Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday School – 82 Worship – 143

OFFERING

Spending Plan	\$5,830.00
OG Mennonite Women	\$90.00
MYF Fundraiser (apple cider)	\$265.00
OG Mennonite Fund	\$100.00
Bicentennial (books)	\$36.00
Central Christian Student Fund	\$1,000.00

2018 SPENDING PLAN	\$320,902.00
2018 INCOME TO DATE	\$218,576.00
2017 INCOME CARRY-OVER	\$23,182.00
FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE YEAR END	\$79,144.00

Save the Dates:

December 2 – Search for the Christ Child, 5:15-7:30pm

December 14 – Messiah Rehearsal, 7-9pm

December 15 – Messiah Rehearsal, 3:30-5:30pm

December 16 – Messiah Performance, 2:30pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

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SEARCH COOKIES: We are in need of a few more cookies for "Search for the Christ Child". If you have not already signed up and are willing to make cookies, please see Rindy Morphew or call 330-345-7398.

Service Opportunity! Our congregation is currently in need of members to serve as conference delegates. Our current delegates are Doug and Miriam Zehr, Jennifer Hartzler, and Herb and Gladene Hershberger. As a delegate, you would serve as our voice to the greater Mennonite church by attending the Ohio Conference, March 8 -9, at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron, the Central District Conference, June 20-22, in Goshen, and MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-6. Ideally, this is a 3-year term, although it could be shortened if needed. We do have funds available to help cover expenses. If you feel led to serve our congregation in this capacity, please contact Steve Murray or any other member of Outreach Commission, so that we can bring this to church board.

Bicentennial Blanket Project: The bicentennial blanket project is complete! Tuesday (Oct. 16) and Thursday (Oct. 18) the Comfort Care Throws were taken by LifeCare Hospice and Aultman Hospital, Canton, staff persons. Both organizations expressed deep, sincere gratitude for the throws, commenting on the variety of hand crocheted, knitted, and pieced/knotted blankets included with the lovely fleece. In recent days I have seen requests from LifeCare Hospice for throws. The gift of a soft throw is such a special one for persons experiencing end-of-life, along their families. Perhaps you want to continue to crochet, knit, or tie fleece. It will certainly be welcomed by the recipients these organizations care for.



Sunday, November 18, 2018

Prelude: Jessica Witmer Gundy

Welcome: Mary Lou Brady, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns: HWB#16 "God is Here Among Us"

HWB#580 "My Life Flows On"

-Nate Gundy, song leader

Community Life Announcements Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Jessica Witmer Gundy*

Children's time: Krista Martin

Hymn: HWB#54 "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: "Wars and Rumors of War" - Pastor Doug

Hymn of Response: HWB#425 "Come, Come Ye Saints"

Benediction

This Week at Oak Grove

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla

10:30am: Sunday Worship - Doug Zehr

Greeters: Jess & Beth Hamman

Nursery:

9:15am - Dennis & Karen Ramseyer

10:30am - Matt & Beth Falb

Coming up this week:

Thursday, Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Day, OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 23 OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday!

19 Don Ramseyer 20 Ida Yoder Brenner (93) 23 Bunny Stutzman (87)

Happy Anniversary!

25 Art & Cheryl Neuenschwander (46)

Next Sunday, November 25th, 2018

8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Sunday Worship - Doug Zehr

"LOOK! Jesus Christ is Coming" Revelation 1: 4-8

Greeters: Herb & Gladene Hershberger

Nursery:

9:15am – Wanda Hostetler & Diane Schrock

10:30am – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week for the holiday. Bulletins will be printed on Wednesday (11/21). Please have all items for the bulletin submitted to the church office by Wednesday morning.

Search for the Christ Child: TODAY (11/18), the Search Committee will need assistance in moving the Search supplies from the Fellowship Hall to the church building following morning worship. Persons with trucks would be most helpful.

Christmas Giving Opportunity: The Green Local Elementary guidance counselor has provided us with needs of families within the school. Choose an ornament/tag from the tree in the foyer and write your name by the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet. All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 2nd, wrapped with the tag attached. Thank you in advance for sharing this season.

You are invited to the fall concert of The Cantate Singers TONIGHT (11/18), 7 p.m., at Kidron Mennonite Church. The program features "The World Beloved, A Bluegrass Mass," accompanied by Tim Shue and Honeytown, his bluegrass band. Calling all parents of young children...do you need a date night out with your spouse, an evening to get holiday shopping done without the kids, or maybe just a quiet night at home? The MYF will be hosting a fun evening for your children Wednesday, December 5th, from 5-8pm, in the church fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided. Please let Angela know if your children will be attending so we can plan accordingly. Donations are not necessary, but would be greatly appreciated as the MYF is raising funds for winter retreat/summer convention.

Please consider opportunities to help Oak Grove's new Bible Quizzing team! We need volunteers to write practice questions, attend matches as scorekeepers or judges, or help with setup before matches. You could also provide lunch for the team after church at Oak Grove before we leave for the matches. Our season runs from January 6 to early March, with matches starting at 2:30pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board or you can contact Hannah Miedel.

Please mark your calendars for our performance of Messiah.

This year it will be on Sunday, December 16, at 2:30pm. Chorus rehearsals are Friday, December 14, from 7-9 pm, and Saturday, December 15, from 3:30-5:30 pm. We hope many of you will come to sing in the chorus. If you have questions or need the score, please contact any member of the committee: Waunita Witmer, Dennis Ramseyer or Hannah Miedel.

Give a kit for Christmas! From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a relief kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about relief kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/relief.

Renewal of *The Mennonite*: It is time to renew for the MC USA publication, *The Mennonite*. The cost for a one-year subscription, through the group plan, remains \$37.00. If you would like to receive the publication, please give payment to Sherry Miller by *next Sunday, November 25*. If you write a check, make it payable to Sherry. This enables her to send one check for payment of all subscriptions. The publication provides news and thought-provoking articles and is sent directly to your home.