

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sunday School – 103    Worship – 166

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$5,482.50
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$2.00
Central Student Assist.	\$100.00
Outreach Contr.	\$250.00
Preschool Contr.	\$50.00
People to People Contr.	\$100.00

**Save the Dates:**

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm

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

**Children’s Time:** *Pastor Miriam*

**Hymn:** HWB#183 “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

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

**Sermon:** “Getting Ready While We Wait” – *Pastor Doug*

**Community Response**

L: God calls us to live with endurance.

P: **We glorify the God of hope.**

L: The God of encouragement calls us to unity.

P: **We thank the Lord for the bounty of God’s mercy.**

L: God calls us to a new vision for all of creation.

**All: Let us all praise the Lord.**

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#172 “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

**Benediction**



**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**Advent 2 – Getting Ready While We Wait**

**Focus statement:**

We ask, “What are you waiting for, O God?” God hears our cries and calls to us in return with words of hope. Can we hear God’s invitation? God calls us to repent, pay attention, and embrace the Lord’s vision for a new creation.

**Prelude:** *Dora Short, organ; Lillie Kollert, piano*

**Welcome:** *Beth Hamman, Worship Leader*

**Call to Worship**

L: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

P: **Asking, when will you bring righteousness, defend the poor, deliver the needy?**

**Asking, when will you make harmonious creation?**

L: When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

**All: God, what are you waiting for?**

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#185 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

HWB#176 “Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

*-Matt Wenger, song leader*

**Lighting the Advent candles:** *Cheryl Coblentz & Harold Hochstetler*

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Dora Short, Lillie Kollert*

**Choir:** “Advent Hymn” – *Dora Short, director; Kathy Smucker, piano*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *This Week at Oak Grove*

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

**9:15am:** Sunday School

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

**Greeters:** Bruce & Donna Kindy

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Gladene Hershberger & Rindy Morphew

**10:30am** – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

**Search for the Christ Child, 5-7pm**

**Coming up this week:**

Monday, 12/9: Messiah Set-up

Wednesday, 12/11: Choir, 7pm

Friday, 12/13: Messiah Rehearsal, 7pm

Saturday, 12/14: Messiah Rehearsal, 3:15pm

**Happy Birthday!**

10 Ericka Breneman

11 Howard Nikkel

13 Cody Weaver

15 Hannah Miller

**Happy Anniversary!**

12 Alex & Tasha Murray

*Next Sunday, December 15, 2019*

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

**9:15am:** Sunday School

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

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

Advent 3: “Kept Waiting By Fear” Isaiah 35:1-10

**Greeters:** Bob Krabill & Betty Krabill

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Joanne Murray & Linda Schrock

**10:30am** – Dan & Linda Jaquet

**Messiah, 2:30pm**

**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.

**TODAY, December 8, is the 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

**Today you will find an invitation to participate in this year’s White Gift Offering in your church mailbox.** Please place your offering in the outer envelope. In the interest of reducing waste, we have not included gift envelopes this year.

**A reminder that all Green Local Elementary Christmas gifts are due back to the church TODAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 today, Dec. 8, if you would like to join the group.

**Live Nativity:** You are invited to the Neighborhood Live Nativity on **Saturday, December 21.** Come experience the story of Christ’s birth at 13401 Arnold Road, Dalton (Steve and Lydell Steiner’s white barn). Come early to park, pet animals and to find a seat on the hay- the two programs will begin promptly at **4:30 and 6:30 pm.** Dress warmly and please carpool. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

## *Weekly Prayer Bulletin*

**Pray for...**

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

**Seniors:**

- Mahlon & Gwen Schmucker
- John & Diane Schrock

**Youth & Young Adults:**

- Logan Schrock
- Kaden Schrock

**The Person of the Week:**

- Marg Baker

**Mission Work:**

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie’s work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.