

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Sunday School –88          Worship –152

**Offering**

Spending Plan (general)	\$4,052.00
Spending Plan (outreach)	\$145.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$700.00

**2016 Spending Plan**

Approved Spending Plan	\$310,927.00
Year to date received	<u>\$252,605.00</u>
Funds needed by year end	\$58,322.00

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:**

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.          ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 18** – White Gift Offering

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

**December 25** – 10:00 a.m. – Worship

**You are invited to the Global Crafts Christmas Market** on Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at Wooster Mennonite Church. Shop for fairly traded, imported items, such as baskets, ornaments, jewelry, kitchen items, wall hangings, home décor, organic coffee and much more from Ten Thousand Villages. All proceeds benefit the local artisans around the world who have crafted the items by hand. You may also purchase shares at the sale in any of the humanitarian aid projects from MCC's gift catalog. The church is located at 1563 Beall Ave. in Wooster. For more information, please call the church office at 330-262-3631.

**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](mailto:pastor@oakgrovemc.org)  
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**Prayer of confession**

Leader: God of harmony,

**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: *Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!***

**Hymn:** HWB#185 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Sermon:** "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" – *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#367 "For the Healing of the Nations"

**Benediction**

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**You are invited** to share with our community through gifts of new clothing to People to People Ministries on the mitten tree. Items appreciated are youth and adult size gloves for men & women; socks; underwear for men & women along with children's hats & mittens. The mitten tree will be available in the foyer December 11 through December 26. Thank you for sharing Christmas love and joy!

**SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD**  
**INSTRUCTIONS 12/4/2016**

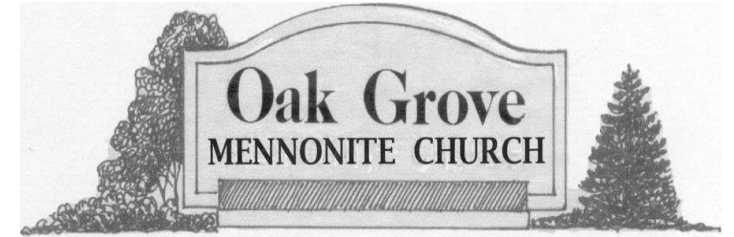
**Attention People who do not have a costume** – Be here at 4:45 p.m. or see Deb Kurtz.

**Attention 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



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Sunday, December 4, 2016

Advent 2

**Focus statement:** God's harmony is at hand.  
Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

**Prelude** – *Rita Schrock*

**Welcome** – *Gladene Hershberger*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship** – Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19

**Congregational response** – HWB#101 "Alleluia"

**Hymns:** HWB#174 "Bless'd Be the God of Israel"

- *Megan Hochstetler*, trumpet

HWB#211 "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

-*Matt Wenger*, song leader

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

– *Nate, Jessica, Caleb & Owen Witmer Gundy*

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Rita Schrock*

**Children's Time** – *Miriam Zehr*

**Continue on back**

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

**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

Visitation notes in mailboxes

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

**Greeters:** Willis Troyer & Mary Lou Brady

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Velma Zook & Miriam Zehr

**10:30 a.m.** – Matt & Beth Falb

**Monday, December 5**

**6:30 p.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission

**Wednesday, December 7**

**9:00 a.m.** – Mennonite Women – December offering project

- MCC Health Care for women & children

**7:00 p.m.** – Choir practice

**Thursday, December 8**

**7:00 p.m.** – Church Board

**Friday, December 9**

**7:00mp.m.** – *Messiah* rehearsal

**Saturday, December 10**

**4:00 p.m.** – *Messiah* rehearsal

**What’s Happening at Oak Grove Preschool?**

The color of the month is red and the shape is a star.

In an act of giving, toys will be taken to People to People.

In anticipation of Christmas, the children will be making a gingerbread house, creating a Christmas card and having a

Christmas party. Christmas break will begin on December

19 through the end of the year.

**NEXT SUNDAY – December 11, 2016**

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

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship –Pastor Doug

Message: “Jesus Comes to Save”

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 1:18-25

**2:30 p.m.** – Handel’s *Messiah*

**Greeters:** Willie & Kay Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Duane & Deb Kurtz

**10:30 a.m.** – John & Tammy Lyons

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This evening, from 5:30-7:30,** is our annual *Search for the Christ Child* event. Come and be a part of this time of reflection as we re-enact the age-old story of Christ’s birth.

**A reminder** that if you signed up to buy a gift for the Green Local Schools, they are due **today**. Thank you for your generosity.

**Oak Grove's performance of selections from Handel's**

**Messiah** is next 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!

**Worship Prep:** In an effort to enhance our Advent to Christmas worship, Pastor Doug has written a daily devotional to accompany *The Holy Way: Walking in the Way of God’s Heart*. The devotionals will guide and inform our worship during the six-week celebration of the season of the Incarnation. Since Monday, November 21, a daily devotional blog has been posted at [www.oakgrovemc.org](http://www.oakgrovemc.org) . If you would prefer a daily e-mail with the devotional to your mailbox, please sign up for a subscription by e-mailing your request to [pastor@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:pastor@oakgrovemc.org) . If you would be interested in a paper copy please call the church office.

**Central Christian Upcoming Events:**

1. **CC Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 pm.
2. **CC High School** choirs and instrumental groups will present Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 pm.
3. **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](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**Everence is offering** an educational seminar, “Retiring Soon”, for those approaching retirement age, or anyone interesting in learning about Medicare and Social Security. This seminar will be held on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information or pick up a flier from the table in the foyer.

**Camp Luz Retreats:**

**Jr. High Retreat** - January 13-15, 2017

**Mother & Daughter Retreat** – January 20-21, 2017

**Men’s Retreat** – March 31-April 2, 2017

Information for these retreats is on the bulletin board.



**Birthdays this week**

December 6 – Anson Miedel

10 – Ericka Breneman

11 – Jacob Baker

Caleb Baker

**Anniversaries**

December 12 –Alex & Tasha Murray