

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Sunday School – 100

Worship – 143

**Offering**

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| Spending Plan                          | \$5,231.96 |
| Spending Plan (bulletins postage)      | \$50.00    |
| Mennonite College Assistance           | \$1,500.00 |
| Manna for Many                         | \$150.00   |
| Ruth Ramseyer Memorial (OG Music Fund) | \$290.00   |

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:**

The greatest virtues are those which are most useful to other persons. ~ Aristotle

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 22** – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday/Communion
- January 29** – Annual Congregational Meeting/Carry-in meal
- March 11** – CDC Regional Gathering - First Menn. – Wadsworth
- March 23-24** – Missional Conference – “Who Is My Neighbor”
- March 24-25** – Ohio Annual Conference Assembly - CCS/Kidron

**The Education Commission** is planning for Spring Quarter (March, April, May) Sunday School option classes. Four courses of study have been chosen:

- ❖ *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal* by April Yamasaki
- ❖ *Dig In: 13 Scriptures to Help Us Know the Way*
- ❖ *Real Life, Real Families*
- ❖ The Adult S. S. lesson guide (quarterly) – *God Loves Us*

Stay tuned for more information and sign-up

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**You are warmly invited** to a CDC Regional Gathering on March 11 @ First Mennonite Church Wadsworth (Wadsworth, OH). The morning includes engaging the theme of Abounding in Love. . .Abiding in Grace with input from Open Table Mennonite Fellowship, a story and tour from the host congregation, and reporting on events within MC USA. Following lunchtime fellowship, participants will hear a historical vignette from Camp Friedenswald, and then engage in table discussion - naming our faith formation experiences. Our afternoon will end with a time of prayer. As CDC Vice-president Arman Habegger said about attending his first Regional Gathering, “I didn’t really want to go, but by the end of the day I was glad I did!”

**Ohio Conference welcomes Alan & Debra Hirsch** as presenters for the missional conference March 23-24, 2017, at Kidron Mennonite Church. The conference title is “Who Is My Neighbor” and it will include several sessions on relating to those who have different backgrounds and ideas than we do. This will precede the Ohio Conference’s 2017 Annual Conference Assembly held on March 24-25. Brochures were put into mailboxes and there is a poster on the bulletin board with more information.

**Camp Luz Retreat:**

**Men’s Retreat** – March 31-April 2, 2017  
Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

**Habitat for Humanity** in Wayne County needs your help in funding our next build. This month, please consider a donation to fund foundations supplies which include excavation, concrete blocks and concrete. Donations can be made online at [www.waynehabitat.org](http://www.waynehabitat.org) or mailed to: HFH 6096 East Lincoln Way, Wooster, Ohio 44691. If you are a block-layer or excavator, In-Kind services are very much needed and appreciated!



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Sunday, January 15, 2017

**Prelude** – Jessica Witmer Gundy

**Welcome** – Von Schrock, Worship leader

**Call to Worship**  
**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#26 “Holy Spirit, Come with Power”  
HWB#59 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns”  
-Nate Gundy, Craig Mast, song leaders

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

**Offering**  
**Offertory:** Jessica Witmer Gundy

**Hymn:** HWB#163 “Obey My Voice”

**Scripture:** 1 John 2:3-6

**Sermon:** “Love is Obeying Christ” – Pastor Doug

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#545 “Be thou My Vision”

**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:** Paul & Sherry Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Gladene Hershberger & Joanne Murray

**10:30 a.m.** – Anson & Hannah Miedel

**Tuesday, January 17**

**7:00 p.m.** – Education Commission

**Wednesday, January 18**

**9:00 a.m.** – Mennonite Women - fine stitch

**7:00 p.m.** – Choir practice

**Thursday, January 19**

**6:00 p.m.** – Worship Commission

**Saturday, January 21**

**7:30 a.m.** – Men’s Prayer Breakfast

**NEXT SUNDAY – January 22, 2017**

**Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday**

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

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug

**Message: “God Hears Our Cries”**

**Scripture: Psalm 40:1-10**

**Communion**

**Greeters:** Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Tuffy & Deb Kurtz

**10:30 a.m.** – Craig & Krista Martin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Sunday, January 22,** we will participate in Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday. Communion will be part of our worship service.

**We extend our sympathies** to the family of Arden Ramseyer, who died on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Arden was the husband of Mae, father of Dennis (Karen) and Diane (Dan) Schwendeman, and grandfather of Kendra, Mary, Jenna, Elise (Aaron) and Chauncey. May God give you comfort as you grieve this loss.

**The family of Ruth Ramseyer** would like to share their sincere thank yous for all the love shown to us and to Mother at this special time. (Love is a verb.) We felt your prayers, the visits, food that was prepared, and support given to us. Especially to Pastors Doug and Miriam for the meaningful anointing service and touching eulogy at the funeral. And to all of you who helped behind the scenes, we thank you. Blessings, Ellyne Sollenberber, Jan Gingerich, Don Ramseyer

**Reminder: Annual Reports from commissions and committees are due this week. Please send them to the church office no later than Tuesday, January 17, to be included in the Annual Report booklet.**



**Three mailbox items:**

**\*Please find in your mailboxes** a copy of the January 29, 2017, congregational meeting agenda and the proposed 2017 spending plan and sample ballot. Note there will be a vote taken on the spending plan and an affirmation vote for new Leadership Selection members.

**\*INPUT & FEEDBACK** - the **Leadership Selection Committee** would appreciate you sharing your thoughts and ideas with us by filling out the survey form, which you will find in your **mailbox**. Please return to the designated box in the foyer by January 29th.

**\*Hannah Miedel will be taking orders** for Equal Exchange products. There are order forms on the table in the foyer and orders should be turned in to **Hannah’s mailbox today**.

**The Bicentennial Committee** will be meeting at 7:00 PM on January 24.

**A copy of “The Hole in My Story”** by *Enid Miller Schloneger* is available in the church library. If you would be interested in purchasing a paperback copy of Enid’s book, please call the church office.

**Mennonite Central Committee is seeking Location Coordinators for the Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) site in West Virginia.** For a full job description, visit [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-swap-location-coordinator-wv](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-swap-location-coordinator-wv). Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org)

**The Upper Room** for January & February is on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take on for yourself or a friend.



**Birthdays this week**

**January 16** – Delaney Williams

John Miller

**17** – Dianne Stutzman

Rindy Morphew

Jack Lyons

**18** – Sue Turskey

**20** – Elise Bontrager

Jenna Ramseyer

Mary Ramseyer