

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Sunday School – 99 Worship – 173

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$5,527.00
MCC Relief Kits	\$350.00
Manna for Many	\$223.85

Save the Dates:

April 11 – Manna for Many, 6-8pm
April 12 – Manna for Many, 3-8pm
April 18 – Maundy Thursday Service
April 21 – Easter Brunch, 8:30-9:15am
April 24 – SpringSpiration
May 1 – SpringSpiration

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Children's Time

Hymn: HWB#545 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

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

Sermon: "God Reaches Out" – *Pastor Doug*

Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: "Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." (*Psalm 32:10-11*)
Who will trust the Lord today?

Confessional response: We will trust the Lord today.

Leader: We are all invited to trust the Lord today.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: ***God of steadfast love, we put our trust in your care for us.***

***When we need to find our way home,
we put our trust in you.***

Leader: When we need forgiveness, we put our trust in you.
When our souls hunger for a new way of living, we put our trust in you.

All: ***In the morning and in the evening,
we will put our trust in you.***

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Song of Response: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases"

Benediction



Oak Grove Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 31, 2019

Lent 4: God's Reaches Out With Open Arms

When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.

Prelude: *Ryan Conrad, Brett Buller*

Welcome: *Mary Lou Brady, Worship Leader*

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 32)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: ***Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.***

Leader: We confess our sin to you,
and you forgive us.

People: ***We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.***

All: ***O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and
you uphold us.***

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#6 "Here in this Place"

SJ#13 "My Soul is Filled With Joy"

-*Ryan Conrad, song leader; Brett Buller, violin*

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Ryan Conrad, Brett Buller*

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This Week at Oak Grove

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15am – Nate & Jessica Witmer Gundy

10:30am – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

Praise & Prayer, 6pm

Coming up this week:

Wednesday, 4/3

Mennonite Women, 9am

Lenten Prayer & Reflection, 6pm

Choir, 7pm

Thursday, 4/4

Education, 6pm

Property, 6pm

Happy Birthday!

31 Hans Hochstetler

31 Chuck Hostetler (80)

1 Gwen Schmucker (81)

3 Betty Berkshire (90)

3 Beth Falb

5 Anna Mast

Happy Anniversary!

7 Ron & Joanne Murray (57)

Next Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Sunday Worship

A Life that Cannot be Shaken

– Guest Speaker, Beth Weaver, Director, Habitat for Humanity

Greeters: Bob Krabill & Betty Krabill

Nursery:

9:15am – Tom & Kathy Smucker

10:30am – LaMont & Jen Steiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Justin & Abri Hochstetler on the birth of their twin girls, Elise Marie and Kara Jeanne, on 3/22/19. They join big brother, Calvin, and Harold Hochstetler is the proud grandfather. Matt, Megan, Greta & Hans welcome their new nieces/cousins.

TONIGHT (3/31), 6pm: Join Ryan Conrad and Pastor Doug for an evening of “Praise and Prayer.”

Doug and Miriam are spending a week of vacation in D.C., April 1-7. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact the church office or Anson Miedel, the chair of Spiritual Life, at 330.465.4170.

Mennonite Women will meet this coming Wednesday, April 3. The offering project will support Manna for Many.

Spiritual Life Commission is delighted to announce *SpringSpiration* (a rekindling of our Winter Bible Institute tradition) with a two-part spring inspiration series of mid-week gatherings for spiritual rejuvenation on Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1. The events will include supper and guest speaker, the Rev. David Wilcox. Watch for more information.

A resolution on immigration recently passed at Ohio Mennonite Conference’s Annual Conference Assembly. If you are interested in reading the resolution, it is available at: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Immigration-Resolution.pdf>

The resolution can also be found on the Oak Grove website under the Resources tab. **Paper copies are available on the table in the foyer.**

You are invited to come and celebrate Resurrection Sunday with an informal Easter morning breakfast in the church foyer from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Coffee and juice will be provided. You are invited to bring finger foods to share--fresh fruit, pastries, doughnuts, muffins or coffee cake. Come for a time of celebration and fellowship.

Check out the new books section on the counter in the church library! A list of new titles is also posted on the bulletin board.

Weekly Prayer Bulletin

March 31-April 6, 2019

Pray for...

- Victims of flooding, cyclones & tornadoes
- Refugees here and abroad
- Our nation’s leaders

Seniors:

- Helen Jaquet
- Betty Krabill

Youth & Young Adults:

- Elise Murray
- Imzadia Conrad

The Family of the Week:

- Ron & Joanne Murray

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.

Today, Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God’s love to flow through them.