

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Sunday School –102

Worship – 139

Offering

Spending Plan (general) \$4,224.00
Spending Plan (outreach) \$150.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Be looking for places to give to the glory of God, and He will see to it that you have it to give. “God loves a cheerful giver.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org

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Please note that next Sunday begins our Spring S. S. Option Classes. Here are the classes and their meeting rooms:

* **Adult Bible Study** (quarterly) “God Loves Us”
– Conference room

* **Dig In – 13 Scriptures**
–Music/Multi-purpose room

* **Real Life, Real Families** – Builders’ S. S. room

* **Sacred Pauses** – Pathfinders’ S. S. room

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.

Central Christian Upcoming events:

1. **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**

2. **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 26, 2017

Prelude – *Kathy Smucker*

Welcome – *Matt Hochstetler*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns: SJ#10 “Spirit, Working in Creation”
SJ#27 “God of the Bible”

- *Matt Wenger*, song leader

Community Life Announcements
Spiritual Life Invitation

Hymn: HWB#553 “I Am Weak”

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Kathy Smucker*

Children’s Time – *Angela Buller*

Scripture: 1 John 4:17-21

Sermon: “Love is Fearless” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#486 “God of Our Life”

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

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Orrville YMCA

Greeters: Nate & Jessica Witmer Gundy

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Angela Buller & Dale Jaquet

10:30 a.m. – Von & Rita Schrock

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. –Outreach Commission

Wednesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women

~ Offering project – Pregnancy Care Center

7:00 p.m. – Choir

Saturday, March 4

3:00 p.m. – Seed & Bulb Exchange



Birthdays this week

March 1 – Joann Swartzentruber

Tammy Lyons

3 – Joe Vasichko

5 – Margaret Berkey (105)

Mahlon Schmucker (80)

Anniversaries

March 1 – John & Carrie Skarl

NEXT SUNDAY – March 5, 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 - Lent 1: Pastor Doug

Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We hunger”

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11

Greeters: Don & Deb Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Wanda Hostetler & Dale Jaquet

10:30 a.m. – Tom & Kathy Smucker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Join us at the Orrville YMCA for a time of swimming, games and food. Bring snacks or finger foods. Sandwiches, drink and table service will be furnished. Hope to see you there.

Seed & Bulb exchange: This 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.

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, a donor will provide a matching gift of \$1,000 as new donations are received to total this amount.

- Church Sign Committee

Thank you for partnering with Mennonite Mission Network to share Christ’s love around the world! We thank God that Oak Grove Mennonite Church chooses to join us in carrying out God’s mission, and are grateful for your generosity of \$15,131.00 in 2016. Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part. ~ Karla Minter, Church Relations Representative

We want to thank our friends at Oak Grove Mennonite Church for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and material resources your congregation contributed **\$2562.00** in 2016. The Oak Grove Mennonite Women contributed an additional **\$273.00** in 2016 and Oak Grove Seek and Serve Class contributed **\$150**. Thank you!

~Mennonite Central Committee, Great Lakes

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.

The Rejoice for March, April, and May is on the table in the foyer along with the **Upper Room** for March & April. Please take one or both for yourself or a friend.

Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County needs your help in funding our next build. This month, please consider a donation to fund **floor decking and nails**. Donations can be made online at www.waynehabitat.org or mailed to: HFH 6096 East Lincoln Way, Wooster, Ohio 44691 phone: 330 263-1713. If you are involved in carpentry or house-framing, In-Kind services are very much needed and appreciated!