

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host Families Needed for MSEC Choir Festival - April 11-13, 2025

Central Christian School is hosting the MSEC Choir Festival the weekend of April 11-13, 2025. Area Mennonite churches are hosting the visiting school choirs. Oak Grove will be hosting Hillcrest Academy's choir. We need families to provide hospitality for the 35-40 students, adult chaperones, and the director. Hosts will pick up students (in groups of 2-4) from the church Friday evening, provide breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and transport them to and from the church mornings and evenings. The choir will share their music during worship Sunday and will eat a carry-in lunch with us. The choir will depart after lunch to Central Christian School for the afternoon concert. If you are willing to host or need more details, please contact the church office: office@oakgrovemc.org

There are sign-up sheets for adult Sunday school Spring Option classes in the foyer. Please sign up so we can buy the correct number of books and decide appropriate locations. The options are a book study (Divine Gravity), the quarterly, sermon response, faith stories from members of our own congregation, and coffee & conversation.

The Oak Grove YMCA Swim/Game Night is coming up on February 23, 2025 from 4-6 PM. Sloppy Joes and beverages will be provided. Bring finger foods/snacks to share. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. A count for swimmers is needed in order to have sufficient Y staff for the pool area. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun. Any questions, contact Rindy Morphew or Sarah Dunham.

We are looking for those of you who might be interested in being a conference delegate. There are two opportunities: the first is for the Central District Conference on June 19 - 21 in Bluffton, Ohio, and the 2nd is for MC USA on July 8 - 12 in Greensboro, NC. Contact Dan Jaquet or Paul Miller if you would like to know more.

Join the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on February 28 - March 1! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Fairlawn Mennonite Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.

Dates: Friday, February 28 (9 a.m. - 8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 1 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Location: Fairlawn Mennonite Church - 8520 Emerson Rd, Apple Creek, OH 44606

Help take the sting out of winter's chill by joining MCC's Great Winter Warm-Up! Help MCC meet our goal to collect 7,000 comforters by the end of March. Sponsor a comforter, donate one (or a few!) or attend a comforter making event! It's more than a warm blanket — it's a message of love and compassion. Learn more at mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up



Sunday, February 9, 2025

Week 2: Renewal through Repentance

On January 21, 1525, a small group of Christians secretly gathered in Zurich for a worship service. They renounced their baptism as infants and experienced voluntary baptism as adults, now in the full understanding that this decision implied a transformation of life in the way of Jesus. For many, this decision led to imprisonment, torture, and even death. But this gathering also marked the beginning of the Anabaptist movement that continues today in the form of the Amish, Hutterites, Mennonites, Brethren and other related groups.



Worship Service

Prelude: *Hannah Steiner*

Welcome: *Anson Miedel*, worship leader

Call to Worship

Hymns: VT 555 Lord I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing
VT 25 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
- *Matt Wenger*, song leader

Community Life Announcements – Please sign the welcome pads

Children's Time: *Pastor Seth*

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn: VT 310 While I Keep Silence

Scripture: Romans 10:5-15

Sermon: Renewal through Repentance
- *Pastor Seth*

Hymn of Response: VT 636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Benediction

Postlude

This Week:

- Today, 9:30am Education Hour; 10:30am Worship: *Renewal Through Repentance*, Pastor Seth
- Sunday, February 16: Guest speaker: Dave Boshart

Upcoming Events:

- February 23: Guest speaker Pastor Timothy Gakunju
- February 23: YMCA/Game Night - 4-6 PM

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Worship: 130

Offering:

\$4,472.55 Spending Plan
\$1.25 Primary/Jr High Sunday School
\$50.00 HVAC/Roof Renovation
\$100.00 Relief Canning, Kidron

THIS SUNDAY, 2.9.25

Greeters: 9AM: Mary Lou Brady & Joel & Lisa Otto 10AM: BJ & Sherah-Leigh Gerber & Family

Nursery: Matt/Beth Falb & Judy Buller

NEXT SUNDAY, 2.16.25

Greeters: 9AM: Ron & Joanne Murray 10AM: Ryan & Hannah Steiner & family
Nursery: Rosemary Kratzer & Doug Kratzer

Happy Birthday!

9 Amy Lichti
14 Phebe Wesman
15 Rosemary Kratzer
16 Donna Kindy

Please Remember in Prayer:

- Beth Hammon, recovering from a stroke.
- Steve Gill for ongoing rehabilitation.
- Harold Hochstetler, recovering from open heart surgery.
- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
 - Kate Widmer (MMN) - France
 - Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) - Ghana, West Africa
 - Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) - Honduras

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