities for a fun and exciting experience at one of the camps provided us by our conference affiliations. Oak Grove provides a campership of \$235/camper each year. Contact Sherry Miller regarding your camp plans for this summer.

Join the folks at OrrVilla Retirement Community as they host Jazz by Design for a jazz-flavored holiday concert on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. This iteration of Jazz by Design—a well-known local group of jazz musicians—will see a collaboration of longtime Orrville High School Band Director Dave Tibbitts on saxophone, Sarah Gregory, Dave’s daughter, on vocals and Wooster jazz and blues man Andy Cary on guitar. The program, at OrrVilla’s Maple Terrace, 333 E. Sassafras Street, Orrville, is free and open to the public.

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

Opportunity to host an international young adult: Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a host family in the Wooster area for a young adult beginning in August who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and working at Green Field Farms. Host families have the opportunity to learn about a new culture from the IVEP participant they host, as well as getting to understand their own culture in a new way when they see it through the eyes of someone experiencing it for the first time. Each host gets a monthly stipend that is to be used to cover some of the costs for the room and board of the IVEP participant. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.