

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sunday School – 109 Worship – 226

OFFERING

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| Spending Plan (general) | \$9,886.00 |
| Spending Plan (outreach) | \$50.00 |
| OG Mennonite College Fund | \$500.00 |
| OG Cemetery Refund | \$564.75 |
| Messiah Offering | \$2,481.75 |

WHITE GIFT

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| Spending Plan (undesignated) | \$1,020.00 |
| Spending Plan (outreach) | \$500.00 |
| MDS | \$5400.00 |

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| 2018 SPENDING PLAN | \$320,902.00 |
| 2018 INCOME TO DATE | \$254,274.00 |
| 2017 INCOME CARRY-OVER | \$23,182.00 |
| FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE YEAR END | \$43,446.00 |

Save the Dates:

- January 6 – Epiphany Worship
- January 13 – 2019 Worship Theme Intro:
“Every Story Whispers His Name”
- January 20 – Mennonite World Fellowship
- February 3 – Annual Business Meeting

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Offering: General Fund & White Gift

Offertory: *Maria Zehr & Dora Short*

Choir: “Christmas Fanfare” - *Dora Short*, director;
Kathy Smucker, piano

Children’s Time: John & Carrie Skarl
Elizabeth - *Gwen Schmucker; Zechariah – Mahlon Schmucker*
Mary – *Mary Ramseyer*

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Hymn: “With Mary Sing Magnificat” - insert

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

Sermon: “I Am the Lord’s Servant” –Gabriel - *John Skarl;*
Mary- Pastor Miriam

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn: SJ#13 “My Soul Is Filled With Joy”

Benediction

For Your Awareness and Prayer

It is estimated 144 billion dollars of imports arrive every year in the United States at-risk for slave labor. The top imported products (based on \$ value) most at-risk for slave labor are technology devices (computers and cell phones), apparel and clothing accessories, fish, cocoa, and timber. Domestically, labor trafficking occurs most often in domestic work, agriculture, traveling sales crews, restaurants, and health and beauty services. Migrant workers, especially women and children, are particularly vulnerable to forced labor in the US. (Source: www.globallslaveryindex.org)



OAK GROVE
MENNONITE CHURCH
1818-2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018
Advent 4 – Blessing and Restoration

Focus statement: On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God’s people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God’s greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.

Prelude: *Maria Zehr, organ; Dora Short, piano*

Welcome: *Paul Miller, Worship Leader*

Call to Worship

L: Mary is with child! God’s long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

P: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

L: The little baby in his mother’s womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

P: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Hymns: HWB#212 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v, 1, 3 & 4)
HWB#191 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
HWB#181 “My Soul Proclaims with Wonder” (v. 1-3)
-*Paula Vasichko*, song leader

Advent Candle Lighting: *Anson & Aaron Miedel*

Community Life Announcements
Pastoral Prayer

Continued on back...

This Week at Oak Grove

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15am – Diane Schrock & Gloria Miller

10:30am – Craig & Krista Martin

Coming up this week:

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 6pm

Tuesday, 12/25 & Wednesday, 12/26

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, 12/28-Tuesday, 1/1

OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday!

27 Donna Kratzer

30 Kaden Schrock

Happy Anniversary!

26 Steve & Deb Murray (31)

28 Dennis & Karen Ramseyer (37)

30 Scott & Jolene Jaquet

Next Sunday, December 30th, 2018

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr

Christmas: “Love Revealed” Luke 2:21-38

Greeters: Bob Krabill & Betty Krabill

Nursery:

9:15am – Rindy Morphew & Velma Zook

10:30am – Mindy Horst & Gladene Hershberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are warmly invited to share in our candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. on December 24th. Congregational carols, along with vocal and instrumental ensembles, will be combined with a reading of the Christmas story from Luke's gospel and short meditative readings. The service concludes with candle lighting--a great way to usher in your Christmas celebration.

Dear OGMC: I want to thank you so much for your generosity in helping families whose children attend Green Elementary School. Your generosity and caring were greatly appreciated again this year, especially during this time of need for so many.

-Priscilla Gresser, Green Elementary School Counselor

Thank you to everyone involved in last Sunday's 85th Messiah Performance. The sanctuary was overflowing, the music provided a beautiful worship experience and we received a generous offering. This would not be possible without the time and support from so many of you from our congregation!

With great appreciation,

Waunita Witmer & Hannah Miedel

The Property Commission thanks all who came out to help set up and tear down the risers for the Messiah presentation last weekend. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

December 16-22, 2018

Pray for...

- Victims of hurricanes, earthquakes & forest fires
- Refugees here and abroad
- Our nation's leaders

Seniors:

- Mary Jean Troyer
- Mary P. Troyer

Youth & Young Adults:

- Jillian Witmer
- Sadie Miedel

The Family of the Week:

- Niels & Amy Lichti

Mission Work:

- Tom Smucker, MDS Texas Recovery Strategist
- Bruce Yoder, Nancy Frey, Deborah & Jeremiah (EMU): Burkina Faso
- Asher & Lindsey Fast: Botswana

In this season of “Peace on earth, goodwill to all people,” Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.