

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Linda Schrock and Wanda Beattie

Nursery:

9:15am – Anita Bixler & Miriam Zehr

10:30am – Anson & Hannah Miedel

Monday, January 8

Spiritual Life Commission, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 9

Outreach Commission, 7pm

Wednesday, January 10

Comfort Project, 2-4pm & 6-8pm

Thursday, January 11

Church Board, 7pm

Happy Birthday!

1.9 – Linda Amstutz

1.9 – Linda Schrock

1.10 – Dan Jaquet

NEXT SUNDAY – January 14th, 2018

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corbin Schrock will be hosting a fundraiser lunch on 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!

Hannah Miedel will be 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 by January 14.

Bicentennial Blanket Project work night is January 10. Join the fun of sewing or knotting comforters from 2:00-4:00 or from 6:00-8:00. If you have a favorite thimble, needle, or scissors, feel free to bring them along, otherwise, there will be some available for your use. If sewing is your thing, plan to sew ¼ inch seams to join blocks into strips and make a top. Come enjoy conversation and fellowship as we all contribute to the cause!

As we kick off our bicentennial year of celebration, next Sunday we will be 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 invite you to reflect on the spiritual legacy you have gratefully received as well as the legacy you hope to leave for the children and youth of this congregation now and for future generations. Next Sunday for our sermon response, you will be invited to name these and contribute them to our Oak Grove “legacy tree.”

From Clarence Stutzman: I wish to thank all of the Oak Grove Congregation for accepting me “regardless” since I joined 43 years ago. It was a delight to become 90 years old under your watch. Most of you know that I am quite liberal in my Christian interpretation and have been an activist on many issues, and you have given me the freedom to speak.

I am okay with the fact that my time on earth is limited, but I do expect to enjoy the rest of my life with Oak Grove. Life has been a great ride and I expect to keep working with all of you as the spirit calls, to make this a better world for all of God's creation. Thanks again for all of the calls, cards, good wishes and the great party we had on December 31st.

Spiritual Direction Opportunity: As part of my seminary studies at AMBS, I will be participating in a course on Spiritual Direction this next semester. Spiritual direction provides a time and place to reflect with another person about your relationship with God and notice where God is at work. One of my assignments is to provide spiritual direction for two or three persons over the course of the next several months. The individual sessions are for one hour every three or four weeks. Although I will need to make reports, all names and what is shared will be confidential. If you, or someone you know, are interested or want more information, please contact me. Thanks for considering. – *Miriam*

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following grant application: \$1,200 to First Mennonite Church of Wadsworth, who is working with a group of local churches and Malone College to raise funds for an Ohio tour of Ted and Company's production of *Discovery: A Comic Lament*. More information on the presentation is available at <http://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/discovery-comic-lament/>. Comments are welcomed by committee members: George Bixler, Linda Jaquet, Levi Miller, Sherry Miller, Steve Miller and Willie Troyer. The committee will meet after church on January 14 to finalize these requests.