

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Sunday School – 107    Worship – 155

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan (general)	\$4,545.00
Bicentennial Comfort Project	\$50.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$1,400.00
Manna for Many	\$50.00

Oak Grove offers an electronic giving option. Please contact the church treasurer at [treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com), if interested.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**May 20** – Graduation Recognition Sunday

**June 17** – Congregational Meeting & Carry-in

**July 14** – Bicentennial: Piano Recital by George Bixler, 7pm

**July 15** – Bicentennial: Hymn Sing, 2pm

**July 29-August 2** – Vacation Bible School

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Celebrating 200 Years

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

1818-2018

April 14 & 15, 2018 – Historical Reflections

July 14 & 15, 2018 – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration

October 13 & 14, 2018 – Homecoming & Concert

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**OAK GROVE  
Mennonite Church**

1818-2018

Sunday, April 29, 2018

**Prelude:** *Ryan Conrad*

**Welcome:** *Nancy Douce*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** “Hear Our Praises”

“Revelation Song”

- *Ryan Conrad, Beth Falb & Matt Wenger*, song leaders

**Community Life Announcements**

**Welcoming New Members**

*Aaron Bontrager* introduced by *Dennis Ramseyer*

*Jason Horst* introduced by *Matt Wenger*

*Mindy Horst*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Ryan Conrad*

**Scripture:** Acts 8:26-40

**Hymn:** “I Have a Maker”

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

**Sermon:** “A Beginning Place” *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn of Response:** “As the Deer”

**Benediction**

*This Week at Oak Grove*

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

**9:15am: Sunday School**

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

**Greeters:** Willis Troyer & Jennifer Hartzler

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Jenna Ramseyer & Velma Zook

**10:30am** – Lamont & Jen Steiner

*Wednesday, May 2*

Mennonite Women, 9am

**Happy Birthday!**

4.30 Gloria Miller

5.1 Wyatt Baer

5.4 Owen Witmer Gundy

5.6 Herb Hershberger

**Happy Anniversary!**

5.3 Paul & Sherry Miller (49)

*Next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

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

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**10:30am: Sunday Worship – Andrew Michaels**

“Rooted” – Colossians 2:6&7

**Greeters:** Leonard & Nancy Douce

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Duane & Deb Kurtz

**10:30am** – Von & Rita Schrock

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**To my church family:** I so appreciate your prayers, visits and words of encouragement following my recent surgery. The food, cards, phone calls and rides to appointments were so very thoughtful. Thank you so much. *-Mary Lou Brady*

**Any persons or families interested in more information about Oak Grove's Central Christian Student Fund are invited to a short meeting after worship on May 6, 2018, in the Conference Room.** If you cannot be at the meeting, you may speak to Jennifer Hartzler, Bob Witmer, or Hannah Miedel.

**Hannah Miedel will be placing an Equal Exchange order on May 6.** If you would like to add to the order, order forms are available on a table in the foyer. Please return to Hannah's mailbox.

**We plan to honor our high school graduates on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.** On the table in the foyer are hymnals for you to sign. Please take a moment to find one of your favorite hymns and sign your name. Thank you for helping to make this a treasure for these graduates to take with them and be reminded of their church family.

**Miriam has posted a commencement announcement on the bulletin board in the foyer.** The 2018 AMBS graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, it is being live-streamed at [goshen.edu/live-stream](http://goshen.edu/live-stream).

**Bicentennial Blanket Project:** We had another successful knotting day and produced 15 additional comforters! Once these are bound, this number will be added to our present 114 completed comforters. Thank you for your on-going support of this project. You have been faithful and supportive and it is sincerely appreciated. We appreciate your commitment to providing warm blankets around the world and throws to the terminally ill nearby.

**DEADLINE REMINDER:** Next Sunday is May 5, our deadline for packets of blocks to be sewn. Have you sewn and returned the top you have? Your help in getting these sewn is appreciated. We need your contribution to reach our goal.

**Education Commission invites you to consider teaching the Primary S. S. children one or more Sundays this summer.** For the summer, kindergarten through grade 4 students are combined into one class. The curriculum is multi-aged with plenty of activities from which to choose. There are also student activity sheets for each lesson. The topics are listed on a poster in the foyer. Grab your spouse or your friend and sign up. First come, first served! Don't delay to get your choice of topic and date. Thanks for helping to facilitate our summer children's Sunday school experience.

**Smithville UMC invites you to a parenting workshop, “Hidden in Plain Sight” on Tuesday, May 15, from 6-8pm.** This is an interactive presentation and exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom, containing items that may indicate dangerous or risky behaviors. Admission is free and open to adults only. More information can be found on the bulletin board.