

## CALENDAR

### This Week:

- Today, 9:30am Education Hour; 10:30am Worship: *From the Start:*  
Pastor Seth
- Sunday, January 12: Pastor Seth
- Monday, January 6: Spiritual Life Commission - 7 PM
- Thursday, January 9: Church Board Meeting - 7 PM
- Thursday, January 9: Worship Commission - 7 PM

### Upcoming Events:

- January 15: Manna for Many
- February 2: Annual Meeting

### Oak Grove Mennonite Church

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FH WiFi Password:    schoolisbestforyou!



**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**Prelude:** *Ryan Conrad*

**Welcome:** *John Skarl*, worship leader

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus grant that we may learn from you as long as we live,

**People:** **That we would mature in wisdom and years.**

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us humility

**People:** **that we would sit among the teachers.**

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

**All:** ***Jesus teach us how to learn.***

**Hymns:** VT 277 As With Gladness

Shine on Us

- *Ryan Conrad*, song leader

**Community Life Announcements** – Please sign the welcome pads

**Children's Time:** *Seth Miller*

**Advent Candle Lighting:** *Beth Falb & Claire Buller*

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering/Hymn:** Change My Heart, Oh God

**Scripture:** John 1: 1, 10-18

**Sermon:** From the Start

- *Pastor Seth*

**Hymn of Response:** All Glory Be to Christ (Auld Lang Syne)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Sunday December 29, 2024

**Worship:** 150

**Offering:**

\$3,322.00 Spending Plan

\$100.00 Mennonite College Assistance Fund

\$1,900.00 White Gift Offering

\$100.00 Fellowship Hall Rental

\$1,400.00 Central Student Assistant Fund

\$476.00 MYF Gingerbread Houses Fundraiser

### THIS SUNDAY, 1.5.25

Greeters: 9AM Doug & Donna Kratzer: 10AM Deb & Tuffy Kurtz

Nursery: Rosemary Kratzer & Gladene Hershberger

### NEXT SUNDAY, 1.12.25

Greeters: 9AM Chuck & Wanda Hostetler: 10AM Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery: Mindy Horst & Donna Kindy

### **Happy Birthday!**

5 Wendy Breneman

9 Linda Amstutz

9 Linda Schrock

### **Please Remember in Prayer:**

- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
  - Kate Widmer (MMN) - France
  - Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) - Ghana, West Africa
  - Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) - Honduras

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the date:** The Manna for Many event will be Wednesday, January 15. There will be two sessions that day: 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM.

**Note from Debbie Beechy:** *I am so happy to announce that my broken hip is healed. Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts sent my way, cards and expressed concern about me. I give all the credit to God, my surgeon, my nurses and all of you. - Debbie Beechy*

**Widow's group will meet at Orrville Mennonite Church on Wednesday, January 8, 1-2:30 pm.** Bring your favorite tea cup! This is a social group for any and all widows. Come join us! Questions contact Judy King 330-201-2069 or Lou Erb 330-317-0726.

**The Leadership Selection committee is seeking your input about possible people to fill commission positions for the next church calendar year.** You should have a form in your mailbox today, as well as in your email if you receive church news in that format. Please fill out the online form or if via hard copy, place it in the box provided in the foyer, by January 19th.

**This is the last Sunday for the "mitten tree."** Bring any remaining items you would like to donate this weekend and we will make a delivery to People to People. You can also make donations to them personally any time. Thank you to all.

**During the month of January you are invited to join together as a Sunday School class or individually to shower Pastor Seth and his family with appreciation and encouragement.** This may be through notes, meals, prayer, offering childcare etc. Please contact Donna Kratzer (Fellowship Chair) with questions.

**The Ohio Conference Winter Cluster Meetings are quickly approaching.** Meetings will be held on January 14, 16, 21, 23, and 27 at 6:30pm.

- January 14 at Bethel Mennonite Church in West Liberty
- January 16 at Salem Church in Waldron, Michigan
- January 21 at Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman
- January 23 at Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland
- January 27- Virtual