

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Sunday School – 115    Worship – 152

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$7,102.99
SS Primary/Jr.	\$1.00
MCC Relief Kits	\$20.00
Manna for Many	\$832.83
Central Christian School Fund	\$1,000.00
Mennonite College Assistance	\$100.00
Ida Yoder Brenner Memorial Gift	\$250.00

<b>MCC Relief Kits, Total Received</b>	<b>\$1,530.00</b>
<b>Manna for Many, Total Received</b>	<b>\$2,011.80</b>

**Save the Dates:**

- April 18 – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 21 – Easter Brunch, 8:30-9:15am
- April 24 – SpringSpiration
- May 1 – SpringSpiration
- May 4 – Seed & Plant Exchange, 10am
- May 18 – Church Work Day, 8am
- May 19 – Graduate Recognition

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**Scripture:** Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Hymn:** HWB#150 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

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

**Sermon:** “God’s Love Endures” – *Pastor Doug*

**Confession and Reconciliation**

Leader: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.  
“Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” *(Philippians 2:5-11)*

Who will confess Jesus as Lord today?

**Confessional response: We will confess Jesus as Lord today.**

Leader: We are all invited to confess Jesus as Lord. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

**All: *Living God, give us the courage to confess your Son, Jesus, as our Lord.***

***When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess Jesus as Lord.***

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

When our souls hunger for reality and truth, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

**All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will confess Jesus as Lord.***

Leader: Our generous God has provided for us.

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#151 “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

**Benediction**



**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
**Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019**

When our shouts of joy turn to derision and rejection, even in our anguish God’s steadfast love endures forever. We are called to follow Jesus.

**Prelude:** *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

**Welcome:** *Sue Herman, Worship Leader*

**Call to worship** (based on Psalms 63 and 118)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: *Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.***

Leader: We thank you for being our salvation, for being our chief cornerstone.

**People: *We bless you as we bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!***

**All: *O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.***

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#238 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  
HWB#237 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. 1, 3-5)  
–*Gloria Miller, song leader*

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

**Choir:** “Blessed is the King! Hosanna!  
– *Dora Short, director; Kathy Smucker, piano; Donna Kindy, tambourine*

## *This Week at Oak Grove*

**8:45am:** Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15am:** Sunday School

**10:30am:** Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

**Greeters:** John & Mary Lynn Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Velma Zook & Joanne Murray

**10:30am** – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

**Coming up this week:**

Wednesday, 4/17

Choir, 7pm

Thursday, 4/18

Maundy Thursday Service

**Happy Birthday!**

16 Tom Smucker

16 Imzadia Conrad

16 Craig Mast

**Happy Anniversary!**

21 Leonard & Nancy Douce (57)

## *Next Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday*

**8:30am:** Easter Morning Breakfast

**8:45am:** Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15am:** Sunday School

**9:30am:** Worship at OrrVilla

**10:30am:** Sunday Worship

**Greeters:** Paul & Sherry Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

**10:30am** – Anson & Hannah Miedel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m., members of the Spiritual Life Commission are preparing to host a Maundy Thursday supper, followed by a communion service.** You are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Center.

**You are invited to come and celebrate Resurrection Sunday with an informal Easter morning breakfast in the church foyer from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.** Coffee and juice will be provided. You are invited to bring finger foods to share--fresh fruit, pastries, doughnuts, muffins or coffee cake. Come for a time of celebration and fellowship.

**Lilies can be ordered for Easter Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special.** They will be used in the sanctuary as part of the Easter celebration and can then be taken at the conclusion of the worship service. Lilies are \$9 each; orders and payment should be turned in to the church office by **today, April 14.**

**Spiritual Life Commission is delighted to announce SpringSpiration (a rekindling of our Winter Bible Institute tradition) with a two-part spring series of mid-week gatherings for spiritual rejuvenation on Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1.** The events will include a 6:00 p.m. supper and guest speaker, the Rev. David Wilcox. Watch for more information.

**Camp Luz - Strong and Courageous - Joshua 1:9**

It's time to get signed up for summer camp! To get the early bird rate (\$10 off) make sure you register by or on April 15. Visit <https://www.campluz.com/summer-camp.html> for more information. Every child is eligible for the church campership (\$125). Talk to Angela Buller if interested.

**The Cantate Singers invites you to a program of choral music on themes of "Morning, Noon, and Night" this afternoon, April 14, at 4:00 p.m., at Wooster United Methodist Church.** This is part of the Music on Market Series presented by WUMC. No tickets are required; a free-will offering will be received. The church is located at 243 N Market St, Wooster (southeast corner of intersection of N Market and E Larwill Streets).

**It is time to start gathering and preparing for the Oak Grove Seed & Plant Exchange.** The Exchange will take place on May 4, at 10am, in the Fellowship Hall.

## *Weekly Prayer Bulletin*

April 14-20, 2019

**Pray for...**

- Victims of flooding, cyclones & tornadoes
- Refugees here and abroad
- Our nation's leaders

**Our Friends at Smithville Western:**

- Herman Gerber
- Bev Plessinger
- Roger & Bev Ramseyer

**Youth & Young Adults:**

- Corbin Schrock
- Lyric Wenger

**The Family of the Week:**

- Art & Cheryl Neuenschwander

**Mission Work:**

- Tom Smucker, MDS Texas Recovery Strategist
- Bruce Yoder, Nancy Frey, Deborah & Jeremiah (EMU): Burkina Faso will be completing their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network in the summer of 2019. Please pray for their time of transition – job search & re-entry issues. For more of their prayer concerns see their most recent newsletter in the Prayer Room.

Mary Beyler has spent most of her adult life serving in Japan with Mennonite Mission Network. Though she is bringing closure to her ministry there, new doors are still opening for her to point people toward Jesus. Pray God's blessing on Mary as she says her good-byes in the six months that remain before her retirement.