Sunday, November 24, 2019

Sunday School – 103 Worship – 166

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$4,541.70
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$5.70
FC Rental	\$70.00
Bulletins Contr.	\$50.00
Relief Canning Kidron	\$50.00

Save the Dates:

December 8: Search for the Christ Child, **5-7pm (note change in time)** December 9: Messiah Set-up December 13: Messiah Rehearsal, 7-9pm December 14: Messiah Rehearsal, 3:15-5:15pm December 15: Messiah, 2:30pm December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm

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Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn: SJ#67 "Let There Be Light, Lord God"

Sermon: "Our Wait Begins" – Pastor Doug

Community Response

- L: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,
 P: even when you have told me that you are coming.
 L: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,
 P: even when you have asked me to wait for you.
 L: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,
 P: when all you have asked of me is to care.
 L: forgive me Lord, for failing to see you,
 P: when your face is so obvious. (silence)
- L: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Hymn of Response: HWB#188 "Sleepers, Wake!"

Benediction

- L: The word of the Lord has been established for us.
- P: Let us walk in the word of the Lord.
- L: The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.
- P: Let us walk in the way of the Lord.
- L: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.
- All: Let us walk in the peace of the Lord.



Oak Grove Mennonite Church Sunday, December 1, 2019 Advent 1 – Our Wait Begins

Focus statement:

Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, "God, what are you waiting for?"

Prelude: George Bixler

Welcome: Jennifer Hartzler, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

- L: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.
- P: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth:
- L: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?
- All: God, what are you waiting for?

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#178 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" -Paula Vaschiko, song leader

Lighting the Advent wreaths: Wanda Beattie, Linda Schrock

Community Life Announcements Pastoral Prayer

Offering Offertory: George Bixler

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: Don & Phyllis Jaquet
Nursery:
9:15am – Wanda Hostetler & Velma Zook
10:30am – Ryan & Kristen Conrad

Coming up this week: Monday, 12/2: OFFICE CLOSED; Search Set-up Wednesday, 12/4: Mennonite Women; Choir, 7pm Friday & Saturday, 12/6-7: Search Set-up

Happy Birthday!

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Happy Anniversary! 3 Don & Norma Steiner (69)

Next Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer
9:15am: Sunday School
9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla
10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr
Advent 2: "Getting Ready While We Wait" Isaiah 11:1-10
Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy
Nursery:
9:15am – Gladene Hershberger & Rindy Morphew
10:30am – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

Search for the Christ Child, 5-7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent wreaths: For Oak Grove, like many congregations, the lighting of the candles within the Advent wreath is a long tradition. This year, we are expanding that tradition by offering words of blessing and prayer not only for those of us gathered here in this space but also for another family of faith within the Mennonite World Conference. To do this, we have decided to use two Advent wreaths. The first one is a more traditional one. The second is one created just for this season.

Mennonite Women will meet this coming Wednesday, 12/4. The offering project will support MCC.

Next Sunday, December 8, is the 31st annual Search for the Christ Child. The Search will take place from 5-7pm. All Search volunteers are encouraged to park on the gravel side of the parking lot. This year, if possible, we ask that all Oak Grovers coming to experience the Search plan to arrive during the second hour (6-7pm). This will help with the flow of visitors. Thank you. - The Search Committee

A reminder that all Green Local Elementary Christmas gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 8th, wrapped with the tag attached. Thank you in advance for sharing this season.

A group from the church is being formed to go Christmas caroling on December 10. Please let Linda Schrock know by Dec. 8 if you would like to join the group.

MDS is looking for drivers to help move trucks & trailers Dec. 16 – 20, from Ohio to Mississippi, to Texas, back to Mississippi, to West Virginia, and then home to Ohio. Please contact Bruce Kindy if you would be interested in helping out with this move.

See the bulletin board for an update on Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.

See the bulletin board for an update from Central Christian School. Central invites you to consider the school on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd. The school is also requesting prayer for Central's board, faculty & staff.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

Pray for...

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

Our Friends at OrrVilla & Westview Healthy Living:

- Betty Berkshire
- Johanna Beun
- Sue Miller
- Marie Shisler

Youth & Young Adults:

- Willow Baer
- Lyric Wenger

The Person of the Week:

- Wyatt Baer

Mission Work:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Argentina Mennonite Church as it enters its second century. May its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, which combines income-generating work with church planting.