

Sunday, December 25 2011

Sunday School – No Sunday School Worship – 265

Offering

Spending Plan	\$8,514.60
Other	2,363.60

White Gift Offering

Spending Plan	\$12,052.00
Spending Plan – Outreach	4,160.00
CAMO	1,060.00
Compassion Fund	1,575.00
Habitat House	2,700.00
Other Designations	4,120.00

Upcoming Events

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
January 29 – Noon – Carry-In
12:45 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting

Hymn: “Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” - insert

Light Seekers (children Age 2 – preschool) are dismissed
– c/o *Reneda Miller*

Jr. Church (children K-Gr. 3) - are dismissed – c/o *Erin Baker*

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “Joy Through Adversity” – *Terri Roberts*

Hymn of Response: SJ#95 “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”

Benediction

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 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

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.



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Sunday, January 1, 2012

Epiphany

Prelude – *Jack Lyons*

Welcome – *Mary Lou Brady*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us arise and shine, for our light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Where once darkness covered the earth,

People: people stream to the brightness of a new dawning.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around!

People: We will see and be radiant.

All: Our hearts thrill and rejoice, for the light has come!

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

Readers: *Sue Herman, Debbie Murray*

Hymns: HWB#639 “Great God We Sing”

HWB#218 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

- *Paula Vasichko*, Song Leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory – *Jack Lyons*

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE
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

Greeters: Willie & Kay Hostetler

Nursery:

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

10:00 a.m. – Tuffy & Deb Kurtz

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 p.m. – Worship Commission

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Commission

Saturday, January 7

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Winter Bible Institute

Session #1 *“From Creation to Tribal Confederacy”*

10:10 – 10:40 a.m. – Brunch

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. – Winter Bible Institute

Session #2 *“Monarchy to Exile and Return”*

NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday, January 8

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Winter Bible Institute
Session #3 – *“Jesus in Historical Context”*

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Visitation Ministry meets in Miriam’s office
after Worship

Fellowship & Service Commission – meets after Worship

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Winter Bible Institute

Session #4 – *“Christ-Pentecost to New Creation
and Early Church*

Greeters: Karen & Dennis Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – John & Aimee Hanlon

10:30 a.m. – Lucinda & Tamara Gill

Monday, January 9

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Winter Bible Institute

Session #5 – *How Anabaptists Interpret the Bible
(Hermeneutics) in comparison to other church traditions*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE: GOD IS LOOKING FOR BOLD AND BUSY PEOPLE TO DO “BIG THINGS.”

We welcome Terri Roberts to our worship service today. We are grateful she is willing to share her testimony of God’s grace in her life through difficult circumstances.

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.

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.

Mothers and Daughters, Camp Luz is hosting its annual Mother-Daughter retreat January 27-28, 2012. The speaker this year is Naomi Engle, Co-Pastor at West Clinton Mennonite Church. The theme is “Brave, Beautiful, and Beloved”. More information is available at www.campluz.com.

Men, Mark your Calendars! The Men’s Retreat at Camp Luz will be March 16-18, 2012. Ralph Reinford, regional pastor with the Ohio Conference will be our speaker. Registrations are available online at www.campluz.com. More information will be posted soon.

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

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.



Birthdays This Week

January 2 – Mary Ellen Steiner

January 5 – Wendy Breneman

January 7 – Kayla Robinson