

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Electronic Giving Interest – The Church Board wants to know Oak Grover's interest in electronic giving (automated clearing house (ACH) or debit/credit card) option. We can include this feature on our updated website, but want to determine interest, before making the decision to add the feature. If you are interested in using this type of giving method, please contact Herb Hershberger or Paul Miller.

Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly will take place on March 7-8 at Berlin Mennonite Church. The theme this year is Foundation to Future. Oak Grove Ohio Conference delegates are Jennifer Hartzler, Paul Miller, Seth Miller and Art Neuenschwander.

Host Families Needed for MSN Choir Festival - April 11-13, 2025

Central Christian School is hosting the MSN Choir Festival the weekend of April 11-13, 2025. Oak Grove will be hosting Hillcrest Academy's choir. We need families to provide hospitality for the 35-40 students, adult chaperones, and the director. If you are willing to host or need more details, please contact the church office: office@oakgrovemc.org

Join MCC for two free webinars: In this series of virtual workshops, MCC staff will showcase these curriculums and give examples of how they might benefit congregations.

- **Loaded Conversations & Fear Not** - March 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. EST: In a culture that is dominated by fear, division and violence, churches are grappling with how to talk and think about gun ownership and gun use. *A Loaded Conversation* invites churches to explore a faithful response to this reality of violence involving guns. *Fear Not: Creating a plan to respond to active violence* helps congregations in the U.S. consider what they believe about situations of active violence and how they can respond as followers of Jesus Christ. Register at: mcc.org/loaded-fear-webinar
- **Embracing Beloved Community** - March 6 from 1-3:30 p.m. EST: The curriculum is designed for congregations to journey together in an exploration of the sin of racism and Christ's vision for the Kingdom of God on Earth. Register at: mcc.org/embracing-beloved-webinar

CCS High School Musical: *The Sound of Music* - March 6, 7, and 8 at 7 pm, March 9 at 2 pm - Visit ccscomets.org for tickets.

CCS Annual Auction, March 8: The auction is an important community event and fundraiser for CCS. Online Auction: Access the Online Auction at www.ccscomets.org. The online auction opens Friday, February 28, and will close Friday, March 7. Saturday, March 8: Breakfast will be available beginning at 7:30am in the cafeteria.

- The Live Auction opens at 9am and concludes by 11:30am.
- Silent Auction items will be available.
- Concessions, including box lunches, will be available.



Sunday, March 2, 2025

Week 1: Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness

On January 21, 1525, a small group of Christians secretly gathered in Zurich for a worship service. They renounced their baptism as infants and experienced voluntary baptism as adults, now in the full understanding that this decision implied a transformation of life in the way of Jesus. For many, this decision led to imprisonment, torture, and even death. But this gathering also marked the beginning of the Anabaptist movement that continues today in the form of the Amish, Hutterites, Mennonites, Brethren and other related groups.



Worship Service

Prelude: *Angela Buller*

Welcome: *John Skarl*, worship leader

Call to Worship

Hymns: VT 92 Build My Life

VT 625 Far Above the Noise of Life

- *Hannah Steiner*, song leader

Community Life Announcements – Please sign the welcome pads

Children’s Time: *Doug Kratzer*

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn: VT 605 My Life Flows On

Scripture: James 4:1-10

Sermon: Renewal Through Trust and Yieldedness

-*Pastor Seth*

Hymn of Response: VT 570 When We Walk With the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

Sunday February 23, 2025

Worship: 131

Offering:

\$5,185.00 Spending Plan

\$100.00 HVAC/Roof Renovation

\$1,400.00 Central Student Assistance

\$100.00 Relief Canning

\$.30 Pr/Jr SS.

THIS SUNDAY, 3.2.25

Greeters: 9AM: Doug & Donna Kratzer 10AM: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery: Donna Kindy & Gloria Miller

NEXT SUNDAY, 3.9.25

Greeters: 9AM: Chuck & Wanda Hostetler 10AM: Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery: Aaron/Elise Bontrager & Molly Conrad

Happy Birthday!

4 Graham Steiner

5 Mahlon Schmucker

7 Molly Conrad

8 John Zook

9 George Bixler

9 Bruce Kindy

Please Remember in Prayer:

- Steve Gill for ongoing rehabilitation.
- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
 - Kate Widmer (MMN) - France
 - Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) - Ghana, West Africa
 - Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) - Honduras

This Week:

- Today, 9:30am Education Hour; 10:30am Worship: *Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness*
- Sunday, March 9: Pastor Seth
- Monday, March 3: Spiritual Life Commission - 7 PM
- Wednesday, March 5: Mennonite Women, hostess Gladene Hershberger, offering project Manna for Many

Upcoming Events:

- April 13: Hillcrest Academy Choir & Carry-in lunch
- April 27: Membership Interest Meeting during SS

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