

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Sunday School – 130

Worship – 230

Offering

Spending Plan \$4,926.52
Other 1,400.83

December 25 – 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

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.

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.

Offering

Offertory - Jenna, Mary & Elise Ramseyer and Aubrey Schrock

Hymns: HWB#194 "Away In A Manger"
HWB#193 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Children's song – Megan Hochstetler, director

Children (ages 2 through Gr. 5) – dismissed for Birthday Party for Jesus – c/o Erin Baker

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: "Celebrating the Savior" – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#197
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Benediction

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 staffs 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 Colettia at (606) 633-5065.

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 25, 2011

Christmas

Prelude – Jenna, Mary & Elise Ramseyer and Aubrey Schrock

Carol Sing – Nate Gundy, song leader

Welcome – Von Schrock, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! The fullness of time has come.

People: As the earth brings forth its shoots,

Leader: so God sent the Son, born into the human condition,

People: to set us free to live as beloved children.

All: The unexpected has happened. We belong to God.

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

Readers: *Sue Herman, Debbie Murray*

Hymns: HWB#318 "Joy to the World"

HWB#212 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

- *Nate Gundy, Song Leader*

- *Megan Hochstetler, Maria Zehr, trumpet*

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE
Sunday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Carol Singing

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Clarence & Bunny Stutzman

Nursery:

10:00 a.m. – John & Aimee Hanlon

Noon – Carry-In Meal, Everyone Welcome

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, January 1 – NEW YEARS DAY

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship at OrrVilla

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Mrs. Terri Roberts

Mrs. Terri Roberts, from Strasburg, PA will share her story, "**Joy Through Adversity.**" her message is one of God's Grace given and received and the mountains it can move. Terri says that hers was a relatively quiet life until five years ago, when an unthinkable tragedy in her community of Nickel Mines, PA propelled her into the public's eye: *"I have walked through circumstances beyond my own ability to cope yet have found strength and even joy along the way."*

Greeters: Willie & Kay Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Mae Ramseyer & Donna Kindy

10:30 a.m. – Tuffy & Deb Kurtz

Visitation Ministry meets in Miriam's office
after Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE: CHRISTMAS IS LOVE IN ACTION. EVERY TIME WE LOVE, EVERY TIME WE GIVE, IT'S CHRISTMAS. - DALE EVANS ROGERS

The Church Office will be closed next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have an announcement for the bulletin please have it in on Tuesday. Thank You.

There is a new lock box for the Fellowship Hall. It is on the wall beside the door. The combination is the same as before.

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

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. Thanks.

'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.

To The Oak Grove Endowment, thank you for your generous and willing spirit to support me in my ongoing studies at EMS. It is a blessing to have brothers and sisters in the broader community encourage me in my ongoing studies as I seek to faithfully follow God into the ministries in which he has called me. May you, too, be attentive to God's calling, realizing that where he may be calling you to minister might be at work, with a neighbor, or in the community. God calls all of us to be ministers of his love and grace to a broken world. - Blessings, Lydell Steiner

What a wonderful season and a blessed time of year. To all those who helped us by supporting our Christmas Toy Drive and/or helping us restock our food pantry, we thank you. The community in which we all live is a very generous one indeed. What a blessing you have been to us and to those who need our assistance.

On the bulletin board in the foyer is a list of open volunteer opportunities at our ministry. If you are interested in talking to me about one these positions please have them call me at 330-262-1662 ext. 213.

Again, thank you all so very much for your support and for giving us the opportunity to serve as we do.

Laura Groves, Volunteer and Special Project Coordinator
People to People Ministries

To the "Search for the Christ Child" committee:

I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for the most generous donation of \$296.10 to our ministry. Your gift will help us in so many ways to continue to minister to those in need in our area, and to help spread hope. We are still helping on the average of 300 to 350 families per month with food from our food pantry and seeing many families unemployed. From everyone here at People to People Ministries, we appreciate your support and ask that you continue to support us with your prayers. May God continue to bless you!

~~Lydia A. Stahl, Executive Director, People to People



Birthdays This Week

December 27 – JoElla Swinehart

December 29 – Nathan Stein

December 30 – Kaden Schrock

December 31 – Clarence Stutzman (84)

Linda Jaquet

January 1 – Esther Shafer

Anniversaries This Week

December 26 – Steve & Deb Murray

December 28 – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer (30)

December 31 – Dave & Sue Herman (42)

Don & Louise Emerson Schrock