

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Sunday School –99 Worship –161

Offering

Spending Plan	\$5,866.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00
Oak Grove Ext. Sign Project	\$100.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$200.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Everyone has the potential to give something back.
~ Diana, Princess of Wales

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 – 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Search for the Christ Child

December 9 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Messiah rehearsal

December 10 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Messiah rehearsal

December 11 – 2:30 p.m. – The Messiah

December 18 – White Gift Offering

December 24 – 6:30 p.m. –Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 – 10:00 a.m. – Worship

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director.

The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. To see a full job description and apply, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.

The Rejoice for December, January & February is on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take one for yourself or a friend.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
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Prayer of confession:

Leader: God of peace,

People: we yearn to walk in your way

but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain.

Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of

choosing our own course,

that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead,

through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Words of assurance

Response: *All: Come, let us walk in the way of God’s heart!*

Hymn: SJ#31 “He Came Down”

Jr. Church – (children age 3 through Grade 2)

– c/o Crystal Conrad

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon: “Peace Without Security Is Impossible” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#407 “We Are People of God’s Peace”

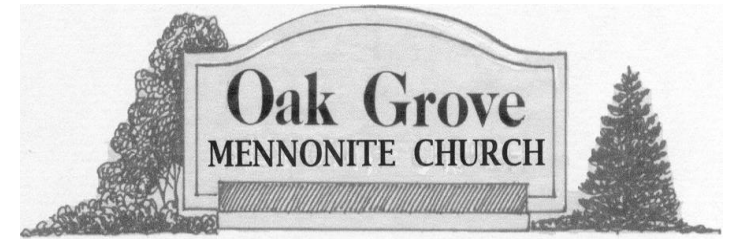
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Camp Luz Retreats:

Jr. High Retreat - January 13-15.

Mother & Daughter Retreat – January 20-21. Information for both retreats is on the bulletin board. Visit www.campluz.com

Green Local Schools has provided us with an opportunity for Christmas gift giving. There are four easy steps: 1) Select an ornament today from the tree in the foyer and write your name on the list beside the number of your ornament; 2) Purchase a gift; 3) Wrap gift and attach ornament to gift and 4) return wrapped gift to the church by December 4th. Thank you in advance for sharing with those in our community.



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Sunday, November 27, 2016

Advent 1

Focus statement:

God’s peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God’s heart.

Prelude – *Dora Short*

Welcome – *Beth Hamman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship – Psalm 122 – Readers’ Theater

– *Aaron Miedel, Willow Baer, Beth Hamman*

Hymns: HWB#178 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HWB#172 “O Come, O Come Immanuel”

– *Olivia Wenger*, violin

– *Paula Vasichko*, song leader

Lighting of the Advent Candle

– *Matt, Megan & Greta Hochstetler*

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *George Bixler*

Choir – “Emmanuel, Expected Jesus”

– *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

8:45 a.m. – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Olivia Wenger & Diane Schrock

10:30 a.m. – John & Carrie Skarl

Monday, November 28

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Commission

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Thursday, December 1

6:30 p.m. – Worship Commission

SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD
INSTRUCTIONS 12/4/2016

Attention People who do not have a costume – Be here at 4:45 p.m. or see Deb Kurtz.

Attention 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders – Be in costume and meet in the music room in the main building at 5:00 p.m.

Attention MYFers and Adults – Be in costume and meet in the music room in the main building at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENTION HELPERS WITH “SEARCH” –PLEASE PARK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH

If you have a sweeper or a shop vac you can bring, it will help make the clean-up go faster. Thanks.

NEXT SUNDAY – December 4, 2016

8:45 a.m. – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Worship at OrrVilla

10:30 a.m. – Worship –Pastor Doug

Message: “A Little Child Shall Lead Them”

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Visitation Ministry

5:30-7:30 p.m. – “Search for the Christ Child”

Greeters: Willis Troyer & Sue Turskey

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Velma Zook & Miriam Zehr

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Beth Falb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Search for the Christ Child is next Sunday, December 4th, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Fliers are available on the table in the foyer for you to hand out to friends, family & co-workers.

We are in need of more cookies for Search for the Christ Child. If you have not had a chance to sign up to make cookies for Search for the Christ Child and would like to do so, please see Rindy Morphew or call her at 330-345-7398.

Oak Grove's performance of selections from Handel's Messiah is coming up on Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 pm. The performers may change through the years, but the beauty and power of the music remains the same. We are excited to have members Hannah Miller and Jack Lyons as soloists this year. Brian Wiebe is returning to conduct after several years away. Thank you to everyone who makes this event possible by ushering, helping to set up and tear down, and singing in the chorus. Please consider joining us this year and inviting your friends to attend. Chorus rehearsals are Friday, December 9, at 7pm, and Saturday, December 10, at 4pm at the church. See Hannah Miedel or Waunita Witmer with questions.

Messiah set-up and tear-down - We will set up for the *Messiah* on Monday, December 5, at 6:00 pm. and tear-down Monday, December 12, at 6:00 pm. All available help will be greatly appreciated!

OrrVilla Events:

The Central Christian High School Varsity Singers will be making a stop at the OrrVilla Retirement Community on Wednesday, November 30, at 2:30 p.m. during their annual schedule of local appearances. For more information please call **330-683-4455**, visit **www.orrvilla.org** or follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.

Central Christian Upcoming Events:

1. **Christmas Madrigal and Feast**, presented by Central Christian School Varsity Singers, Saturday, December 3, at 6:00 pm. Vocal and instrumental works will be presented in old English tradition. Enjoy drama, costumes, fanfares and delicious food. Reservations required, to purchase tickets, visit **www.ccscomets.org** or call 330.857.7311.
2. **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
3. **Central Christian High School** choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
4. **Alumni Night, December 23:** Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 - 7pm by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls basketball at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings. **www.ccscomets.org**



Birthdays this week

November 29 – Rick Breneman

December 2 – Louise Emerson Schrock (97)

Anniversaries

November 29 – Bob & Waunita Witmer (36)

December 3 – Don & Norma Steiner (66)