

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Sunday School – 91    Worship – 192

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$24,803.10
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$1.00
Everence: Compassion & Community Assistance	\$750.00
Cemetery Assistance	\$995.95
Preschool Contr.	\$50.00

**WHITE GIFT**

MDS	\$1,200.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00
Spending Plan	\$3,675.00
Mennonite College Assistance	\$1,000.00

**WHITE GIFT TOTAL 2019**

<b>WHITE GIFT TOTAL 2019</b>	<b>\$30,315.00</b>
MDS	\$5,033.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,633.00
Manna for Many	\$3,009.00
People to People	\$125.00
Mennonite College Assistance	\$1,500.00
Spending Plan	\$18,015.00

**Save the Dates:**

February 2: Annual Meeting

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Church WiFi Password:                    brightlight7 (OakGrove-Guest)  
FH WiFi Password:                            schoolisbestforyou!

L:            Lift us your eyes and look around.  
P:            **Arise! Shine! For our light has come.**  
L:            The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.  
P:            Arise! Shine! For our light has come!  
L:            **Gather your children and bring gifts to the Lord.**  
**All:        Arise! Shine! And be transformed!**

**Community Life Announcements**  
**Leadership Selection Ballot**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Offertory:** *Rindy Morphew*

**Children’s Time:** *Pastor Miriam*

**Hymn:** HWB#199 “The First Noel”

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Jr. Church** (children age 3 through Grade 2) – c/o *Crystal Conrad*

**Sermon:** “Unable to Go Back the Way We Came” – *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn of Response:** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” (insert STS#30)

**Benediction**



**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020**  
**Epiphany - Unable to go back the way we came!**

**Focus statement**

The wait is over. The mystery has been made known.  
Arise! Shine!  
Walk in this new path and be transformed!

**Prelude:** *Rindy Morphew*

**Welcome:** *Sherry Miller, Worship Leader*

**Call to worship**

L:            Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.  
P:            **Asking, when will you see the light that I am,  
                 the grace I have extended to all people,  
                 the dance out of the darkness  
                 and into righteousness to which I invited you?**  
L:            Can we see that in you we are transformed,  
                 unable to go back the way we have known?  
**All:        God, what are we waiting for?**

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#185 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”  
                 HWB#220 “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”  
                 *-Paula Vaschiko, song leader*

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## *This Week at Oak Grove*

**8:45am:** Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15am:** Sunday School

**9:30am:** Worship at OrrVilla

**10:30am:** Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

**Greeters:** Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Duane & Deb Kurtz

**10:30am** – Anson & Hannah Miedel

**2:30pm:** Youth Bible Quizzing at Sonnenberg Mennonite  
– 1<sup>st</sup> quiz of the season!

**Coming up this week:**

Monday, 1/6: Spiritual Life Commission, 6:45pm

Wednesday, 1/8: Mennonite Women; Education Commission, 6pm

**Happy Birthday!**

5 Wendy Breneman

9 Linda Amstutz

9 Linda Schrock

10 Don Jaquet

## *Next Sunday, January 12, 2019*

**8:45am:** Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15am:** Sunday School

**10:30am:** Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

“Questions: Mild to Wild” 2 Timothy 4:2

**Greeters:** Linda Schrock & Wanda Beattie

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Dale & Marilyn Jaquet

**10:30am** – Von & Rita Schrock

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mennonite Women will meet this Wednesday, January 8.**

**The Leadership Selection Committee is the group responsible for finding people to serve on the church’s commissions.** TODAY (1/5/2020), the congregation will be asked to provide nominations for that committee. The congregation will then affirm two persons at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> members’ meeting. Any congregational member may be nominated except those already serving: Dennis Ramseyer, Paul Miller, Kathy Smucker, Sue Turskey, Bruce Kindy, and Rindy Morphew.

**Please note that choir will not be meeting for the month of January.** Practice will resume in February on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**From Mary Jean Troyer:** Thanks to Pastors Doug & Miriam and others for their visits, to all who prayed, sent cards, gave food or in other ways expressed caring during my recovery. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

**Check your bulletin insert for more information regarding the Bible study opportunity at Oak Grove, beginning on January 15.**

## *Weekly Prayer Bulletin*

**Pray for...**

- Victims of mass shootings, flooding, hurricanes & tornadoes
- Refugees here and abroad
- Our nation’s leaders

**Seniors:**

- Mary P. Troyer
- Willis Troyer

**Youth & Young Adults:**

- Zenobia Conrad
- Kaden Schrock

**The Family of the Week:**

- Aaron, Elise & Clara Bontrager

**Mission Work:**

Deb Byler of Mennonite Mission Network has just returned to Guatemala after three months on North American Assignment. Pray for her as she continues to work with Mennonite women in Bible studies, trauma healing, and leadership training