

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Sunday School – 101 Worship – 150

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$4,489.35
MCC Relief Meat Canning/Kidron	\$145.00
Mennonite College Asst. Fund	\$200.00

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE

The more we count the blessings we have, the less we “crave” the luxuries we don’t have.

SAVE THE DATES

December 15 – Messiah Rehearsal, 7:00pm

December 16 – Messiah Rehearsal, 3:30pm

December 17 – Messiah, 2:30pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00pm

December 25 – Christmas Day, OFFICE CLOSED

December 26 – OFFICE CLOSED

January 1 – New Year’s Day, OFFICE CLOSED

January 2 – OFFICE CLOSED

February 4 – Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Choir: “Shout to God” - *Dora Short*, director; *Kathy Smucker*, piano

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Hymns: HWB#91 “Praise to God, Immortal Praise
HWB#92 “Lord, Should Rising Whirlwinds”

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

Sermon: “You Shall ALSO Love the Stranger” – *Pastor Doug*

Hymn: HWB#229 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Benediction



Announcements from Central Christian School

1. Central Christian School job openings

Central Christian School has a part-time Software Specialist job opening. Contact CCS at [330-857-7311](tel:330-857-7311) for more information. The job description can be found on the school website www.ccscmets.org.

2. Community Service Day (CSD)

Thank you for your strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, we are encouraged by over \$200,000 in contributions. You may still contribute to CSD by visiting www.ccscmets.org.

3. Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas Concert, *A Lamb’s Tale*, on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

4. Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

5. Alumni Night, December 22: Varsity girls basketball play at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.



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Sunday, November 26, 2017

Prelude: *Kathy Smucker*

Welcome: *Sue Herman*, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

L: Our God is the great God, mighty and awesome!

P: The Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords!

L: Our God shows no partiality and takes no bribes.

P: Instead, the Lord executes justice for the orphan and the widow.

L: Our God loves the immigrant, providing them food and clothing.

P: We also love the immigrant, because we were immigrants in this land.

All: Let the Lord of immigrants prove this love through our hearts and hands!

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#94 “Come, Ye Thankful People”

HWB#98 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

HWB#86 “Now Thank We All Our God”

- *Matt Wenger*, song leader

Community Life Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Kathy Smucker*

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Greeters: John & Mary Lynn Miller

Nursery:

9:15am – Olivia Wenger & Lucinda Gill

10:30am – John & Carrie Skarl

Monday, November 27

7pm, Bicentennial Committee

Tuesday, November 28

6:30pm, Education Commission

7pm, Outreach Commission

Wednesday, November 29

7pm, Choir Practice

Thursday, November 30

7pm, Property Commission

Friday, December 1 & Saturday, December 2

Search for the Christ Child set-up

Sunday, December 3

Search for the Christ Child

Happy Birthday!

November 29 – Rick Brenneman

December 2 – Louise Emerson Schrock (98)

Happy Anniversary!

November 28 – Ben & Kelsey Troyer

November 29 – Bob & Waunita Witmer (37)

December 3 – Don & Norma Steiner (67)

Church Staff

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NEXT SUNDAY – December 3rd, 2017

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Worship – Pastor Doug

Advent 1 – “Let It Be”

Isaiah 64

Visitation Ministry

Greeters: Bruce & Donna Kindy

Nursery:

9:15am – Wanda Hostetler & Karen Ramseyer

10:30am – Matt & Beth Falb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leadership Selection Committee is the group that is responsible for finding people to serve on the church’s commissions. On Sunday, December 3, the congregation will nominate people for that committee. The congregation will then affirm two persons at the February members’ meeting. Any congregational member may be nominated except those already serving: Dan Jaquet, Gwen Schmucker, Don Ramseyer, Linda Schrock, Paul Miller and Dennis Ramseyer.

Copies of the latest Ohio Mennonite *Evangel* are on the table in the foyer. A copy of this publication can also be found on the church website under the *Resources* tab.

The Endowment Committee has considered and approved the following grant application: \$4,000 to Oak Grove for the production of 200 knotted comforters to be distributed by MCC, Aultman Hospital and LifeCare Hospice. 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 December 3 to finalize this request.

If you are participating in a role for Search for the Christ Child on Sunday, December 3rd, please park on the west side of the church that evening and plan to be in the music room by 5pm.

MYF Cider - There are a limited number of 20 oz. sports bottles left. If you would like more of this delicious cider, it is in the refrigerator in the fellowship hall. Please help yourself, and then give your donation to John and Tammy Lyons, or to an MYF youth.

You are invited to join the Pathfinders S. S. class to Christmas carol to our older members. Meet at the church on Sunday, December 10, at 5pm. There will be finger food fellowship following the caroling.

It's time for the MYF Christmas Cut-out Cookie Fundraiser! Forms are in the mailboxes. Please turn in your order to John and Tammy Lyons, or to an MYF youth. The suggested donation is \$5 a dozen. The deadline for orders is Sunday, Dec. 3, and the cookies will be ready on Dec. 10. Thanks for your support.

The Comfort Care Throws & MCC Comforters project has a home! The classroom at the north end of the lower level of the sanctuary is ready to receive your donations of fabric, completed throws and comforters or comforter tops. It will also be the place for you to pick up prepared square blocks ready to be sewn and batting for your comforter. If you have questions, please see the project committee: Gladene Hershberger, Dan Jaquet, Krista Mast, and Sherry Miller. We appreciate your involvement in this part of the celebration of the 200th year of Oak Grove!

A concert by the CCHS Varsity Singers and a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing led by choristers from Kidron, Salem, and Sonnenberg Mennonite Churches, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:00pm, at the Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center (on Hackett Rd., just east of Kidron Rd.). All are welcome! Refreshments will be served at intermission. A freewill offering will be taken to support Mennonite Disaster Service and the Kidron Community Historical Society. See the bulletin board for additional information.