

Every Story Whispers His Name

Revised Schedule

February 17: Son of Laughter – Pastor Doug

February 24: Mission Focus – Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) & Serving with Appalachian People (SWAP)

March 3: The Story of Leah – Pastor Miriam

March 10: Lent 1 – God Delivers | The Story of Joseph

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Sunday School – 96 Worship – 152

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$4,240.00
Facilities Rental	\$25.00
SS Primary/Jr. Dept.	\$5.12
Central Christian Student Fund	\$1,000.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$1,000.00
Mennonite College Assistance	\$100.00
MCC Relief Canning	\$50.00
Mennonite Women	\$20.00
Ag. Tax Reimbursement	\$274.32

Save the Dates:

March 8/9 – OH ACA at Salem Mennonite, Kidron

March 9 – CDC 2019 Regional Gathering in Bluffton, 10am-3pm

March 9 – Central Christian School Auction

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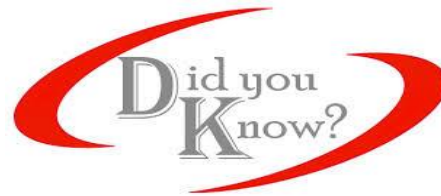
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FH WiFi Password: schoolisbestforyou!

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

Sermon: “Son of Laughter” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn of Response: HWB#343 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Benediction



- ✚ **Minutes of the Church Board and our six Commissions, including Worship, Education, Spiritual Life, Outreach, Fellowship & Service, and Property are available in the church library?**
- ✚ **The monthly financial report to Church Board is also available in the library?**
- ✚ **Church doors are locked at 9:00 p.m. At 10 p.m. the security alarm is activated until 8 a.m.?**
- ✚ **Thanks to Carl Conrad, the office entrance is open from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. daily?**
- ✚ **You may find the office entrance locked by the office staff who will be monitoring the entrance and who will be happy to buzz you in?**
- ✚ **You can get an electronic key for the office entrance? Just check with Kelsey for your personal key code.**



Oak Grove Mennonite Church
Sunday, February 17, 2019

Prelude: *Angela Buller*

Welcome: *Anson Miedel, Worship Leader*

Call to Worship

Leader: We meet in the presence of God.

People: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven

People: We gather to worship our Lord.

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah

People: We gather to worship our Lord.

Leader: With saints throughout the ages

People: We gather to worship our Lord.

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

All: And we do not journey alone.

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#166 “I’ll Praise My Maker”

HWB#76 “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

-Gloria Miller, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Angela Buller*

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; 21:1-7

Hymn: HWB#576 “If You But Trust In God to Guide You”

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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: Leonard & Nancy Douce
Nursery:
9:15am – Dale & Marilyn Jaquet
10:30am – Von & Rita Schrock

Sr. Citizen Meal

Coming up this week:

Doug & Miriam are spending a week of vacation in VA, February 18-24. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact the church office or Anson Miedel, the chair of Spiritual Life, at 330.465.4170.

Wednesday, February 20
Education Commission, 5:45pm
Jr. High Quizzing
Choir, 7pm

Happy Birthday!

17 Elam Wenger
20 Ryan Conrad
23 Kristen Conrad

Next Sunday, February 24th, 2019

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer
9:15am: Sunday School
10:30am: Sunday Worship
Mennonite Mission Focus – MMN & SWAP
Testimonies: Asher & Lindsey Fast, Oak Grove SWAP Team

Greeters: Jess & Beth Hamman
Nursery:
9:15am – Olivia Wenger & Gloria Miller
10:30am – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the day to make a decision about which Spring S. S. Option class you will join! Don't delay! Books need to be ordered. We cannot guarantee you will have the material you need if you wait to sign up. The sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Thanks for your prompt attention to this. - Education Commission

The Akron Swahili Community Church, a community of Congolese Mennonites who are exploring a relationship with Ohio Conference, are inviting local Mennonite churches to join them for worship on February 24 from 1:30-5:00 p.m. For more background on the Congolese community check out information on the conference website at this link:

<https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/2018/08/meeting-mennonites-in-akron-congolese-church-seeks-connections/>

You are invited to join others at the Mennonite Men's' and Women's' breakfasts at Annual Conference Assembly this year. These 7 a.m. breakfasts will be at the Dutch Kitchen, Dalton. Mennonite Men Coordinator, Steve Thomas, will be speaking on "Parts Men Play in Serving God's Shalom" and Edna Troyer will be speaking on "TELLING OUR STORIES in poems, songs and quilts & TRUSTING GOD to bring beauty, benefit and healing from our sorrow and pain." If you wish to attend, please contact Judy King at the Ohio Conference office (330-857-5421) no later than Feb. 22. The charge for this meal is \$12.50.

Bluffton is hosting the *Voices of Conscience* exhibit at Musselman Library from February 17-March 31. The exhibit is focused around the stories of conscientious objections to war during World War I. The exhibit is organized in ten themes that encourage exploration and reflection. More information can be found at the university website: <http://www.bluffton.edu/about/happenings/voices/>.

Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where! You are warmly invited to gather with your CDC brothers and sisters at the upcoming Regional Gathering on March 9, 2019. We'll sing and pray together as we get to know one another. There will be updates about what is happening in CDC and we will engage with our theme. The First Mennonite Bluffton congregation will host and share a bit of their congregation's story. Come share your perspectives and ideas and bring a friend. Please know that anyone is welcome to participate. Childcare will be available. Regional Gatherings begin with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and conclude at 3:00 pm.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

February 17-23, 2019

Pray for...

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

Seniors:

- John & Diane Schrock
- Pauline Smucker

Youth & Young Adults:

- Corbin Schrock
- Imzadia Conrad

The Family of the Week:

- John & Mary Lynn Miller

Mission Work:

- Tom Smucker, MDS Texas Recovery Strategist
- Bruce Yoder, Nancy Frey, Deborah & Jeremiah (EMU): Burkina Faso will be completing their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network in the summer of 2019. Please pray for their time of transition – job search & re-entry issues. For more of their prayer concerns see their most recent newsletter in the Prayer Room.
- Asher & Lindsey Fast, have completed their mission assignment in Botswana and have returned to North America. They will be sharing testimony at Oak Grove on February 24.

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network are serving at *La Casa Grande* children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.