Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday School – 100 Worship – 153

OFFERING

Spending Plan \$4,453.00 OG Mennonite College Fund \$100.00

2018 SPENDING PLAN	\$320,902.00
2018 INCOME TO DATE	\$228,214.00
2017 INCOME CARRY-OVER	\$23,182.00
FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE YEAR END	\$69,506.00

Save the Dates:

December 14 – Messiah Rehearsal, 7-9pm

December 15 – Messiah Rehearsal, 3:30-5:30pm

December 16 – Messiah Performance, 2:30pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6pm

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Community Life Announcements Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: Dora Short

Children's Time: *Linda Jaquet*

Hymn: SJ#54 "Longing for Light"

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon: "Watching and Waiting" – Pastor Doug

Hymn: HWB#582 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

For Your Awareness and Prayer

According to the 2018 Global Slavery Index, there are 40.3 million individuals trapped in slavery. 71% of the enslaved are female. Slavery and trafficking are synonyms describing a kind of violence committed against the world's vulnerable. This violence generates \$150 billion dollars of revenue every year, which is 1210x's more than the amount of money governments spend to fight it. This gap is being filled with non-governmental organizations working to rescue, reform justice systems, and aid victim recovery (Source: www.globalslaveryindex.org and www.ilo.org)



Sunday, December 2, 2018 Advent 1 - Watching and Waiting

Focus statement: This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

Prelude: *Dora Short*

Welcome: *Gladene Hershberger*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

- L: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.
- P: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?
- L: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.
- P: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#162 "The God of Abraham Praise"
HWB#172 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"
-Matt Wenger, song leader

Advent Candle Lighting: Olivia & Lyric Wenger

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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: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

Greeters: Willard & Kay Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15am – Donna Kindy & Anita Bixler

10:30am – Von & Rita Schrock

Search for the Christ Child, 5:15-7:30pm

Coming up this week:

Wednesday, December 5
Mennonite Women
MYF Child Care, 5-8pm
Choir, 7pm

Saturday, December 8
All-church Christmas Caroling, 5:30pm

Happy Birthday!

6 Anson Miedel6 Dan Wesman

Happy Anniversary!

3 Don & Norma Steiner (68)

Next Sunday, December 9th, 2018

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship - Doug Zehr

Advent 2: "Proclaiming the Close Arrival" Luke 3:1-6

Greeters: Willard & Kay Hostetler

Nursery:

9:15am – Olivia Wenger & Jessica Witmer Gundy

10:30am – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your prayers, visits and cards during my hospitalization. Your expressions of support and encouragement were a source of comfort and lifted my spirits. You truly are a caring community. *Morris Stutzman*

Mirella Ruth Rango was born on Tuesday, November 27, to Amanda & Ryan Rango. The happy grandparents are Don & Deb Ramseyer.

Oak Grove presently has two students enrolled in Mennonite colleges. One way we support them is through matching grants. The second payment of the year, \$4,500, is due in December. Your support of them is appreciated.

Final reminder: Caroling will be Sat., Dec. 8, at 5:30pm. **Talk to Linda Schrock today**, so routes can be planned. What an enjoyable way to **serve** our elderly and **have fun** at the same time! Finger food fellowship will follow.

Christmas at Malone's concert, "All is Calm" will take place December 7 & 8, at 7:30pm. Concerts are held in the Johnson Center for Worship & the Fine Arts. For tickets, go to Tickets/Malone University.

Mennonite Women will meet this Wednesday, December 5. The offering project will support People to People Ministries.

Please consider opportunities to help Oak Grove's new Bible Quizzing team! We need volunteers to write practice questions, attend matches as scorekeepers or judges, or help with setup before matches. You could also provide lunch for the team after church at Oak Grove before we leave for the matches. Our season runs from January 6 to early March, with matches starting at 2:30pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board or you can contact Hannah Miedel.

Messiah set-up will take place Monday, December 10. A crew is needed at 8am to haul risers into the church, remove benches from the sanctuary and move the organ and piano. A second crew is needed at 6pm to set up risers and chairs. All ages are welcome to help and any assistance is appreciated. Thanks in advance from the Property Commission.

Thanks to all who have contributed to preparing our worship space for Advent and the Christmas season: those who decorated the sanctuary: Debbie Beechy, Steve & Sue Turskey, Harold Hochstetler, Carrie, Wyatt & Jonas Skarl and Ben & Kelsey Troyer; Matt Wenger for contributing the Advent candle log and Jennifer Miller Sullivan and Gladene Hershberger for the new banners. We appreciate and enjoy all the gifts these among us have shared. - Worship Commission

Printed directories are now available for anyone who would like a copy. You may pick yours up in the foyer after the service today or contact the church office to have a copy placed in your mailbox. Please also notify the office of any updates or corrections. We do ask that those who are able to, share a copy with their household.

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