

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Sunday School –105

Worship – 149

Offering

Spending Plan (general)	\$3,412.14
Spending Plan (Outreach/MDS)	\$150.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$700.00
Oak Grove Exterior Sign	\$1,050.00
Easter Lilies	\$50.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:

Little is much when God is in it.

The matching fund for the exterior sign has been met. We thank you for your contributions. Our need is now \$4,000 to meet the total sign cost by early this summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 – New Members Day

April 13 – 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

April 22 – 10:00 a.m. – Community Plant Exchange

April 29-30 – Celebrating the Arts at Oak Grove

May 6 – Worship Seminar at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

May 14 – Parent/Child Dedication

June 18 – Baptism Celebration

Sunday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. you are invited to Sonnenberg Mennonite Church to hear MCC Columbia partner, Juana Alicia Ruiz, speak. She will share some handiwork from an organization called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace, as well as tell stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia's violent history. See the poster on the bulletin board.

Italian Night Out and Silent Auction fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 8, from 4-7 p.m. at Wooster Mennonite Church. See the announcement on the bulletin board for more details.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr pastor@oakgrovemc.org
Associate Minister of Worship and Education:
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Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn: HWB#356 “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

String Ensemble –“ Lift Thine Eyes”
– *Brett Buller, Aaron Miedel, Sadie Miedel,
Jenna Ramseyer, Olivia Wenger*

Scripture: John 11:17-45

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

Sermon: “Restore Us, O God! We Breathe” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: “Days of Elijah”

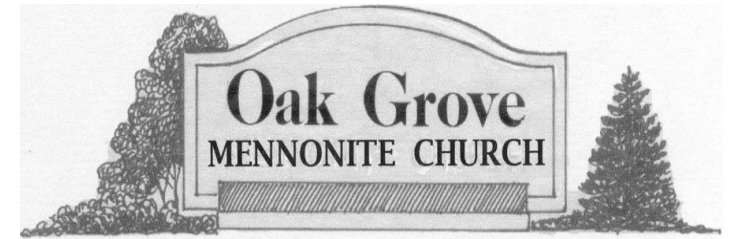
Benediction

Ohio Mennonite Women Day of Inspiration will be held April 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Crown Hill Mennonite Church, Rittman. Guest speaker is Janice Hershberger.

Manna for Many – If you would like to get involved with bagging soup, there is a schedule of events on the bulletin board. See Jess Hamman for more details.

The 2017 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale flyer was placed in your mailboxes. 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.

OrrVilla Retirement Community will host an Open House today 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 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, April 2, 2017

Lent 5: Restore Us, O God! We Breathe

Focus statement: When we come to the end of our human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

Prelude – *Ryan Conrad*

Welcome – *Paul Miller*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Ldr: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All : Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Ldr: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Ldr: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Ldr: Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Hymns: HWB#41 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

HWB#16 “God Is Here Among Us”

HWB#349 “Spirit of the Living God”

–*Paula Vasichko*, song leader; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

Community Life Announcements

Confession and Words of Assurance (*on screen*)

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Ryan Conrad*

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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

Visitation notes in mailboxes

Greeters: Betty Krabill & Bob Krabill

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Wanda Beattie & Donna Kindy

10:30 a.m. – John & Carrie Skarl

Monday, April 3

6:30 p.m. – Spiritual Life Commission

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Commission

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. – Mennonite Women – offering project –

MW USA International Women’s Fund – seminary training
for women theologians

7:00 p.m. – Choir

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. – Church Board

NEXT SUNDAY – April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

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

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Doug

Message: “RESTORE US, O GOD! We Hope”

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11

New Member recognition

Greeters: Paul & Sherry Miller

Nursery:

9:15 a.m. – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30 a.m. – Matt & Beth Falb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday we will welcome New Members to our church family at Oak Grove.

The Church Board will meet on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Maundy Thursday Service scheduled for the following week.

Maundy Thursday Gathering is Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Life invites everyone to participate in this time of remembrance, worship, “A Last Supper Dialogue” written by Howard Nikkel and communion.

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.

Thank you church family for the love and kindness you showed to Margaret. Thanks especially to Pastors Doug & Miriam; to Marg Baker for her weekly visits; to Tuffy & Deb for many years of cards and to Carl Conrad for his weekly bulletin delivery. All were deeply appreciated. ~ Margaret Berkey family

Dear Oak Grovers, Thank you for the outpouring of cards, visits, calls, and sweets celebrating Roger's 80th birthday. He loved all and they brightened his day. ~ Beverly Ramseyer

A total of \$1,588.00 was donated at the MYF Chili Cook-off. The youth and their sponsors feel very blessed to belong to such a generous congregation. Thank you!

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.

Central Christian School announcements:

1. Now Enrolling New Students: Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at **330.857.7311**.

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

3. 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. Additional questions? Call **330.857.7311**.

Central Christian and Iowa Mennonite School choirs will present a joint concert at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., before leaving for the MSEC regional choir festival at Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg. A freewill offering will be taken to help with travel expenses. Everyone is welcome.



Birthdays this week

April 3 – Betty Berkshire (88)

Beth Falb

5 – Anna Mast

9 – Sean Pollard

Emily Buller

Anniversaries

April 5 – Vic & Bev Plessinger (65)

7 – Ron & Joanne Murray (55)