

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Sunday School –113

Worship – 153

Offering

Spending Plan	\$8,106.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00
Oak Grove Exterior Sign	\$1,050.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

The Abundance that surrounds us does not give us the right to consume beyond our needs.

The matching fund for the exterior sign has been met. We thank you for your contributions. Our need is now \$6,000 to meet the total sign cost by early this summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26 – MYF Chili Cook-off

April 9 – New Members Day

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service

April 22 – Community Plant Exchange

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

May 14 – Parent/Child Dedication

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

Congregational Response – “Come and Drink!”

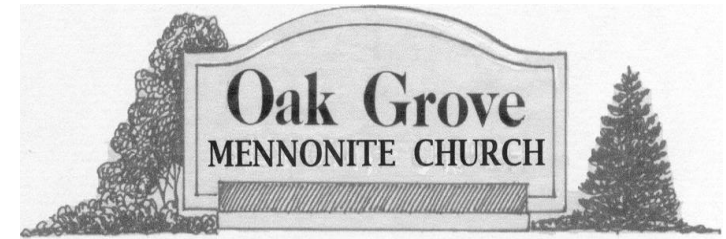
Hymn of Response: SJ#49 “Rain Down”

Benediction

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!

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.

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net.



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Sunday, March 19, 2017

Lent 3: Restore Us, O God! We Thirst

Focus statement: Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God’s love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

Prelude – *Elise Bontrager, Jenna Ramseyer, Mary Ramseyer*

Welcome – *Beth Hamman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Congregational response: “Restore us, O God!”

Hymns: HWB#12 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”

HWB#514 “Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly”

-*Nate Gundy, Craig Mast*, song leaders

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Elise Bontrager, Jenna Ramseyer, Mary Ramseyer*

Children’s Time – *Miriam Zehr*

Hymn: HWB#372 “O Healing River”

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-12

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

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Birthdays this week

- March** 20 – John Skarl
- 21 – Joanne Murray
- 22 – Loren Hostetler
Jennifer Steiner
- 23 – Phyllis Jaquet
Lucinda Gill
- 24 – Miriam Zehr
- 25 – Wanda Abebe
- 26 – Beverly Ramseyer
Reneda Miller

Anniversaries

- March** 20 – LeRoy & Francis Curtis (63)
- 24 – Dan & Linda Jaquet (38)

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: Ron & Joanne Murray

Nursery:

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

10:30 a.m. – Anson & Hannah Miedel

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 a.m. – Preschool Brunch

Wednesday, March 22

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6:00 p.m. – Worship Commission

7:00 p.m. – Choir

Thursday, March 23

7:00 p.m. – Property Commission

Thursday & Friday, March 23, 24

Missional Conference, Kidron Mennonite Church

Friday & Saturday, March 24, 25

Annual Conference Assembly – CCHS, Kidron

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org

Associate Minister of Worship and Education:

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NEXT SUNDAY – March 26, 2017

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - Lent 4: Pastor Doug

Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We See”

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41

5:00 p.m. – MYF Chili Cook-off

Greeters: Willis Troyer & Sue Turskey

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Anita Bixler & Marilyn Jaquet

10:30 a.m. – Craig & Krista Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to turn in your reservation forms for the MYF Chili Cook-off, being held next Sunday, March 26, at 5 pm. If you misplaced your form, just talk to an MYFer or John and Tammy Lyons and let them know how many will be attending. Thanks for your support!

We extend our sympathies to Sarah Little and her family on the death of her husband, Allan Little, on March 7, 2017. May God grant you comfort at this time of loss.

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following two grant applications for the congregation's consideration:

- 1.) \$5000 toward support of Jacqueline Weah to join Bridge of Hope Girls' School Liberia. She is a dual US/Liberian citizen who will provide two years of leadership in advancing the educational mission of the school.
- 2.) \$2000 toward funding Ohio Conference's Pastor-Spouse Retreat.

Comments and questions are welcomed by committee members Harold Hochstetler, George Bixler, Kay Hostetler, Linda Jaquet, Steve Miller and Willie Troyer. The committee will meet after church on April 2 to finalize approval of these requests.

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.

Take advantage of a fun-filled time at camp this summer. Register today online at www.campluz.com and www.friedenswald.org. Oak Grove believes in the camp experience so much it provides you \$125 to assist with registration costs. Contact Sherry Miller to receive your campership.

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

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. 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

You are cordially invited to the first concert in the 2017 Trinity Concert Series, featuring the Suburban Brass Quintet, on Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 pm, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 215 High St., Wadsworth, OH 44281. A free-will offering will be accepted.