

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday School – 94    Worship – 160

**OFFERING**

Spending Plan	\$5,184.15
Relief Meat Canning/Kidron	\$100.00

<b>2018 SPENDING PLAN</b>	<b>\$320,902.00</b>
<b>2018 INCOME TO DATE</b>	<b>\$223,761.00</b>
<b>2017 INCOME CARRY-OVER</b>	<b>\$23,182.00</b>
<b>FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE YEAR END</b>	<b>\$73,959.00</b>

**Save the Dates:**

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, 6pm

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 FH WiFi Password:                schoolisbestforyou!

**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, Final Report:** This past Tuesday (Nov. 20), the bicentennial comforters were carried to a waiting MCC Connections truck. Our 229 comforters will be kept at MCC Connections, Kidron, until a shipment is made to MCC, Akron, PA. It is from the MCC headquarters that our comforters will be sent to places around the world. This is a happy occasion for us all! The work of this past year can now be given to displaced persons living in refugee camps or temporary housing. A recent report from MCC has stated that a total of 63,000 comforters are needed this year. In order to reach that number, 17,000 more comforters are needed by March 30, 2019. While our donation of 229 may seem like a “drop in the bucket,” it is 229 comforters given to meet a big need. Thank you again, for your work for this project – both local and international organizations benefit as they help persons experience a bit of warmth and love because of 202 throws and 229 comforters you have made. THANK YOU! You are blessing hundreds vulnerable people.



# OAK GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

1818-2018

Sunday, November 25, 2018  
Thanksgiving

**Prelude:** *Kathy Smucker*

**Welcome:** *Pastor Miriam*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship**  
**Prayer**

**Hymns:** HWB#94 “Come, Ye Thankful People”  
 HWB#98 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”  
 HWB#54 “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”  
*-Matt Wenger, song leader*

**Community Life Announcements**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Offertory:** *Kathy Smucker*

**Choir:** “A Thanksgiving Flourish” – *Dora Short*, director;  
*Kathy Smucker*, piano

**Scripture:** Revelation 1:4-8

**Hymns:** HWB#611 “Soon and Very Soon”  
 HWB#609 “Awake, My Soul”

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

**Sermon:** “LOOK! Jesus Christ is Coming” - *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#295 “Christ is Coming! Let Creation”

**Benediction**

## *This Week at Oak Grove*

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr**

**Greeters:** Herb & Gladene Hershberger

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Wanda Hostetler & Diane Schrock

**10:30am** – Matt & Megan Hochstetler

**Coming up this week:**

*Monday, November 26*

Search Set-up

Christmas Decorating in Sanctuary, 6pm

*Wednesday, November 28*

Worship Commission, 5:30pm

Bible Quizzing, 6:30pm

Choir, 7pm

*Friday, November 30*

Search Set-up

*Saturday, December 1*

Search Set-up

**Happy Birthday!**

29 Rick Breneman

**Happy Anniversary!**

25 Art & Cheryl Neuenschwander (46)

28 Ben & Kelsey Troyer

29 Bob & Waunita Witmer (38)

## *Next Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018*

**8:45am: Spiritual Life Commission Prayer**

**9:15am: Sunday School**

**9:30am: Worship at OrrVilla**

**10:30am: Sunday Worship – Doug Zehr**

Advent 1: “Watching & Waiting for the Righteous One”

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Greeters:** Willard & Kay Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15am** – Dale & Marilyn Jaquet

**10:30am** – Von & Rita Schrock

***Search for the Christ Child, 5:15-7:30pm***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Susan Mark Landis’ brother, Scott Mark, died November 9.**

Private services will be held November 27. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas will take place tomorrow, November 26, starting at 6pm.** Any assistance is appreciated.

**Oak Grove presently has two students enrolled in Mennonite colleges.** One way we support them is through matching grants. The second payment of the year, \$4,500, is due in December. Your support of them is appreciated.

**Come; join your friends, as we carol for some of our elderly and shut-ins.** We would love to have 3-4 groups to go out, but will do what we can. We will meet at the church, Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 PM. After singing, we will return to the church for finger foods. In order to plan our stops, we need to know approximately how many will participate. Please see or call Linda Schrock.

**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.

**Renewal of *The Mennonite*:** The need to renew the MC USA publication, *The Mennonite*, is now. 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 **TODAY, November 25**. If you write a check, make it payable to Sherry. This enables her to send one check for all subscriptions. The publication provides news and thought-provoking articles and is sent directly to your home.

**Printed directories are now available for anyone who would like a copy.** You may pick yours up in the foyer after the service today or contact the church office to have a copy placed in your mailbox. Please also notify the office of any updates or corrections. The Fellowship and Service Committee is very grateful that the cost of these directories has been covered by generous donations and are therefore provided to you at no cost. ***We do ask though that those who are able to, share a copy with their household.***

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