

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Sunday School –107

Worship – 152

Offering

Spending Plan	\$2,851.00
Oak Grove Exterior Sign	\$1,050.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Lord, help me to show my gratitude on a daily basis, for that’s how often “Your Blessings” come.

The matching fund for the exterior sign has been met. We thank you for your contributions. Our need is now \$5,000 to meet the total sign cost by early this summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 – New Members Day

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service

April 22 – Community Plant Exchange

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

May 14 – Parent/Child Dedication

June 18 – Baptism Celebration

Everyone is welcome at our 20th annual Maple Syrup Missions Festival Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, April 1, 7:00-10:30 a.m., at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Road in Kidron. Come and enjoy pancakes made from scratch and topped with syrup made from local maple sap, sausage, and more. Your donations at the door will go to support Sonnenberg missions/missionaries. Extra syrup and sausage will also be available for purchase. If you have questions, call the church office at 330/857-8222. See the bulletin board

You are cordially invited to the first concert in the 2017 Trinity Concert Series, featuring the Suburban Brass Quintet, on Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 pm, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 215 High St., Wadsworth, OH 44281. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
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Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41

Sermon: “Restore Us, O God! We See” – *Pastor Doug*
Congregational Response: Opportunity for anointing

Hymn of Response: HWB#143 “Amazing Grace!”

Benediction

Ohio Mennonite Women Day of Inspiration will be held April 8 at Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman.

The 2017 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale flyer is in your box today. Children, it’s time to start saving your change for *My Coins Count*. Adults, would any of you like to plan to match what the children give in the collection container?? Let’s help provide clean water for the thirsty of the world.

Opportunity to host an international young adult: Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a host family in the Wooster area for a young adult beginning in August who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and working at Green Field Farms. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net.

OrrVilla Retirement Community will host an Open House on Sunday, April 2, from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Both the Maple Terrace assisted living facility and the Locust Court independent living neighborhood will be featured with units of varying sizes and styles open for viewing at the campus near the intersection of East Sassafras and Lake Streets in Orrville. Members of OrrVilla’s caring staff will be available to lead tours and answer questions and the first 25 visitors will receive a complimentary gift. Light refreshments will be served while guests enjoy piano music by Barb Steiner and Phyllis Lehman.



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Sunday, March 26, 2017

Lent 4: Restore Us, O God! We See

Focus statement: We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Prelude – *George Bixler*

Welcome – *Nancy Douce*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Congregational response: “Open our eyes and our hearts.”

Hymns: HWB#166 “I’ll Praise My Maker”
HWB#369 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
Marg Baker, - song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: "Simple Gifts" - Shaker Hymn – *George Bixler*

Adult & Primary Choir – “He is Mine”

– *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, - piano

– *Gloria Miller & Hannah Miedel* (primary)

Children’s time – *Anson Miedel*

Hymn: HWB#517 “Open My Eyes”

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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

5:00 p.m. – MYF Chili Cook-off

Greeters: Willis Troyer & Sue Turskey

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Anita Bixler & Diane Schrock

10:30 a.m. – Craig & Krista Martin

Monday, March 27

7:00 p.m. – Bicentennial Meeting

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 p.m. – Education Commission

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 p.m. – New Members Preparation Workshop

7:00 p.m. – Choir

NEXT SUNDAY – April 2, 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 5: Pastor Doug

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

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Greeters: Betty Krabill & Bob Krabill

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Gladene Hershberger & Donna Kindy

10:30 a.m. – John & Carrie Skarl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter is coming! For our celebration of the resurrection on Sunday, April 16, Worship Commission is coordinating a fellowship time from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. in the main foyer. Coffee and juice will be provided. You are invited to bring muffins, coffee cake, doughnuts or fresh fruit to share. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

You are invited to join the hand bell choir. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m., beginning April 19 through May 17th. The choir will be playing on Sunday morning, May 21st. Male and female, young and older – all are welcome. See Kathy Smucker if you have interest.

You are invited to purchase an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of a relative or friend. The lilies will be used in the sanctuary for our Easter worship celebration and can be picked up after the service. Names will be listed in the bulletin that Sunday if you wish. Please let Sue Turskey or the church office know by April 9 if you would like to order one. The cost is \$9 and checks should be written to Oak Grove.

The Bicentennial Committee will be meeting this Monday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following two grant applications for the congregation's consideration:

1.) \$5000 toward support of Jacqueline Weah to join Bridge of Hope Girls' School Liberia. She is a dual US/Liberian citizen who will provide two years of leadership in advancing the educational mission of the school.

2.) \$2000 toward funding Ohio Conference's Pastor-Spouse Retreat.

Comments and questions are welcomed by committee members Harold Hochstetler, George Bixler, Kay Hostetler, Linda Jaquet, Steve Miller and Willie Troyer. The committee will meet after church on April 2 to finalize approval of these requests.

Central Christian School announcements:

1. Annual Auction: We are so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support we received at our Annual Auction. The auction sale generated over \$400,000 to continue Central's mission of growing leaders and building the church. Thank you to each one who had a part in making this day a success. God has blessed us with a wonderful community.

2. Now Enrolling New Students: Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. We invite you to schedule a visit for your child to experience a school day at CCS. Your child will have an opportunity to meet teachers, attend chapel and learn more about the Central Community. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at **330.857.7311**.

3. Central Christian Elementary School will present their spring concert, *Legends at Camp Garner Creek*, on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.

4. Preschool Open House: Are you looking for a holistic, nurturing, and hands-on learning experience for your preschool child? Please join us for our **Preschool Open House on Monday, April 10**. Drop in anytime from 5 to 7 pm, no reservation necessary! Our preschool teachers will be available to answer your questions about our program, you can visit the classroom and playground, and learn more about our Central community! Central Christian School is located at 3970 Kidron Road, Kidron. Additional questions? Call **330.857.7311**.



Birthdays this week

March 27 – Marg Baker
Art Neuenschwander
Anita Bixler
28 – Kathy Smucker
31 – Chuck Hostetler

April 1 – Gwen Schmucker

Anniversaries

March 29 – Steve & Sue Turskey
April 1 – Clarence & Bunny Stutzman (66)