

Sunday, March 11th, 2018

Sunday School – 83 Worship – 160

OFFERING

Spending Plan (general)	\$4,370.27
OG Compassion Fund	\$50.00
Manna for Many	\$755.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$500.00
OG Mennonite Women	\$300.00

Oak Grove offers an electronic giving option. Please contact the church treasurer at treasurer.oakgrove.smithville@gmail.com, if interested.

SAVE THE DATES

March 30 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Communion, 7pm
You are invited to join us on Good Friday, at 7:00 p.m. for a Tenebrae service. There are seven "shadows" that represent the seven stages of the Good Friday events. Each shadow includes scripture and song. After each stage, a candle will be extinguished. Included will also be a celebration of communion. A blessing for children will be part of the communion remembrance.

April 1 – Easter Celebration

- 8:30am – Easter breakfast in church foyer
- 9:15am – Sunday School
- 10:30am – Easter Worship

April 5 – Central Christian & Iowa Mennonite Choir Concert at OG

April 28 – Plant Exchange

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon: "Covenant: God's Promise Through Jeremiah"
– Pastor Doug

Hymn of Response: HWB#389 "Take My Life"

Benediction

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Mount Vernon Nazarene University Treble Singers to be in concert at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church: Treble Singers Women's Choir will be in concert at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken for the choir. Treble Singers, directed by Sabina Anderson, is a select women's choir which offers a blend of three and four part harmony as they present music for praise, worship, and testimony through gospel arrangements, sacred classics, spirituals, hymns and contemporary Christian songs. Students representing several states, a variety of academic majors and a number of different denominational backgrounds are involved in the group. Everyone is welcome.



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MENNONITE CHURCH**
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Sunday, March 18, 2018

Lent 5 – Covenant: God's Promise Through Jeremiah

Prelude: Angela Buller, Claire Buller

Welcome: Jennifer Hartzler, Worship leader

Call to Worship

Leader: I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests.
What brings you here?

People: We want to see Jesus.

Leader: I see you, all who are here for the first time,
and all who have returned. What brings you here?

People: We want to see Jesus.

Leader: I see you and know that each of you has been invited by God to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Prayer

Hymns: SJ#2 Come, Walk With Us

HWB#545 Be Thou My Vision

- Nate Gundy, Craig Mast, song leaders

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Confession

Words of Assurance

Offering

Offertory: Angela Buller

Hymn: HWB#299 New Earth, Heavens New

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Celebrating 200 Years

Oak Grove Mennonite Church

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April 14 & 15, 2018 – Historical Reflections

July 14 & 15, 2018 – Hymn Sing & Hymnal Celebration

October 13 & 14, 2018 – Homecoming & Concert

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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: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: John & Mary Lynn Miller

Nursery:

9:15am – Gloria Miller & Wanda Hostetler

10:30am – Anson & Hannah Miedel

Tuesday, March 20

Preschool Brunch

Wednesday, March 21

Preschool Brunch

Choir, 7pm

Happy Birthday!

3.19 – Christiana Murray

3.20 – John Skarl

3.21 – Joanne Murray

3.22 – Loren Hostetler

3.22 – Jennifer Steiner

3.23 – Phyllis Jaquet

3.23 – Lucinda Gill

3.24 – Miriam Zehr

3.25 – Wanda Abebe

Happy Anniversary!

3.20 – LeRoy & Francis Curtis (64)

3.24 – Dan & Linda Jaquet (39)

Next Sunday – March 25th, 2018

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Palm Sunday Worship – Pastor Doug

Covenant: God's Promise Through Jesus

John 12:12-16

Greeters: Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

Nursery:

9:15am – Anita Bixler & Lucinda Gill

10:30am – Craig & Krista Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Plessinger Family: Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, hugs and tears you shared with our family following Vic's passing. It is times like this we are reminded how much family and friends truly mean to us. We covet your prayers as we continue on the road to healing.

You are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship Easter Sunday morning in the church lobby starting at 8:45am. Please bring finger foods--fresh fruit, coffee cake, pastries or muffins--to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following grant application: \$5,000 to Academia Menonita Betania of Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria cleanup and restoration of the school. 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 April 8 to finalize this request.

The Church Board has approved an updated version of the Church Facility Rental Agreement. A copy of this document can be found in the church library in the Church Board Minutes binder. If you would prefer your own copy, please contact the church office.

Bicentennial Blanket Project: There were thirteen comforters knotted on Wednesday evening. We appreciate your continued participation!

In preparation for the bicentennial celebration on April 14-15, we are looking for people who have participated in church service organizations (voluntary service, MDS, MCC, 1-W, PAX, relief sales, etc) and would be willing to put together a display (poster, slideshow, photo booklet...). We would love to see the many ways people from Oak Grove have served over the years. If you would be willing to put something together, please contact Jenna Ramseyer. Thanks!

Once again, lilies can be ordered for Easter Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special. Lilies are \$9 each; orders and payment should be turned in to the church office. Lilies will be used in the sanctuary as part of the Easter celebration and can then be taken at the conclusion of the worship service. All orders are due by March 25th.

An index for the Historical Room has been created. If you are interested in having a copy, please contact the church office. A reminder that if you want to look for an item in the historical room, please schedule an appointment with a Historical Committee member (Pauline Smucker, Paul Miller, Phil Horrisberger).

Updates to MCC kit contents: MCC carefully plans our shipments of material resources in order to meet local needs, and we work hard to send high-quality items that can withstand the harsh conditions faced by the people who receive them. We continually assess the items that we request for each kit to make sure they are the most useful for recipients. In light of recent evaluations, we have made a few changes to the kit supply lists. Check out the updated lists on mcc.org/kits. New printed kit cards will be available from the MCC Great Lakes office and material resources centers in April. Thank you for your continued donations that bring dignity and hope to people around the world. *See bulletin board for additional information.*