

**Sunday, December 10**

Sunday School – 97    Worship – 190

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$6,898.79
OG Mennonite Women	\$195.00
White Gift (MDS)	\$25.00
White Gift (undesignated)	\$175.00
OG House Project	\$225.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00
Relief Meat Canning/Kidron	\$50.00
Comforter Project	\$4,050.00

<b>2017 SPENDING PLAN</b>	<b>\$306,669.00</b>
<b>2017 INCOME TO DATE</b>	<b>\$261,933.00</b>
<b>FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE YEAR END</b>	<b>\$44,736.00</b>

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE**

Sharing is an expression of faith, love, and joy.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**December 25** – Christmas Day, OFFICE CLOSED

**December 26** – OFFICE CLOSED

**January 1** – New Year’s Day, OFFICE CLOSED

**January 2** – OFFICE CLOSED

**February 4** – Annual Congregational Meeting

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Celebrating 200 Years**  
**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
**1818-2018**

**April 14 & 15, 2018** – Historical Reflections  
**July 14 & 15, 2018** – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration  
**October 13 & 14, 2018** – Homecoming & Concert

**Hymns:** SJ#10 “Spirit, Working in Creation”  
HWB#211 “Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”  
- *Nate Gundy, Craig Mast* song leaders

**Community Life Announcements**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Offertory:** “Comfort & Joy” medley  
(Greensleeves, Carol of the Bells, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)  
- piano arranged by Jim Brickman, strings arranged by Jason Horst  
“Mary Did You Know?” - piano arranged by Mark Hayes,  
strings arranged by Jason Horst  
- *Jason Horst, piano; Brett Buller, Olivia Wenger, violin;*  
*Craig Mast, drums*

**Children’s Time:** *Linda Jaquet*

**Hymn:** SJ#13 “My Soul Is Filled With Joy”  
HWB#215 “What Child Is This”/ “Helpless and Hungry”

**Advent Drama:** Junior - *Aaron Miedel; Sage – Levi Miller;*  
*Sadie Miedel, violin; Gloria Miller, piano*

**Scripture:** Luke 1:46-55

**Sermon:** “Let It Be Whole” – *Pastor Doug*

**Confession**  
**Words of Assurance**  
**Hymn of Response:** HWB#299 “New Earth, Heavens New”  
(vs. 1 & 2)

**Benediction**



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**Sunday, December 17, 2017**  
**Advent 3: Let it be whole**

**Focus statement:** Rejoicing in God’s comfort, we catch God’s vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.

**Prelude:** *Angela Buller*

**Welcome:** *Von Schrock, Worship Leader*

**Call to Worship**

**L:** Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of restoration.

**All:** *O God, you amaze us with your promise to build up the ancient ruins.*

*You say you will replace the ashes of the past with garlands of beauty.*

*Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.*  
*(pause for silence)*

**L:** Quiet our questions.

**All:** *Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.*

**L:** Let it be whole.

**Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** – *John, Carrie, Wyatt & Jonas Skarl*

We light this third Advent candle to remember the way God’s presence transforms fear into courage in our world.

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**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla**

**10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug**

**Greeters:** Don & Phyllis Jaquet

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Amy Lichti & Linda Schrock

**10:30am** – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

*Today*

84<sup>th</sup> Rendition of Handel's Messiah, 2:30pm

*Wednesday, December 20*

Choir, 7pm

*Friday, December 22*

Office closed at noon

**Happy Birthday!**

Today – Enid Schloneger

12.18 – Nancy Douce

12.18 – Evan Hofstetter Falb

12.19 – Caris Lyons

12.20 – Willow Baer

**Happy Anniversary!**

12.19 – Ryan and Kristen Conrad

12.19 – Bruce and Donna Kindy (46)

12.19 – Howard and Ellen Nikkel (47)

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**NEXT SUNDAY – December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

***Christmas Eve***

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug**

Advent 4: Yes! Let It Be Now

**White Gift Offering**

**Greeters:** Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Jennifer Hartzler & Donna Kindy

**10:30am** – Gladene Hershberger & Joanne Murray

**6:00pm – Christmas Eve Service**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**To My Oak Grove Family:** Thanks, once again, for your outpouring of kindness and support during my multiple recoveries. Your prayers were greatly appreciated. It is refreshing to realize how much care and love there is in our congregation. God Bless and Merry Christmas, *Deb Ramseyer*

**We will be removing the Messiah chairs and risers tomorrow (Monday) at 6pm.** The more help we have, the faster and more enjoyable the process will be! Thank you. *-Property Commission*

**Next Sunday morning, December 24, all Primary S.S. students, age 3-grade 5, are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus during Jr. Church.** Special activities are being planned for all ages.

**Outreach Commission invites your donations of hats, gloves and mittens for People to People.** You can place them on the tree in the main foyer. Thanks in advance for including this in your Christmas giving.

**The family of Clarence Stutzman would like to invite the congregation to an open house-style birthday party reception, on December 31, for Clarence's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.** The party will take place from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Save the date! MennoCon19 will take place on July 2 - 6, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri.** The biennial convention for Mennonite Church USA offers worship, fellowship, equipping sessions and service opportunities. Now is a great time to put it on your calendars.

**A note from the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Committee:**

We want to thank you for your contribution to the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale. It is your continued support that makes our sale a success.

**As families around the world face disaster and crisis, kits and comforters from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) remind them that their needs are not forgotten.** There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list, and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen, Indiana. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way. See <http://bit.ly/MCCGreatLakes> for details.