

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Sunday School –77

Worship – 145

**Offering**

Spending Plan	\$5,924.00
Partnership Home: MDS	\$1,350.00
Relief Sale Food Stand	\$200.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00

 My Coins Count (in vortex)	\$64.64
Total so far:	\$313.22

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE:**

Thank God for the right to hope, to dream, and to pray, and then remember the obligation to serve.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 30** – 4:00 p.m. – Church picnic at Jaquet’s pond

**August 4 & 5** – Mennonite Relief Sale at Wooster Fairgrounds

**August 27** – Outdoor Service and carry-in picnic

**September 17** – Christian Formation Sunday w/ Jeanne Jantzi

**Save the dates:**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Celebrating 200 Years

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

1818-2018

April 14-15, 2018 – Historical Reflections

July 15, 2018 – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration

October 13-14, 2018 - Homecoming & Concert

**Pastoral Staff**

**Pastor: Douglas J. Zehr** [pastor@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:pastor@oakgrovemc.org)

**Associate Minister of Worship and Education:**

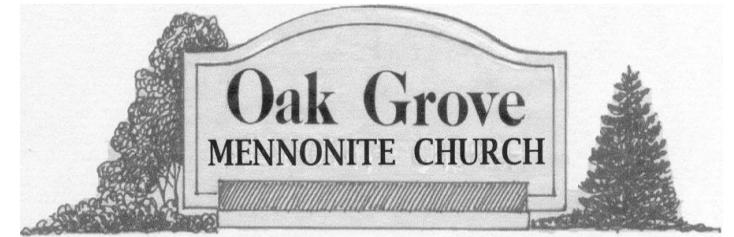
**Miriam R. Zehr** [miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org](mailto:miriamzehr@oakgrovemc.org)

**Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, August 4 & 5** at the Wayne County Fair Grounds: See the back of the prayer bulletin for information on ways you can plug in to help make this a successful year. Whether it’s helping in the food stand, parking cars, recycling, donating items to be sold or getting involved in the *Run/Walk 4 Relief 5K*, there is something of interest for everyone.

**The Bicentennial Committee needs your help!** Our Sunday School Reunions take place in fall 2018, and we want to invite all current and former Oak Grove attendees. If you have children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers, classmates, etc. who attended Oak Grove in the past but aren’t listed in the annual directory, please forward those names and addresses onto the church office via email. If email is not your strong suit, we will gladly accept paper as well.

**Searching for an exciting way to serve?** Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a Canner Operator, at least 21 years or older, to travel with the Mobile Meat Canner. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Having a CDL or truck driving experience is preferable. Come, serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you’ll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at [jrh@mcc.org](mailto:jrh@mcc.org) or (717) 859-1151 and visit [canning.mcc.org](http://canning.mcc.org).

**Opportunity to host an international young adult:** Mennonite Central Committee is looking for two families in the Kidron area for two young adult men from Jordan and Indonesia who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) beginning in August. Both will be serving at Central Christian Schools. Host families have the opportunity to learn about a new culture from the IVEP participant they host, as well as getting to understand their own culture in a new way when they see it through the eyes of someone experiencing it for the first time. Each host gets a monthly stipend that is to be used to cover some of the costs for the room and board of the IVEP participant. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).



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Sunday, July 16, 2017

**Prelude** – HWB# 90 “For the Fruit of all Creation”  
~Rindy Morphew

**Welcome** – Jennifer Hartzler, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship  
Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#65 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”  
~Paula Vasichko, trumpet  
HWB#90 “For the Fruit of all Creation”  
-Marg Baker, song leader

**Community Life Announcements  
Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering  
Offertory:** Rindy Morphew

**Children’s Time** – Craig & Krista Mast

**Hymn:** “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” - insert  
(Sung to the tune HWB#328 “Oh God, Our Help”)

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

**Sermon:** “Soil Samples” – Pastor Miriam

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#226 “You Are Salt for the Earth”

**Benediction**

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**  
**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**9:30 a.m.** – Worship at OrrVilla

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Miriam

**6:00 – 8:30 p.m.** – VBS @Orrville Mennonite Church

**Greeters:** Paul & Sherry Miller

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Olivia Wenger & Diane Schrock

**10:30 a.m.** – Von & Rita Schrock

**Sunday thru Thursday, July 16-20**

**6:00-8:30 p.m.** – Vacation Bible School @ Orrville MC



**Birthdays this week**

July 18– Deb Kurtz  
21 – Jennifer Stutzman

**Anniversaries**

July 18 – Niels & Amy Lichti (30)

**NEXT SUNDAY – July 23, 2017**  
**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug  
**Message: “Love is a Sacramental Life”**  
**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-15**

**Greeters:** Herb & Gladene Hershberger

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Jennifer Hartzler & Donna Kindy

**10:30 a.m.** – Scott & Jolene Jaquet

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vacation Bible School** is starting today, **July 16 through Thursday, July 20, every evening from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, at Orrville Mennonite Church. VBS is sure to be a fun time full of games, Bible stories, awesome songs, and laughs! Your kids won't want to miss this! Any child from age 4 all the way to 5th grade is welcome to attend. Maker Fun Factory is a ministry of the Orrville, Crown Hill, Chestnut Ridge, Martins, Salem of Wooster, and Oak Grove Mennonite churches.

**There is a flier in your mailbox today** about the church picnic at **4:00 p.m. on July 30**, at Dale & Marilyn Jaquet's pond. Put it on your bulletin board or your frige and plan to attend. There will be something for everyone.

**The Endowment Committee** has considered and approved the following grant application for the congregation's consideration:

1.) \$6000 toward increased construction costs for the Mennonite Disaster Service Partnership Home. Comments are welcomed by committee members Harold Hochstetler, George Bixler, Kay Hostetler, Linda Jaquet, Steve Miller and Willie Troyer. The committee will meet after church on July 30 to finalize this request.

**Staff Intro for Oak Grove Mennonite Church office and OG Preschool**

We are delighted to introduce **Kelsey Troyer** as our Administrative Assistant. Kelsey and her husband Ben live in Dalton and have been attending Oak Grove for the past year. A 2012 graduate of Central Christian, Kelsey is certified by the Tri-County Educational Service, Ohio State Department of Education as a Para Pro. Kelsey is detailed oriented and a quick learner who brings a variety of office experience having worked as an Accounts Payable clerk and customer service representative for Lehman's Hardware and as a receptionist for Wayne Metro Housing authority. Kelsey will begin in the Oak Grove church office on July 24. WELCOME Kelsey!



We are delighted to introduce **Mindy Horst** as our new Oak Grove Preschool Director. Hello, my name is Mindy Horst, or as the students call me, Ms. Mindy. I recently graduated from college with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I am originally from Pennsylvania but then I got married and moved to Ohio. I currently reside in Rittman. Some of my interests and hobbies are DIY projects especially for the classroom, gardening, reading, movies, dancing, and exploring towns and interesting places. I am excited for this experience and I hope that the children will teach me new things as I teach them their basics for kindergarten.

**A new song collection for the Mennonite Church**

MennoMedia, in consultation with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, is developing a new collection designed to replace Hymnal: A Worship Book (1992), Sing the Journey (2005), and Sing the Story (2007). This new collection will take into account the breadth of the Mennonite Church, the diverse ways Mennonites sing and worship, and will be available in bound and digital formats. This new song collection is to be owned by, and used throughout the denominations. You have an opportunity to give input. Go to **www.mennomedia.org/resonate** and click on the Heart Song Survey. Your ideas are important!