

Sunday, December 3rd

Sunday School – 106 Worship – 170

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$5,678.00
OG Menn. College Assist. Fund	\$200.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$700.00
White Gift (undesigned)	\$150.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE

I can make a positive contribution to the world every day.

SAVE THE DATES

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

Hymns: HWB#178 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
HWB#297 “Jesus Came—The Heavens Adoring” (vs. 1-4)
– *Reneda Miller*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Dora Short*, organ; *Lillie Kollert*, piano

Choir: “No Wind at the Window”

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

Advent drama: Junior - *Aaron Miedel*; Sage – *Levi Miller*;

Sadie Miedel, violin

Hymn: HWB#176 “Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

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

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: “Let It Be So” – *Pastor Doug*

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: HWB#295 “Christ is Coming! Let Creation”

Benediction

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Celebrating 200 Years

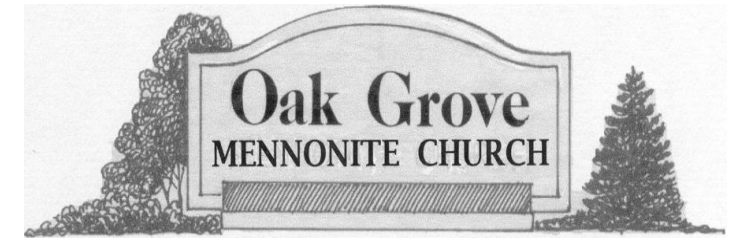
Oak Grove Mennonite Church

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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 10, 2017

Advent 2: Let it be so

Focus statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

Prelude: *Dora Short*, organ; *Lillie Kollert*, piano

Welcome: *Mary Lou Brady*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

L: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

All: ***O God, your call is uncomfortable.***

How can we who are weak remove the rough and rugged places? (pause for silence)

L: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: ***Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.***

L: Let it be so.

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles: *Matt, Beth, Evan & Ella Falb*
We light this second Advent candle as a reminder that Your light can change rough places so they welcome You.

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery:

9:15am – Tom & Kathy Smucker

10:30am – LaMont & Jennifer Steiner

Wednesday, December 13
Choir, 7pm

Thursday, December 14
Church Board, 7pm

Friday, December 15
Messiah Rehearsal, 7pm

Saturday, December 16
Messiah Rehearsal, 3:30pm

Sunday, December 17
84th Rendition of Messiah at Oak Grove,
2:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Today – Ericka Breneman

December 11 – Howard Nikkel

December 15 – Hannah (Miller) Rowlands

December 16 – Isabella Murray

December 17 – Enid Schloneger

Happy Anniversary!

December 12 – Alex & Tasha Murray

December 16 – Carl & Brigitte Conrad (62)

Church Staff

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NEXT SUNDAY – December 17th, 2017

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Advent 3: “Let It Be Whole”

Greeters: Don & Phyllis Jaquet

Nursery:

9:15am – Amy Lichti & Linda Schrock

10:30am – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

A beautiful night was enjoyed by all who attended and participated in the Search for the Christ Child last Sunday. A total of 502 people attended the search, and 102 Oak Grovers contributed to the event. The lepers collected \$151.71, the beggars, \$118.56, the tax collector, \$72.77 and \$112.46 was given in the sanctuary, making a total of \$455.50 that was given to People to People, along with a truckload of groceries (450 cans/jars, 166 boxes & bags, and 44 baby food jars)! Thank you to all who participated in this year’s Search by praying, providing cookies or playing a part.

Outreach Commission invites your donations of hats, gloves and mittens for People to People. You can place them on the tree in the main foyer. Thanks in advance for including this in your Christmas giving.

Dear Oak Grove family - Wow! What a meaningful experience! I want to express how grateful I am for all of you who helped with "Search for the Christ Child". Being a guide, I see how all of you work together to make this happen. Each person puts a real earnestness to his/her role, whether it is taking cookies out to tables, working in the marketplace or being a wiseman. A big thanks to Deb Kurtz for being willing to oversee the many details of this operation! *Debbie Beechy*

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

A note from Sarah Geiser, the new Church Relations Associate for Ohio, at MCC Great Lakes: “Friends at Oak Grove Mennonite Church – May you find joy and hope this Christmas and in the coming year. Thanks for the many ways you support the work of MCC.”

Rita Atkinson has scheduled an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA, April 19-20, 2018. This trip will include the Old Economy Village at Ambridge, PA, Sight and Sound production of *Jesus* – the greatest rescue story of all time, shopping, and *The Home Game* production at Bird-In-Hand.

On June 18-19, 2018, we will travel to the Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, EnterTRAINment Junction, and Jungle Jim’s International Market. These are located in Kentucky and Cincinnati suburbs.

If interested in either of these trips, please call 330.642.0237 or email rjatkinson@zoominternet.net. Thank you.

Are you looking for ways to support your prison outreach ministry? In response to the voices of pastors and community leaders, on Saturday, December 16, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mission Network and the Center for Community Justice are hosting a learning opportunity for those who serve the needs of former inmates and their families.

Join us at Mennonite Mission Network offices, at [3145 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46516](https://www.mennonitemission.net) at no cost. Lunch and refreshments will be offered.

Please RSVP to Ann Jacobs by December 13, 2017, by phone at [\(574\) 523-3007](tel:5745233007) or email at AnnJ@Mennonitemission.net.