

Sunday, January 1 2011

Sunday School – 80 Worship – 145

Offering

Spending Plan	\$3,788.00
Other	1,000.54

Upcoming Events

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

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.

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.

Two online courses are offered by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary for spring 2011:

•*Turnaround Strategies for Churches*, taught by Gerald Shenk, sessional instructor. This course examines dynamics of church renewal, with strategies for change that seek to be true to the Gospel and to the congregational context.

•*Biblical Foundations of Peace and Justice*, taught by Mary Schertz, professor of New Testament. Study pertinent biblical passages and historic peace church understandings while reflecting on peace and justice praxis today.

Tuition discount: Tuition will be cut in half for first-time online students at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary who are not yet enrolled in any theological education program.

Register by January 10 to receive an early registration discount. For information: www.ambs.edu/academics/courses/online



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Prelude – *Rita Schrock*

Welcome – *Beth Hamman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#285 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

HWB#150 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

–*Marg Baker*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory – *Rita Schrock*

Hymn: HWB#598 “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus”

Light Seekers (children Age 2 – preschool) are dismissed

– *c/o Tracy Stutzman*

Scripture - Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

Sermon – “Who am I? A beloved identity for the New Year and a Lifetime.” – *Marion Bontrager*

Hymn of Response: HWB#118 “Praise God From Whom”

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE
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*”

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Visitation Ministry meets in Miriam’s office
after Worship

Fellowship & Service Commission – meets after Worship

Single & Single Again – Going to the Matinee movies. The Singles will be contacted by phone with the time to meet.

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Winter Bible Institute
Session #4

Greeters: Karen & Dennis Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:00 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

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. – Education Commission

Thursday, January 12

7:00 p.m. – Church Board



Birthdays This Week

January 9 – Linda Amstutz

Linda Schrock

January 10 – Mike Baker

NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday, January 15

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Herb & Gladene Hershberger

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Miriam Zehr & Susan Mark Landis

10:30 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:AND HE SAID:
“THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL WORLD THAT I HAVE GIVEN
YOU. TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT; DO NOT RUIN IT.”
- JEWISH PROVERB.

Special welcome to Marion Bontrager who is our guest this weekend. He is leading the five sessions of our Winter Bible Institute as well as sharing the message this morning in Worship.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and your words of encouragement following Enid’s open heart surgery. We treasure our fellowship with you and it always feels good to “come home” in the midst of our comings and goings. May you experience the presence & blessing of God as you begin a New Year. With love, Bob & Enid Schloneger

Dear Oak Grove Family, we have just completed our first semester at Goshen and have had a wonderful start to college. We greatly appreciate your financial support as well as your thoughts and prayers. We are so grateful for such a loving church family. Thanks again. ~~Love Elise, Jenna, and Mary Ramseyer

Carolyn Warren has a new email address:
warrencarolyn30@yahoo.com

Dear Friends, Thank you for all the ways you support Open Arms Hispanic Ministry. 2011 was a year full of growth and blessings. Through the ministry many people have been helped. Lives have been changed. May God bless all of you. ¡ Vaya con Dios! Check out the newsletter on the bulletin board in the foyer.

~~For all of us at Open Arms, Steve Gill

Many thanks for your generous volunteering to help with Orrville’s Meals Together January 16! We still need people to help clean-up and one person to learn to close. Hot chocolate mix would be great to serve for people arriving on a cold day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Susan Mark Landis, 330-683-0976. ~~ Susan Mark Landis

Dear Oak Grove Mennonite Congregation:

I want to thank you so much for your generosity in helping needy families whose children attend Green Local Elementary Schools. Your generosity and caring are greatly appreciated especially during this time of need for so many families. The families were blessed by your generosity as I am sure that all of you have been by your giving. I appreciate the extra time that you took for this ministry during an already busy time. Thanks again for all of your hard work on behalf of the families in this community.

Priscilla A. Gresser
Elementary School Counselor
Green Local Elementary Schools

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.