

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Sunday School – 132

Worship – 187

Offering

Spending Plan \$5,924.00
Other 1,314.56

Upcoming Events

December 19 – 6:00 p.m. Take risers down

December 22 – 7:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service

December 24 – 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25 – Christmas Sunday – 10:00 a.m. Worship
Noon – Carry In meal for those who are alone on
Christmas Day

January 7 – 9-11:30 a.m. – Winter Bible Institute

January 8 – 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Winter Bible Institute

January 9 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. -- Winter Bible Institute

Service Opportunities:

Want to serve next year alongside a church and community to make a difference? Apply now to Mennonite Mission Network’s year-long programs! Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, Service Adventure and DOOR Dwell are all accepting applications for Fall 2012. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net for applications and details.

The Mennonite Central Committee Appalachia program is looking for summer staff for the SWAP program (Sharing With Appalachian People). Summer staff work as coordinators for job sites and preparing meals for the weekly SWAP groups who come to repair homes for low-income families in Kentucky and West Virginia. Summer staff should be at least 18-19 years old. SWAP provides food and lodging and \$125 per week. For more information go to: swap.mcc.org/swap/internships or call Coletta at (606) 633-5065.

MCC WELCOMES INQUIRIES FOR THE FOLLOWING URGENT SENIOR LINE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Area Directors for South America / Mexico, Europe and Middle East, Central / Northeast Asia, and Southeast Asia. For more information on these and other urgent service positions, please visit our website at mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer.

Sermon: “Reordering Our World” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response/Benediction: “Here I Am, Lord” (insert)

CDC Regional Gatherings

The leadership of Central District is excited to announce the dates of the 2012 CDC Regional Gatherings. Our theme for this year is *God’s story. . .our stories*. We will worship, talk, sing, and play together as we explore the theme. This gathering is for anyone and everyone in your congregation: pastors, lay leaders, teachers, young adults, children, and mature adults. We invite you to bring a carload (or more) to the meeting. Childcare will be provided as needed. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the local gathering, on February 18, at First Mennonite Church, Wadsworth, Ohio, which begins at 9:45 am and ends at 3:00 p.m.

ADNet Job Opportunity

Opening for Administrative Assistant Part-time: Anabaptist Disabilities Network is looking for a service-minded person who shares a passion for ADNet’s mission and ministry to congregations, families, and persons with disabilities. Contact ADNet Program Director, Christine Guth (christine@adnetonline.org 574-535-7053). Requirements: word processing and general computer skills, general clerical abilities, enthusiastic response to telephone contacts, and able to work 16-20 hours per month in Goshen office at \$10 per hour. Flexible morning work hours.

The Upper Room for January & February are on the table in the foyer. Please take one for yourself or a friend.



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Sunday, December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude – *George Bixler*

Welcome – *Sue Herman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Readers: *Sue Herman, Debbie Murray*

Hymns: HWB#189 “To Us A Child of Hope is Born”

HWB#211 “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”

- *Marg Baker*, Song Leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Spending Plan

Offering – White Gift

Offertory - *George Bixler*

Light Seekers (children Age 2 – preschool) are dismissed

– c/o *Reneda Miller*

Jr. Church (children K-Gr. 3) - are dismissed

– c/o *Gladene Hershberger*

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn: SJ#13 “My Soul Is Filled With Joy”

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Sunday, December 18

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

2:00 p.m. – **Single & Single Again** meets at Lois Morrison's home for Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Bring a covered dish and a \$10.00 gift for either a man or woman.

2:30 p.m. Messiah

Greeters: Mary Lou Brady and Loren Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Wanda Hostetler and Aimee Hanlon

10:30 a.m. – Ruth Schuefler and Maribel Beyler

Monday, December 19

6:00 p.m. – Take down risers

Thursday, December 22

7:00 p.m. – Longest Night Service

Saturday, December 24

6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Carol Singing

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug
“Celebrating the Savior” Luke 2:22-40

Greeters: Clarence & Bunny Stutzman

Nursery:

10:00 a.m. – John & Aimee Hanlon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE: GIVING TO OTHERS IS “REWARDING.”

We offer our sympathy to Clair & Esther Hostetler, Brian & Reneda Miller, and Heath & Lynae Bear on the death of John Miller, brother of Esther Hostetler. He passed away on December 12 and funeral will be on Tuesday, December 20, at the Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville. May God surround you with comfort and hope as you grieve.

We offer our sympathy to Steve & Rindy, Lisa & Ben on the death of Steve's sister Karen.

The Oak Grove Mennonite Church will host its annual performance of Handel's Messiah this afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

This is a reminder that there is no Sunday School next Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with a half hour of carol singing. Come, join in the celebration! Please note that there **will** be Sunday School on Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day.

The Mennonite College Assistance Fund needs donations to meet its \$6,000 tuition payment that is due at the end of the year.

For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us on **Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 pm**, for a time of music, scripture, silent reflection, and healing prayer.

Remember to turn in your registration forms for the Winter Bible Institute, by January 3rd. You can also call the office to register.

Boxtops and Labels will be sent to Hopi Mission School the end of December. Please put labels and boxtops in Pauline Smucker's mailbox. The school appreciates the support very much.

Just a reminder: The End of the Year Reports are due in the Church office by the end of December. If you can email them that will be appreciated.

'Tis the season to decorate the “mitten” tree in the foyer! This year People to People Ministries requests men's socks, underwear and boxers (especially sizes 2X-4X), towels and washcloths, and pot holders. Gently used items are fine. Paper bags and plastic garbage bags are appreciated.

Central Christian Alumni Coffee House, December 30 at 7:00 pm in the PAC lobby. Grab some coffee and dessert, and kick back for a fun and relaxing evening of musical entertainment by alumni performers and Tim Shue. www.ccscomets.org

Camp Luz is seeking to hire a 3/4 time Program Manager. For job description detail, go to www.campluz.com. If you have any questions, call Andrew Michaels at 330.683.1246 or email andrew@campluz.com.



Birthdays This Week

December 19 – Caris Lyons

December 20 – Willow Baer

December 21 – Charles Stein

December 25 – Spencer Scheufler

Anniversaries This Week

December 19 – Bruce & Donna Kindy (40)