

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

Sunday School – 83    Worship – 144

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan (general)	\$5,265.50
Spending Plan (outreach)	\$150.00
Relief Meat Canning/Kidron	\$50.00
OG Compassion Fund	\$50.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00
OG Mennonite Women	\$165.00

**WHITE GIFT**

MDS	\$500.00
Manna for Many	\$500.00
OG College Fund	\$500.00
MCC	\$500.00

**SAVE THE DATES**

**February 4** – Carry-in & Annual Congregational Meeting

**March 10** – Seed Exchange

**April 28** – Plant Exchange

*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**

*As we kick off our bicentennial year of celebration, today we are reflecting on the legacy that has been handed down to us through the faithfulness of those who have gone before us in this congregation. We also invite you to reflect on what legacy you hope to leave for your children, grandchildren and the future generations of Oak Grovers. You will be invited to name what you have gratefully received and what you want to give to those who follow.*



**OAK GROVE  
MENNONITE CHURCH**

**1818-2018**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

*“One generation will commend your works to another;  
They will tell of your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4*

**Prelude:** *Ryan Conrad*

**Welcome:** *Krista Martin, Worship Leader*

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#1 “What is this Place”

HWB#53 “God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea”

*-Reneda Miller, song leader; Kathy Smucker, piano*

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Ryan Conrad*

**Children’s Time:** *John & Carrie Skarl*

**Hymn:** HWB#327 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Scripture:** Psalm 145:4; Psalm 22:25-31

**Sermon:** “Generation to Generation” – *Pastor Doug*

**Song:** “I Saw a Tree by the Riverside” (insert) – *Nate Gundy*

**Congregational Response:** Legacy leaves

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#486 “God of our Life”

**Benediction**

**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
7843 Smucker Road, Smithville, OH  
330.669.2697  
[www.oakgrovemc.org](http://www.oakgrovemc.org)

Pastor Douglas J. Zehr [zehr.douglas@gmail.com](mailto:zehr.douglas@gmail.com)  
Associate Miriam R. Zehr [ogpastor.miriam@gmail.com](mailto:ogpastor.miriam@gmail.com)  
Church Office [oakgrovemc.smithville@gmail.com](mailto:oakgrovemc.smithville@gmail.com)  
Treasurer [treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *This Week at Oak Grove*

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug**

**Greeters:** Bob & Waunita Witmer

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Duane & Deb Kurtz

**10:30am** – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

### **Happy Birthday!**

January 16 – Delaney Williams

January 16 – John Miller

January 17 – Diane Stutzman

January 17 – Rindy Morphew

January 17 – Jack Lyons

January 18 – Sue Turskey

January 20 – Elise Bontrager

January 20 – Jenna Ramseyer

January 20 – Mary Ramseyer

### ***Next Sunday – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018***

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla**

**10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug**

*Communion*

**Greeters:** Willis Troyer & Mary Lou Brady

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

**10:30am** – Craig & Krista Martin

**Hannah Miedel is taking orders for Equal Exchange products.** There are order forms on the table in the foyer. Orders should be turned in to Hannah's mailbox **today**.

**Corbin Schrock will be hosting a fundraiser lunch next Sunday, January 21, in the fellowship center after church.** Proceeds will help defray costs of his trip to Guatemala in March to provide nursing care at a missionary hospital. He would appreciate your prayers during this time of preparation and travel. Feel free to join him for the meal!

**Oak Grove's Community Seed Exchange will be at 3pm, Saturday, March 10, in the fellowship center, and the Plant Exchange will be at 10am, Saturday, April 28, outside the fellowship center.** The Outreach Commission urges you to spend these cold winter days sorting gardening books and magazines, going through your seed and bulb supplies, and starting house plants for the seed exchange. The commission also encourages you to make a list and labels now, for what you will want to dig up in the spring for the plant exchange, as you plan your 2018 gardens and flower beds.

**From Virgil Troyer, MCC Connections Director:** Thank you for donating Material Resources to MCC through MCC Connections (9 Comforters & 24 Hygiene Kits, January-August 2017). Your donations make a difference in the lives of others around the world. They enable MCC to provide supplies to displaced families due to disaster or conflict, to enable a child to attend school, to provide warmth at night to someone who would otherwise sleep in the cold.

**MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff.** Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or contact Angela Maggard at [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org) or [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

**Bicentennial Blanket Project:** We are off to a great start with our first work event bringing 37 of us together to knot 11 comforters in 4 hours! Thank you! People who sew, we need comforter tops. Packets are in the project room ready for pick-up & sign out. Get one or more and sew, sew, sew! Thank you everyone for your help.

**REMINDER: to fill out a discernment form on the many gifts of members here at Oak Grove for the leadership selection committee.** The committee uses these responses extensively in our work, so your input is important. Please return forms to the box in the foyer by Jan 21st.

**The East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network (ECOSN) is offering a mini-workshop** (1.5 hours), modeled in an earlier day-long workshop that was held in Canton, late in 2017. Millersburg Mennonite Church is hosting "Immigration: Myths, Realities and Public Policy" on January 27, from 1-2:30pm.

**Online Registration opens TOMORROW for Camp Luz 2018 Summer Camps!** Learn more about their programs and summer theme "ROOTED" on the camp's website: [www.camluz.com](http://www.camluz.com).

**Come, walk with us. Tell us your story!** You are warmly invited to gather with your CDC brothers and sisters in any of the upcoming Regional Gatherings that best fits with your schedule. We'll sing and pray together as we get to know one another. There will be updates about what is happening in CDC and the talks taking place with Allegheny Mennonite Conference. The host congregation will serve lunch 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. **Jan 27 @ Mennonite Church of Normal** (805 S Cottage Ave, Normal, Illinois), **Feb 10 @ Grace Mennonite Church** (502 E Main St, Pandora, Ohio), **Mar 17 @ Silverwood Mennonite Church** (1745 W Lincoln Ave, Goshen, Indiana). Regional Gatherings start with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and conclude at 3:00 pm. The Mennonite Church of Normal, Grace, and Silverwood congregations have graciously agreed to provide lunch for us. We ask that those eating lunch bring a donation to help cover the costs. To help them plan for the amount of food needed, please let Emma know if you are attending by Jan 22, Feb 5, and Mar 12 (depending on the regional gathering you choose to attend). Email: [office@mcusacdc.org](mailto:office@mcusacdc.org); Phone [800.662.2264](tel:800.662.2264).