

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Sunday School – 89    Worship – 168

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$6,226.00
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$2.25
White Gift MDS	\$250.00
White Gift Habitat	\$300.00
White Gift Manna for Many	\$50.00
Preschool Contr.	\$50.00
Seed \$ MDS	\$2,000.00
Messiah Offering	\$2,409.49
Messiah Risers Renov.	\$250.00

**Save the Dates:**

December 30-January 1: OFFICE CLOSED

February 2: Annual Meeting

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FH WiFi Password:                              schoolisbestforyou!

**Choir:** “Sing Out the News”

- Dora Short, director; Kathy Smucker, piano

**Children’s Time:** Pastor Miriam, Carrie & Wyatt Skarl

**Hymn:** HWB#194 “Away In A Manger”

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon:** “Worth the Wait” – Pastor Doug

**Responsive reading** (from Psalm 80)

L: Stir up your might, and come and save us!

P: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

L: Let your hand be upon us and make us strong.

P: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

L: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#191 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Benediction**



**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, December 22, 2019**  
**Advent 4 –Worth the Wait**

**Focus statement**

What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace.

**Prelude:** Rita Schrock

**Welcome:** Pastor Miriam, Worship Leader

**Call to worship**

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

P: **Asking, will I be saved to your goodness,  
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,  
certain that I am called to you?**

L: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?  
Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

All: **God, what I am waiting for?**

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#201 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
HWB#195 “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

-Gloria Miller, song leader

**Lighting the Advent candles:** Don & Deb Ramseyer

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering:** Spending Plan & White Gift

**Offertory:** Rita Schrock

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## *This Week at Oak Grove*

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

**9:15am:** Sunday School

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

**White Gift Giving Opportunity**

**Greeters:** John & Mary Lynn Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Jenna Ramseyer & Olivia Wenger

**10:30am** – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

**Coming up this week:**

Tuesday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm; OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, 12/25: Christmas Day, OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, 12/26: OFFICE CLOSED

**Happy Birthday!**

27 Donna Kratzer

**Happy Anniversary!**

26 Steve & Debbie Murray (32)

28 Dennis & Karen Ramseyer (38)

## *Next Sunday, December 29, 2019*

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

**9:15am:** Sunday School

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

“Time to Get a Move On!” Psalm 148

**Greeters:** Paul & Sherry Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Gloria Miller & Velma Zook

**10:30am** – Craig & Krista Martin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office will be open on Monday and Friday this week and closed Tuesday-Thursday for the holiday.**

**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](http://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.

**The Leadership Selection Committee is the group responsible for finding people to serve on the church's commissions.** Sunday (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. Between now and January 5<sup>th</sup>, please prayerfully consider this nomination.

## *Weekly Prayer Bulletin*

**Pray for...**

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

**Seniors:**

- Bunny Stutzman
- George & Joann Swartzentruber

**Youth & Young Adults:**

- Elise Murray
- Rosa Kim

**The Person of the Week:**

- Debbie Beechy

**Mission Work:**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.