

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Sunday School –112

Worship – 215

Offering

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| Spending Plan (general) | \$6,091.04 |
| Spending Plan (outreach/MDS) | \$150.00 |
| Spending Plan (property/tree purchase) | \$130.00 |
| Manna for Many | \$50.00 |

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

If more Christians would sincerely put their hands, hearts, and heads in the work of the Lord, there would be such a change overnight that it would be hard for the world to recognize the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23 – Ohio Conference delegate meeting @ Crown Hill

February 26 – Swim & games at Orrville YMCA

March 4 – Seed & bulb exchange

March 11 – CDC Regional Gathering - First Menn. – Wadsworth

March 23-24 – Missional Conference – “Who Is My Neighbor”

March 24-25 – Ohio Annual Conference Assembly - CCS/Kidron

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

Men, Camp Luz has two upcoming retreats just for the guys:

The **Men’s Retreat** is March 31-April 2, with pastors David and Chet Eshleman.

The **Father Son Retreat** is April 28-29, with father son duo Kent and Sean Miller. More information and registration for both retreats is available at www.campluz.com Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

Rita Atkinson has scheduled a bus trip to Kentucky and Cincinnati, on April 27-28, 2017. If interested, call Rita at 330-642-0237, or email at rjatkison@zoominternet.net. See information on the bulletin board.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
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You are warmly invited to a CDC Regional Gathering on March 11 @ First Mennonite Church Wadsworth (Wadsworth, OH).

The theme of the day is “Abounding in Love. . . Abiding in Grace”.

Ohio Conference welcomes Alan & Debra Hirsch as presenters for the missional conference March 23-24, 2017, at Kidron Mennonite Church. The conference title is “Who Is My Neighbor” and it will include several sessions on relating to those who have different backgrounds and ideas than we do. This will precede the Ohio Conference’s 2017 Annual Conference Assembly held on March 24-25. Brochures were put into mailboxes and there is a poster on the bulletin board with more information.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Summer staff varies in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065. More information is on the bulletin board.

Central Christian Upcoming events:

1. **Central Christian School Singing Valentines**, Tuesday, February 14. You may order a Singing Valentine by calling Karla McMullen at **330. 857. 7311** or

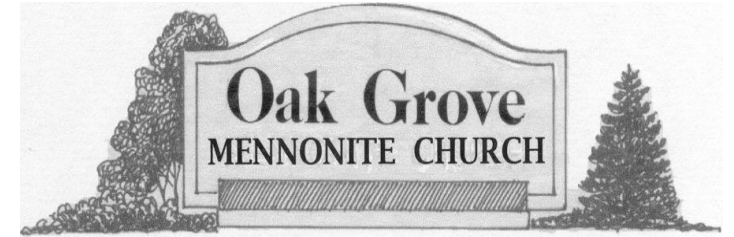
KarlaM@CentralChristianSchool.org Cost is \$25.

2. **Student Visitation Day**, Friday, March 3: Are you interested in experiencing the difference of Christ-centered education? We invite your child to spend a day with us on Friday, March 3. Experience chapel, meet our creative and caring faculty and staff, and lunch is on us! To schedule your visit for March 3 or another date of your choosing, please contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or **330.857.7311**

3. **Annual Auction**: Saturday, March 4, Breakfast at 7 a.m., Auction at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars and bring your friends.

Central Christian School Superintendent

Central Christian School is seeking an energetic and visionary leader to serve as Superintendent, beginning July 2017. Please visit www.ccscomets.org for additional information about this position.



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Sunday, February 12, 2017

Prelude – *Rindy Morphew*

Welcome – *Mary Lou Brady*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#600 “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

HWB#598 “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus”

-Reneda Miller, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Rindy Morphew*

Children’s Time – *Miriam Zehr*

Hymn: HWB#506 “I Sought the Lord”

HWB#526 “In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting”

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-18

Sermon: “Love Is Life-Giving” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#614 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Benediction

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: Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. –Lucinda Gill & Miriam Zehr

10:30 a.m. – John & Tammy Lyons

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women -fine stitch

Saturday, February 18

7:30 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – February 19, 2017

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: “Love is of God”

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12, 16

Greeters: Mark & Deb Steiner

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Board asks that you please fill out and return the completed *Congregational Ministry/Pastoral Review* forms to the box provided in the church foyer by February 19. The purpose of this review is to give affirmations and suggestions for areas of congregational development and personal growth for the pastor.

The Education Commission is planning for Spring Quarter (March, April, May) Sunday School option classes. Options and teacher information was put in your mailboxes last week. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Please make your selection by February 19th. ~Education Commission

Congratulations to Justin & Abri Hochstetler on the birth of their son, Calvin James Houser Hochstetler, born February 1, 2017. His grandfather is Harold Hochstetler. Matt & Megan are uncle & aunt with cousin, Greta.

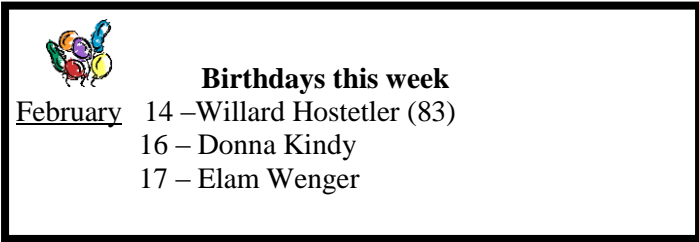
Howard & Ellen Nikkel’s book, *New Heart, New Life*, which tells their story of heart failure to transplant, is available in the church office.

February 26, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.- Fellowship & Service Commission is planning an afternoon of fun at the Orrville YMCA. Swimming will be available for all ages from 3:30 - 4:30. For those who do not care to swim, there will be games and puzzles available in a room off the entryway from 3:30 - 5:30. A flyer was placed in your mailboxes with sign up options for swimming. Be sure to put this on your calendar and plan to join in the fun.

Seed & Bulb exchange: Outreach has planned a time for Oak Grove and community gardeners to have the opportunity to exchange seeds and bulbs on Saturday, March 4, at 3:00 p.m. Bring your old seed, saved seed, extra bulbs and other items for exchange. Meet other garden enthusiasts and share gardening experiences. Our Plant exchange is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m. Save the date, more information will follow.

We are looking for persons who are willing to share their artistic, musical, and storytelling talents with the Oak Grove family. Our goals include praising God by celebrating the talents among us, getting to know each other better, and offering informal opportunities for you to invite friends or relatives to Oak Grove. We have scheduled the first opportunity for April 29-30, 2017. Please think about what you would like to contribute. Committee members are: Joanne Murray, Gladene Hershberger, Mahlon Schmucker, Dora Short, and Beth Falb.

OrrVilla Events:
Join your friends at OrrVilla Retirement Community on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. for a performance by Jason Fawks of Wilmont. A talented multi-instrumentalist, Fawks’ performances, primary on piano and harp, may also include interludes of classical guitar, ukulele, Irish Whistle, recorder, button accordion, lap dulcimer, autoharp and harmonica. Fawks’ solo CD entitled “Hymns on a Steinway” will be available for purchase the evening of the event.



Birthdays this week

February 14 –Willard Hostetler (83)
 16 – Donna Kindy
 17 – Elam Wenger