

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Sunday School –113

Worship – 153

Offering

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| Spending Plan (general) | \$7,540.00 |
| Spending Plan (Outreach) | \$150.00 |
| Spending Plan (outreach/welcome signs) | \$10.00 |
| Oak Grove Exterior Sign | \$200.00 |

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Our relationship with Christ is what gives us strength, and not the stuff we have.

We thank you for your contributions for the Exterior Sign Project. Our need is now less than \$4,000.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22 – 10:00 a.m. – Community Plant Exchange

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

May 6 – Worship Seminar at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

May 14 – Parent/Child Dedication

June 18 – Baptism Celebration

Manna for Many – If you would like to get involved with bagging soup, there is a schedule of events on the bulletin board. See Jess Hamman for more details.

Oak Grove’s Community Plant Exchange is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your extra plants, bulbs, seedlings, anything related to gardening to exchange. Meet old friends, make new friends.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
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Miriam R. Zehr miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org

New Members

Beth Falb introduced by *Olivia Wenger*
Matt Falb introduced by *Matt Wenger*
Ellen Sprunger introduced by *Beth Hamman*
Fritz Sprunger introduced by *Chuck Hostetler*

Choir: “God So Loved the World”
– *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

**Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer**

Offering
Offertory: *Rita Schrock*

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

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

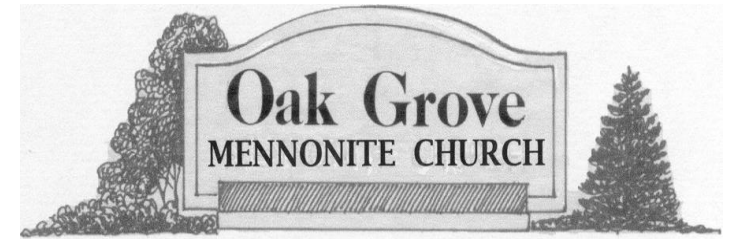
Hymn: HWB#107 “Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee”

Benediction

The Cantate Singers will present a program of Lenten music at Trinity United Methodist Church, Orrville, **today** at 4 p.m. The program includes Hadyn’s *Stabat Mater* (“And Mary Wept”) and other choral Passion pieces. All are welcome.

Today, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. you are invited to Sonnenberg Mennonite Church to hear MCC Columbia partner, Juana Alicia Ruiz, speak. She will share some handiwork from an organization called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace, as well as tell stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia’s violent history. See the poster on the bulletin board.

The 2017 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale flyer was placed in your mailboxes. Children, it’s time to start saving your change for *My Coins Count*. Adults, would any of you like to plan to match what the children give in the collection container?? Let’s help provide clean water for the thirsty of the world.



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Sunday, April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday: Restore Us, O God! We Hope

Focus statement: Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, “Who is this?”

Prelude – *Rita Schrock*

Welcome – *Anson Miedel*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship
Congregational response: “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Hymns: HWB#238 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
HWB#237 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
– *Reneda Miller*, song leader

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Who Are These? Followers of Jesus who join in the life together at Oak Grove

New Members
Gloria Miller introduced by *Hannah Miedel*
Levi Miller introduced by *Hannah Miedel*
Angela Buller introduced by *Linda Jaquet*
Brett Buller introduced by *Steve Murray*

Hymn: HWB#69 “The Lord Is King”

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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

New Member Recognition

Greeters: Paul & Sherry Miller

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30 a.m. – Jennifer & Lamont Steiner

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. – Choir

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 15

7:30 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast



Birthdays this week

April 11 – Wanda Hostetler
13 – Gladene Hershberger
16 – Tom Smucker
Craig Mast
Imzadia Conrad

Anniversaries

April 11 – John & Tammy Lyons (30)

You are invited to join the hand bell choir. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m., beginning April 19 through May 17th. The choir will be playing on Sunday morning, May 21st. Male and female, young and older – all are welcome. See Kathy Smucker if you have interest.

NEXT SUNDAY – April 16, 2017 – Easter Celebration

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

8:30-9:15 a.m. – Fellowship time

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Worship at OrrVilla

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We Live”

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Greeters: Mark & Deb Steiner

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Velma Zook & Miriam Zehr

10:30 a.m. – John & Tammy Lyons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome New Members to our Oak Grove family.

Today’s Rosebud is for Hans Lukas, born to Matt & Megan Hochstetler on March 31, 2017. He joins sister, Greta, and his grandfather is Harold Hochstetler. May God richly bless this new addition to the family.

Maundy Thursday Gathering is Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Life invites everyone to participate in this time of remembrance, worship, “A Last Supper Dialogue” written by Howard Nikkel and communion. Child care will be available.

Join us for a fellowship time Easter morning from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. in the main foyer. Coffee and juice will be provided. You are invited to bring muffins, coffee cake, doughnuts or fresh fruit to share. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Today is your last chance to purchase an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of a relative or friend. Names will be listed in the bulletin Easter Sunday if you wish. Please let Sue Turskey or the church office know **today** if you would like to order one. The cost is \$9 and checks should be written to Oak Grove.

Central Christian School announcements:

1. Now Enrolling New Students: Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at

ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at **330.857.7311**.

2. Preschool Open House: Are you looking for a holistic, nurturing, and hands-on learning experience for your preschool child? Please join us for our **Preschool Open House on Monday, April 10**. Drop in anytime from 5 to 7 pm. Additional questions? Call **330.857.7311**.

OrrVilla Events:

The Cedar Valley Cloggers will dance their way through an evening of unique entertainment at OrrVilla Retirement Community on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. The group, based in Wooster, fosters the preservation of traditional Appalachian clogging and has been active for over 35 years performing at fairs, festivals, schools, nursing homes and various other venues. Featuring traditional old time fiddle music and costumes, the fun and energetic ensemble has spun their way through lines, mixers, squares and sets across seven U.S. states and the country of Austria. Hand clapping and foot stomping are highly encouraged!

Sonnenberg Station will bring its unique take on traditional spirituals, familiar folk songs and beloved classics, along with several original arrangements, when the 17-voice choral ensemble returns to OrrVilla Retirement Community on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. Led by director, Tim Shue, the men’s group explores a variety of cultures, eras, and styles in their music while delivering a few lighthearted surprises along the way. The program at OrrVilla’s Maple Terrace, 333 E. Sassafras Street, Orrville, is free and open to the public.

What’s Happening at Oak Grove Preschool?

Spring is here and Oak Grove’s Preschool has been very busy learning their numbers and letters of the alphabet. In March the children and parents enjoyed a time of sharing at the Spring Preschool Brunches. The children had Easter pictures taken and in April they will have an Easter Party before they go on Spring Break.