

Sunday, November 26

Sunday School – 116 Worship – 160

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$4382.15
Relief Meat Canning/Kidron	\$145.00
OG Exterior Sign Project	\$200.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE

A hug is the perfect gift...one size fits all and no one minds if you return it.

SAVE THE DATES

December 15 – Messiah Rehearsal, 7:00pm

December 16 – Messiah Rehearsal, 3:30pm

December 17 – Messiah, 2:30pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00pm

December 25 – Christmas Day, *OFFICE CLOSED*

December 26 – *OFFICE CLOSED*

January 1 – New Year's Day, *OFFICE CLOSED*

January 2 – *OFFICE CLOSED*

February 4 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Rita Schrock*

Children's Time: *Miriam Zehr*

Choir: "How Great our Joy"

– *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

Advent Drama: Junior – *Aaron Miedel*; Sage – *Levi Miller*

Sadie Miedel – violin

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hymn: SJ#54 "Longing for Light"

Sermon: "Let It Be" – *Pastor Doug*

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: SJ#61 "How Can We Be Silent"

Benediction

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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Sunday, December 3, 2017

Advent 1: Let it be

Focus statement: We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness—whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty.

Prelude: *Rita Schrock*

Welcome: *Anson Miedel*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

L: Awake! The invitation to carry light
comes from the God of trembling mountains
and shaking foundations.

All: O God, your expectations terrify us.

How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?

(pause for silence)

L: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance.

Let it be.

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle – *Brett, Angela, Claire & Emily Buller*

Hymns: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

HWB#172 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

–*Paula Vasichko*, song leader

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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: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15am – Wanda Hostetler & Karen Ramseyer

10:30am – Matt & Beth Falb

Today

Visitation Ministry

Search for the Christ Child, 5:30-7:30pm

Monday, December 4

Spiritual Life, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 6

Mennonite Women, 9:00am

Choir, 7:00pm

Happy Birthday!

December 6 - Anson Miedel

December 6 - Dan Wesman

December 10 - Ericka Breneman

Happy Anniversary!

Today – Don & Norma Steiner (67)

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NEXT SUNDAY – December 10th, 2017

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Advent 2: “Let it be so”

Greeters: Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery:

9:15am – Tom & Kathy Smucker

10:30am – LaMont & Jen Steiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathies to Steve and Sue Turskey, as they grieve the loss of Steve’s father, Veryl Turskey (Nov. 27). A celebration of his life will be held at Grace United Church of Christ in Massillon on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 2pm. The family will receive friends at the church from 12pm until the service begins. **Our sympathies are also with LeRoy & Frances Curtis**, grieving the loss of their grandson, who died in the result of a motorcycle accident.

The Cemetery Committee will meet today, immediately following the church service.

If you are participating in a role for Search for the Christ Child this evening, please park on the west side of the church and plan to be in the music room by 5pm.

Copies of the latest *Rejoice* can be found on the table in the foyer.

It's time for the MYF Christmas Cut-out Cookie Fundraiser!

Forms are in the mailboxes. Please turn in your order to John and Tammy Lyons, or to an MYF youth. The suggested donation is \$5 a dozen. The deadline for orders is **today**, and the cookies will be ready next Sunday, December 10. Thanks for your support.

The Leadership Selection Committee is the group that is responsible for finding people to serve on the church’s commissions. Today, the congregation will nominate people for that committee. The congregation will then affirm two persons at the February members’ meeting. Any congregational member may be nominated except those already serving: Dan Jaquet, Gwen Schmucker, Don Ramseyer, Linda Schrock, Paul Miller and Dennis Ramseyer.

We will be setting up risers for the Messiah, Monday, December 11th, at 6pm. Lots of help is needed and all ages are welcome. Thank you, *Property Commission*

You are invited to join the Pathfinders S. S. class to Christmas carol to our older members. Meet at the church next Sunday, December 10, at 5pm. There will be finger food fellowship following the caroling.

As you know, the Comfort Care Throws & MCC Comforters project is headquartered in the northwest classroom on the lower level of the sanctuary. Please place your donations of fabric, completed throws, comforters, or comforter tops there. You can also pick up packs of prepared, ready-to-sew comforter blocks there. On the sheet provided, sign your name by the number matching the number on the packet you are taking. When you have it sewn, return it to the room, marking the sheet as “completed” by your name. Then, help yourself to another packet to sew! **On December 6**, we will gather in the Project Room to cut and sew in preparation of work times in January. There will be blocks to be cut, blocks to sew, backing to measure, cut and sew. We’ll need sewing machines. We will begin at 5:30 and work until 8:00pm. If there are questions, check with the Project Committee: Dan Jaquet, Gladene Hershberger, Krista Mast, and Sherry Miller. Thanks for your participation in this 200th anniversary service project.

Crown Hill Mennonite will be holding a fundraiser meal on Sunday, December 10, to benefit Austin Zuercher’s (intern pastor at Salem Mennonite Wooster) mission trip to Costa Rica. The meal will be from 5-6:30pm, with a time of worship to follow – where Austin will share about his call to Costa Rica through Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM).