

Sunday, February 23, 2020

SS – 92 Worship – 220

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$5,629.76
SS: Primary/Jr.	\$7.57
Central Student Aid	\$200.00

Save the Dates:

- March 21: SpringSpiration – Tony Brown in concert at Oak Grove
- March 25 & 26: Manna for Many at Oak Grove
- April 3-5: MSC Choir Festival Weekend at Central Christian
- June 25-27: CDC Gathering at Oak Grove

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Sermon: “Temptation: Is that a real thing (anymore)?”
– *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#553 “I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength”

Extinguishing the Light: *Andrew McCoy*

Benediction

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Thank you to our church family for your prayers, love and support during the time of Steve's surgery and recovery. We appreciate all the visits and cards and your many words of encouragement. We are so grateful for good test results and no need for further treatment. - *Steve & Rindy Morpew*

Spirit, bless our souls with yearning! You are warmly invited to gather with your CDC brothers and sisters at the upcoming CDC East Regional Gathering on March 14, 2020. Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship will be hosting the gathering at 4229 Brownway Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209. We'll sing and pray together as we get to know one another. There will be updates about what is happening in CDC and we will engage with our theme. The Cincinnati congregation will host and share a bit of their congregation's story. Come share your perspectives and ideas and bring a friend. Please know that anyone is welcome to participate. Regional Gatherings start with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and conclude at 3:00 pm. The Cincinnati congregation has graciously agreed to provide lunch for us. We ask that those eating lunch bring a donation to help cover the costs. To help them plan for the amount of food needed, please let Emma know if you are attending by Mar 6. Email: office@mcusacdc.org; Phone 574.534.1485 or 800.662.2264.



Oak Grove Mennonite Church
Lent 1: Sunday, March 1, 2020

Prelude: *Hannah Steiner*

Welcome: *Anson Miedel*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

- L: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.
- P: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**
- L: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.
- P: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.**
- L: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.
- All: Thanks be to God for the unending grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.**

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#124 “O Worship the Lord”
HWB#150 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
–*Paula Vasichko*, song leader

Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer

Offering
Offertory: *Hannah Steiner*

Hymn: “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” (insert)

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Jr. Church (children age 3 through Grade 2) – *c/o Phebe Wesman*
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This Week at Oak Grove

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Sunday Worship

Greeters: Linda Schrock & Wanda Beattie

Nursery:

9:15am – Deb Kurtz & Linda Schrock

10:30am – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

Coming up this week:

Wednesday, 3/4: Mennonite Women

Choir, 6pm

Soup supper available, 5:30pm

Area Bible Study, 7pm

Saturday, 3/7: Ohio's Annual Conference Assembly, Plain City

Happy Birthday!

1 JoAnn Swartzentruber (81)

1 Tammy Lyons

3 Joe Vasichko

4 Graham Steiner

5 Mahlon Schmucker (83)

7 Molly Conrad

8 John Zook (80)

Happy Anniversary!

1 John & Carrie Skarl

Next Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship – Pastor Doug

Lent 2: The Newest, The Latest, The Best... Really? John 3:1-17

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15am – Jenna Ramseyer & Olivia Wenger

10:30am – Craig & Krista Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today there are six candles on the table, representing the six Sundays of Lent leading up to Easter. At the end of the service each week during Lent, we will be extinguishing one candle to symbolize the light of Jesus' life drawing to a close and the world getting darker.

Hosts Needed for MSC Choir Festival: The annual MSC Choir Festival will be held at **Central Christian this year on April 3-5.** Oak Grove has been asked to host 30 students and 4 adults from Rockway Mennonite Collegiate (Ontario). If you are willing and able to host, please contact the church office for more details.

The Camp Luz Mother-Daughter Retreat is March 20-21. Mother Daughter duo, Miriam Zehr and Sherah-Leigh Gerber, will be exploring the theme "Feasting Together." Mothers and daughters of all ages are invited to participate. Additional information and registration can be found at www.campluz.com. Scholarships are available – see Craig Martin, Education Commission Camp Liaison, for more details.

Manna for Many at Oak Grove:

Wednesday, March 25, from 6pm-8pm

Thursday, March 26, from 6pm-8pm

Mark your calendars and come when you can to join in the fun of bagging soup. There are ways for all ages to get involved. If you would like to financially support this project, designated donations can be put in the offering. Thanks for your support!

Mennonite Women will meet this Wednesday, 3/4. Soup will be provided and the offering project will support Manna for Many.

Central District Conference will hold its annual meeting here at Oak Grove on June 25-27. Oak Grove has been asked to host delegates from other CDC congregations. Accommodations would include breakfast, but no other meals. See Debbie Murray or contact the church office by March 13 if you are able to host.

You are invited to participate in the hand bell choir which will be meeting on Wednesday evenings for practice beginning April 22 (6:30pm) and playing on Sunday, May 17th. All ages are welcome. See Kathy Smucker if you would like to join the choir or need more information.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

Pray for...

- Kevan & Tamara Gill Zechin
- Victims of mass shootings, hurricanes, wildfires & earthquakes
- Refugees here and abroad
- Our nation's leaders
- Kate Widmer, MMN, France
- Austin Zuercher, EMM, Costa Rica

Seniors:

- George & Joann Swartzentruber

- Carolyn Warren

Youth & Young Adults:

- Christiana Murray

- Kaden Schrock

The Family of the Week:

- Matt, Beth, Evan & Ella Falb

Mission Work:

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network, partner agencies, praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read. Pray that leaders will be given the resources they need to continue this work.

Ron & Joanne Murray have accepted an MDS-RV assignment at Chipley, FL (in the panhandle) for the month of March. They can be reached by email at jmurr238@hotmail.com. They've asked, "Please remember our unit in your prayers as we work to restore houses that were destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018."