

Sunday, March 18th, 2018

Sunday School – 102 Worship – 153

OFFERING

Spending Plan (general)	\$4,831.00
Manna for Many	\$605.00

Oak Grove offers an electronic giving option. Please contact the church treasurer at treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com, if interested.

SAVE THE DATES

- April 5** – Central Christian & Iowa Mennonite Choir Concert at OG
- April 14** – Bicentennial: Historical Reflections event, 7pm
- April 15** – Bicentennial: Historical Reflections morning service
- April 28** – Plant Exchange
- July 14** – Bicentennial: Piano Recital by George Bixler, 7pm
- July 15** – Bicentennial: Hymn Sing, 2pm

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Celebrating 200 Years

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

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April 14 & 15, 2018 – Historical Reflections

July 14 & 15, 2018 – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration

October 13 & 14, 2018 – Homecoming & Concert

Hymn of Response: HWB#69 “The Lord is King”

Benediction



Announcements from Central Christian School

Annual Auction: We are so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support we received at our Annual Auction. The auction sale generated over \$440,000 to continue Central's mission of growing leaders and building the church. Thank you to each one who had a part in making this day a success. God has blessed us with a wonderful community.

Now Enrolling New Students: Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. We invite you to schedule a visit for your child to experience a school day at CCS. Your child will have an opportunity to meet teachers, attend chapel and learn more about the Central Community. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at [330.857.7311](tel:330.857.7311).

Central Christian Elementary School will present their spring concert, *It's Cool in the Furnace*, a musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne, on Friday, April 13, at 7:00 pm. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

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OAK GROVE

MENNONITE CHURCH

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Sunday, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday – Covenant: God's Promise Through Jesus

Prelude: *Rindy Morphew*

Welcome: *Sue Herman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

People: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#238 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
HWB#237 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
-*Matt Wenger*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Rindy Morphew*

Choir: “Ride On, King Jesus”
– *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

Scripture: John 12:12-16

Hymn: HWB#43 “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

Sermon: “Covenant: God's Promise Through Jesus” – *Pastor Doug*
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This Week at Oak Grove

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:15am – Anita Bixler & Lucinda Gill

10:30am – Craig & Krista Martin

Wednesday, March 28

Comfort Project, 2-4pm & 6-8pm

Choir, 7pm

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm

Happy Birthday!

Today – Wanda Abebe

3.26 – Beverly Ramseyer

3.26 – Reneda Miller

3.27 – Marg Baker

3.27 – Art Neuenschwander

3.27 – Anita Bixler

3.28 – Kathy Smucker

3.31 – Hans Hochstetler

3.31 – Chuck Hostetler

Happy Anniversary!

3.29 – Steve & Sue Turskey

NEXT SUNDAY: You are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship Easter Sunday morning in the church lobby starting at 8:45am. Please bring finger foods--fresh fruit, coffee cake, pastries or muffins--to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

Next Sunday – April 1st, 2018

8:45am: Easter Breakfast in Church Foyer

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Easter Sunday Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Linda Schrock & Wanda Beattie

Nursery:

9:15am – Tom & Kathy Smucker

10:30am – John & Carrie Skarl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following grant application: \$5,000 to Academia Menonita Betania of Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria cleanup and restoration of the school. Comments are welcomed by committee members: George Bixler, Linda Jaquet, Levi Miller, Sherry Miller, Steve Miller and Willie Troyer. The committee will meet after church on April 8 to finalize this request.

The Church Board has approved an updated version of the Church Facility Rental Agreement. A copy of this document can be found in the church library in the Church Board Minutes binder. If you would prefer your own copy, please contact the church office.

In preparation for the bicentennial celebration on April 14-15, we are looking for people who have participated in church service organizations (voluntary service, MDS, MCC, 1-W, PAX, relief sales, etc.) and would be willing to put together a display (poster, slideshow, photo booklet...). We would love to see the many ways people from Oak Grove have served over the years. If you would be willing to put something together, please contact Jenna Ramseyer. Thanks!

Bicentennial Blanket Project: Wednesday, March 28, is our next event for knotting comforters. Join the fun and conversation around comforters from 2:00-4:00pm or 5:30-8:00pm as we work to complete another set of comforters for this bicentennial service project. See you Wednesday!

Once again, lilies can be ordered for Easter Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special. Lilies are \$9 each; orders and payment should be turned in to the church office. All orders are due **today**.

Please be on the lookout for any Oak Grove library books that you may have forgotten to return.

From Camp Friedenswald: Thank you so much for your gift of financial support given through CDC. Friedenswald is grateful for your continued support of our ministry! Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for our 67th summer of camping!

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Events: You have two opportunities to join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam with special guest speakers Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

- Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building (3987 Kidron Rd., Kidron)
- Sunday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School) and 10:30 a.m. (Sermon) at Orrville Mennonite Church (1305 W. Market St., Orrville)