

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Sunday School –96

Worship – 145

Offering

Spending Plan	\$3,351.00
Central Christian Student Fund	500.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Turn off lights when not in use, also lower your thermostat and wear warmer clothes.

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 22 – Community Plant Exchange

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

May 14 – Parent/Child Dedication

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 rjatkinson@zoominternet.net. See information on the bulletin board.

Pastoral Staff

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Benediction

L: We go now with faith, trusting God’s Spirit to guide us:

P: We go now with hope, waiting for the fullness of Christ’s reign.

L: We go now with love, resting in God’s care and the care of God’s people.

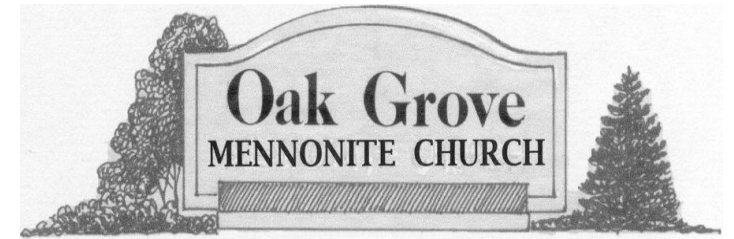
You are warmly invited to a CDC Regional Gathering on March 11 @ First Mennonite Church Wadsworth (Wadsworth, OH). The theme of the day is “Abounding in Love. . . Abiding in Grace”.

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. 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:

- Student Visitation Day**, Friday, March 3:
 Are you interested in experiencing the difference of Christ-centered education? 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**
- Annual Auction:** Saturday, March 4, Breakfast at 7 a.m., Auction at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars and bring your friends. With a match of 200 percent, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful. All dollars raised go toward Central’s annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church. Now seeking creative and quality item donations from you! Print the Item Donation Form found on our website, www.CCSComets.org and return it to Joel Otto, Business Manager.



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Sunday, February 19, 2017

Prelude – *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

Welcome – *Miriam Zehr*, Worship leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#8 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
 SJ#3 “Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him”
 - *Nate Gundy, Craig Mast*, song leaders

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer – SJ#132

Offering

Offertory: *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

Hymn: SJ#44 “The Love of God”

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

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-17

Sermon: “Love is of God” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response:
 HWB#397 “God Loves All His Many People”

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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

Greeters: Mark & Deb Steiner

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

Tuesday, February 21

6:00 p.m. – Leadership Selection

7:00 p.m. – Education Commission

Thursday, February 23

6:00 p.m. – Worship Commission

7:00 p.m. – Property Commission



Birthdays this week

February 20 – Ryan Conrad

23– Kristen Conrad

25– Neils Lichti

Anniversaries

February 26 – Bob & Sue Miller (51)

NEXT SUNDAY – February 26, 2017

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Message: “Love is Fearless”

Scripture: 1 John 4:17-21

Greeters: Nate & Jessica Witmer Gundy

Nursery:

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

10:30 a.m. – Tom & Kathy Smucker

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 **today, 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. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Please make your selection **today**.

~ Education Commission

Next Sunday, February 26 - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - There will be a swim, game, and food afternoon at the Orrville YMCA for the church. Swimming is available from 3:30 - 4:30. **Let Donna Kindy know today if you plan to swim.** Other persons can come any time to play games, do puzzles, or just visit. Food will be served after swimming. Bring snack or finger foods. Sandwiches, drink and table service will be furnished. Hope to see you there.

The Property Commission and Cemetery Board are needing someone to mow the church grounds and cemeteries this year. If interested, please talk to one of the Property Commission members.

Thanks to a generous offer towards the front sign project, where a donor will provide a matching gift of \$1,000 as new donations are received to total this amount.

- Church Sign Committee

Seed & Bulb exchange: On Saturday, March 4, at 3:00 p.m., Outreach has planned a time for Oak Grove and community gardeners to have the opportunity to exchange seeds and bulbs. Bring your old seed, saved seed, extra bulbs, house plants, gardening books/magazines 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.

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

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.