

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Sunday School – 88 Worship – 152

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$5,447.71
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$3.59
Central Student Fund	\$1,200.00
Compassion Fund	\$100.00
White Gift	\$100.00
Mennonite Women	\$175.00
Search for the Christ Child	\$447.90

Save the Dates:

December 22: White Gift Giving Opportunity
 December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm
 December 25-26: OFFICE CLOSED

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Children’s Time: *Pastor Miriam*

Hymn: “Helpless and Hungry” (STS#26)
HWB#215 “What Child Is This?”

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “Kept Waiting by Fear” – *Pastor Doug*

Responsive reading (from Isaiah 35:1-10)

L: The Lord our God will come and save us.

P: **We will let go of our fears.**

L: God will strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.

P: **We will find our strength in the Lord.**

L: The redeemed shall walk in the way of the Lord.

All: We shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God!

Hymn of Response: HWB#214 “Morning Star, O Cheering Sight!”

Benediction



Oak Grove Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Advent 3 – Kept Waiting by Fear

Focus statement

O Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid? I see my need for your strength in my weakness and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust, and for patience in the coming of the Lord.

Prelude: *Kathy Smucker*

Welcome: *Krista Martin, Worship Leader*

Call to Worship

L: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

P: **Asking, when will I start rejoicing that you are coming?
Will I trust your faithfulness to your creation?**

L: Can I be patient enough to trust in your time, instead of my own?

All: God, what am I waiting for?

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#211 “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming
 HWB#202 “The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy
 -*Nate Gundy, song leader*

Lighting the Advent candles: *Doug & Donna Kratzer*

Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Kathy Smucker*

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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: Bob Krabill & Betty Krabill

Nursery:

9:15am – Joanne Murray & Linda Schrock

10:30am – Dan & Linda Jaquet

Messiah, 2:30pm

Coming up this week:

Monday, 12/16: Messiah Tear-Down

Wednesday, 12/18: Choir, 7pm

Thursday, 12/19: Church Board, 7pm

Happy Birthday!

15 Hannah Miller Rowlands

16 Isabella Rose Murray

18 Nancy Douce (80)

18 Evan Hofstetter Falb

19 Caris Lyons

20 Willow Baer

Happy Anniversary!

16 Carl & Brigitte Conrad (64)

19 Howard & Ellen Nikkel (49)

19 Bruce & Donna Kindy (48)

19 Ryan & Kristen Conrad

Next Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

Advent 4: “Worth the Wait” Matthew 1:18-35

White Gift Giving Opportunity

Greeters: John & Mary Lynn Miller

Nursery:

9:15am – Jenna Ramseyer & Olivia Wenger

10:30am – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A huge THANK YOU to each of you that prayed for the Search, baked cookies, ran off copies, helped carry items over to the church, helped set up, helped the night of the Search in various ways, helped clean up, took food items to People to People, and all that came to see the Search. We are very grateful for each one of you for your support of this intergenerational outreach to the community. – *The Search Committee*

Search totals:

453 in attendance

111 Oak Grovers participated

\$447.90 collected by beggars, lepers, tax collector & sanctuary

People to People is in need of socks and underwear for children age 7 – adults. We will collect these items on the Christmas tree in the foyer.

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.

Artists and art enthusiasts are coming together for a weekend of presentations, workshops, performances, and worship.

Mennonite Arts Weekend will be held February 7-9, 2020, at the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, OH. The weekend begins Friday evening with a time of gathering, introduction of artist presenters and a keynote address, the opening of the art gallery, and singing. On Saturday, there are presentations and sessions to choose from. The weekend culminates with a Sunday morning worship service inspired by the theme and events of the weekend with plenty of music, singing and artist participation. A poster featuring the artists is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. The website with more detailed information can be found at

www.mennoniteartsweekend.org. Congregational contact:

Joanne Murray

The Wayne County Bible quizzing league needs some help at its weekly quizzes. If you can assist, even once or twice, with judging, running or setting up buzzers, or in other ways, please let Hannah Miedel know. The season runs from January to March on Sunday afternoons at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Our middle school team is gearing up for their second season and would appreciate the support.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

Pray for...

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

Seniors:

- Pauline Smucker
- Don & Norma Steiner

Youth & Young Adults:

- Imzadia Conrad
- Sadie Miedel

The Person of the Week:

- Wanda Beattie

Mission Work:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for DOOR’s leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current three-month program to nine months.