


Sunday, June 18, 2017

Sunday School –90

Worship – 149

Offering

Spending Plan	\$3,234.10
Partnership Home: MDS	\$1,550.00
Camper Support for Gakunju	\$100.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$700.00

 My Coins Count (in vortex)	\$31.94
Total so far:	\$210.34

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

You have never really lived until you've done something for somebody who can never repay you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4-8 – Mennonite Church USA Convention, Orlando, FL

July 16-20 – Vacation Bible School at Orrville Mennonite Church

July 30 – 4:00 p.m. – Church picnic at Jaquet's pond

August 4 & 5 – Mennonite Relief Sale at Wooster Fairgrounds

Save the dates:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Celebrating 200 Years

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

1818-2018

April 14-15, 2018 – Historical Reflections

July 15, 2018 – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration

October 13-14, 2018 - Homecoming & Concert

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org

Associate Minister of Worship and Education:

Miriam R. Zehr miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org

Congregational Meeting High Lights

✚ Slate of new officers passed with a 95% approval

✚ **Staff Updates:**

- Search for a Director/Teacher for Oak Grove Preschool continues;
- Search for a Church Secretary/Office Manager is beginning;
- Tom reported on the Congregation - Pastor Review from early this year and shared that the Church Board extended an invitation to Pastor Doug for a further five-year term.
- Doug responded: "Yes! Yes, by the grace of God." The five-year term will begin on November 18, 2017 following the expiration of the current term.

✚ **Church signs update:**

- Estimated cost is within the amount raised.
- Work will begin this summer.

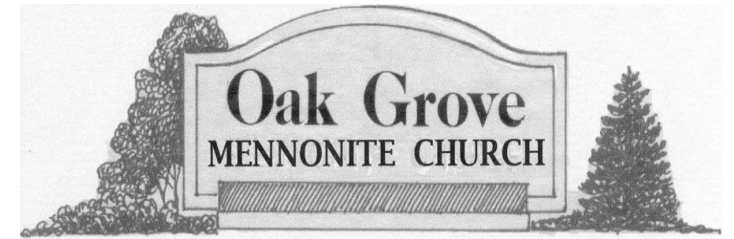
✚ **Partnership Home Project** has proposed target dates – see the bulletin board display in the entrance hallway with dates and opportunities for sign-up.

✚ **Financial Report:**

- Thank you for your generous support in the first half of the year.
- We are on track for a great year.

✚ **Bicentennial Update** created some excitement by demonstrating a timeline that will enhance the three celebration weekends.

Opportunity to host an international young adult: Mennonite Central Committee is looking for two families in the Kidron area for two young adult men from Jordan and Indonesia who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) beginning in August. Both will be serving at Central Christian Schools. 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.



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Sunday, June 25, 2017

Prelude – *Dora Short*

Welcome – *Pastor Doug*, Worship leader

Call to Worship

Prayer - HWB#25 "Jesus Stand Among Us"

Hymns: SJ#16 "Praise With Joy the World's Creator"

SJ#17 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

- *Paula Vaschiko*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Dora Short*

Children's Time – *Linda Jaquet*

Hymn: HWB#573 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: "Love is Embodied" – *Pastor Miriam*

Hymn of Response: SJ#97 "The Lord is my Light"

Benediction

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: Bob and Waunita Witmer

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30 a.m. – John & Tammy Lyons

NEXT SUNDAY – July 2, 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 – Pastor Timothy Gakunju

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1 & 2

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Wanda Beattie/

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

The Bicentennial Committee needs your help! Our Sunday School Reunions take place in fall 2018, and we want to invite all current and former Oak Grove attendees. If you have children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers, classmates, etc. who attended Oak Grove in the past but aren't listed in the annual directory, please forward those names and addresses onto the church office via email. If email is not your strong suit, we will gladly accept paper as well.

Summer programs are underway at Camp Luz. Spots are still available in most upcoming programs. Visit www.campluz.com for more information or to register your child.

What were you doing 25 years ago? One of our members had an idea to start a 5K race for MCC! Join us at the 25th Anniversary of the RUN/WALK 4 RELIEF 5K on Saturday, August 5 on the Wayne County Fair Grounds. The course is entirely within the confines of the Fairgrounds. You can chose to run or walk the course before the Relief Sale starts. The registration link is <http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org/run-relief-5k-25th-anniversary>. Your donation for Relief is \$20 per person until July 28th. After July 28, the donation increases to \$25. If you would like to mail your registration, please see the church office for the mailing address. The race starts at 8:00 AM. A t-shirt is included with the registration price. Awards will be given for the top runners in the age categories. More information is on the website. Bring your extended family, Youth Group or Sunday School class!

If you would like to Volunteer to help with the RUN/WALK 4 RELIEF 5K, please sign up on the race website under the blue Volunteer tab on the left. There are 3 areas to help with: Registration table; Water table and Course helpers. More information on the duties are at <http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org/run-relief-5k-25th-anniversary>. Anyone helping with the event will receive a run t-shirt. The event starts at 8:00 AM lasting approximately 45 min. You can go to breakfast afterwards. Come join us!

The Upper Room for July & August is on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take one for yourself or a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Doug & Miriam will be on vacation this week. If you have pastoral needs, please contact Tuffy Kurtz with the Spiritual Life Commission. The church office will be closed on Monday.

Thank you for your prayers and caring following my recent surgery. Donna & I are so grateful for a supportive church family.
~ Bruce Kindy

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

- 1.) \$5000 for SEMILLA (Latin American Anabaptist Seminary) toward the purchase of a van.
- 2.) \$3000 for Reed Hostetler to help support a six-month mission trip to Thailand to work with *Remember Nhu*. This organization helps care for children who are vulnerable to being sold into the sex trade to supplement family income. Comments 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 July 9 to finalize approval of this request.



Birthdays this week

<u>June</u>	26 – Bob Miller (90) Waunita Witmer
	27 – Diane Schrock Sherry Miller Maggie Wenger
	28 – Francis Curtis (96)
	29 – Carol Phillimore Mark Steiner
	30 – Wanda Beattie
	Anniversaries
<u>June</u>	30 – Von & Rita Schrock
<u>July</u>	2 – Heath & Lynae Baer

Salem Mennonite (Wooster) is hosting Dina Gonzalez-Pina, MCC Ethnicity and Gender Equality Specialist, for workshops on Race, Immigration and Faith.

*Sunday, June 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. “Who is My Neighbor?” at Salem MC, 7012 Back Orrville Rd., Wooster.

*Monday, June 26, 9:00 – Noon Role of Leaders on Issues of Justice featuring the video, “Dying to Live,” at Heartland Point, 200 Main St., Orrville, OH.