

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Sunday School –96 Worship –162

Offering

Spending Plan (general)	\$6,895.00
Manna for Many	\$100.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	\$50.00

2016 Spending Plan

Approved Spending Plan	\$310,927.00
Year to date received	<u>\$259,650.00</u>
Funds needed by year end	\$51,277.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

There are those who give joy, and that joy is their reward.
~ Kahlil Gibran

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18 – White Gift Offering

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

December 25 – 10:00 a.m. – Worship

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

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.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
Associate Minister of Worship and Education:
 Miriam R. Zehr miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org

Choir – “I Wonder As I Wander”
– Dora Short, director; Kathy Smucker, piano

Scripture – Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46-55
Readers – Sue Herman, Krista Mast

Hymn: SJ#13 “My Soul Is Filled With Joy”

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

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

Sermon: “Jesus Comes to Save” - Pastor Doug

Hymn of Response: HWB#182 “Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee”

Benediction

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!

A copy of “The Hole in My Story” by *Enid Miller Schloneger* is available in the church library. If you would be interested in purchasing a paperback copy of Enid’s book, please call the church office.



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Sunday, December 11, 2016
Advent 3

Focus statement: God’s healing is at hand.
Come, walk in the way of God’s heart.

Prelude – Kathy Smucker

Welcome – Sue Herman, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: In the nighttime of sorrow,
we become impatient and lose hope.

People: Our joy disappears, and our songs become silent.
We forget the truth that God will restore all of creation.

All: Come! Walk in the way of God’s heart!

Hymns: HWB#189 “To Us A Child of Hope is Born”
HWB#209 “Oh, How Joyfully”
– Reneda Miller, song leader

Lighting of the Advent Candles
– Scott, Jolene, Esther & Logan Jaquet

Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer

Offering
Offertory: Kathy Smucker

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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

2:30 p.m. – Handel's *Messiah*

Greeters: Willie & Kay Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Duane & Debbie Kurtz

10:30 a.m. – John & Tammy Lyons

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

Saturday, December 17

7:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – December 18, 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: “Everything Changes”

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14

White Gift Offering

Greeters: Bob & Waunita Witmer

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Angela Buller & Linda Schrock

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oak Grove's performance of selections from Handel's

Messiah is today 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. Those singing in the chorus should be in their seats by 2:15 p.m.

Post- Messiah work - We will take down and store the risers on Monday, December 12, at 6:00 pm. All available help will be greatly appreciated!

Next Sunday you are invited to share in this special year-end giving opportunity through the **White Gift Offering**. This year the Church Board invites you to give in one or more of the following ways: Outreach portion of the *2016 Oak Grove Spending Plan*, Manna for Many, Mennonite Disaster Service or the Central Christian School Tuition Fund. Undesignated gifts will go to the *2016 Oak Grove Spending Plan*. Extra envelopes are on the table in the foyer.

Thank you to Oak Grove family – My chemotherapy treatments are now completed. Thank you for your many varied ways of supporting me during the last number of months, by your cards, inquiries, and especially by your prayers. I am very grateful for my caring church family. ~ *Maribel Beyler*

A Big Thank You to everyone who prayed for “The Search,” donated cookies, and the 97 people that helped in the production. A total of 418 people attended the Search; \$353.14 in cash was given, and a truck load of groceries was delivered to People to People. Even with the rainy weather, we had a successful evening. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

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. 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. If you would be interested in a paper copy please call the church office.

Central Christian Upcoming Events:

1. **CC High School** choirs and instrumental groups will present Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 pm.
2. **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.

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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 15 – Lisa Morpew

Hannah Miller

16 – Isabella Murray

17 – Enid Schloneger

18 – Nancy Douce

Evan Falb

Anniversaries

December 16 –Carl & Brigitte Conrad (61)