

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Sunday School – 119

Worship – 160

**Offering**

Spending Plan

\$3,747.00

**Upcoming Events**

**December 4 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Search for the Christ Child

**December 12 – 6:00 p.m.** Set up risers

**December 16 & 17 – 7:00 p.m.** Messiah Practice

**December 18 – 2:30 p.m.** Messiah

**December 19 – 6:00 p.m.** Take risers down

**December 22 – 7:00 p.m.** The Longest Night

**December 24 – 6:30 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service

**December 25 – Christmas Sunday – 10:00 a.m.** Worship

**Noon** – Carry In meal for those who are alone on Christmas Day

**During meals at the Fellowship Hall** if your child plays in the Preschool Room, please make sure all the items are put back where they belong. Thanks.

**Central Christian School Open House:** Monday, November 28, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at CCS. For details, visit [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**Central Christian's Elementary Christmas Concert,** December 8, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

**The Ohio Conference Young Adult Ministry Resource Team** has set up a new Facebook page for all young adults in Ohio Conference. If you are interested in being a member of this group, please look us up on Facebook at "Ohio Mennonite Young Adults." By joining this group, you can connect with young adults across the state, give input on decisions for young adult events and receive updates about ministry opportunities. So, join today!

**Camp Luz is seeking to hire a 3/4 time Program Manager.** For job description detail, go to [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com). The deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, call Andrew Michaels at 330.683.1246 or email [andrew@campluz.com](mailto:andrew@campluz.com).

**Light Seekers** (children Age 2 – preschool) are dismissed – *c/o Tracy Stutzman*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Sermon:** “Learning to Pay Attention” – *Pastor Doug*

**Hymn of Response:** SS#1 “Praise the One” (insert)

**Benediction**

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**SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD**  
**INSTRUCTIONS 12/4/2011**

**Attention People who do not have a costume** – Be here at 4:45 p.m. or see Deb Kurtz.

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders** – Be in costume and meet in the music room in the main building at 5:00 p.m.

**Attention MYFers and Adults** – Be in costume and meet in the music room in the main building at 5:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION HELPERS WITH “SEARCH” –PLEASE PARK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH**

If you have a sweeper or a shop vac you can bring it will help make the clean-up go faster. Thanks.

**Please Note:** There is a new display of pictures in the cabinet in the library.

**People to People Ministries** is currently taking volunteers to help distribute Christmas Toys December 5th and 6th. We would love to share this very rewarding experience with you. Call Laura Groves at 330-262-1662 ext 213 if you would like to help.

**Looking for something to do with your high school and/or Junior High School youth group?** Why not come help People to People Ministries load Christmas Toys onto trucks after church on December 4th from 1-2 PM. This is a wonderful service opportunity. Call Laura Groves at 330-262-1662 ext 213 to sign up.

**The Upper Room** for November & December and **Rejoice!** for December, January, & February are on the table in the foyer. Please take one for yourself or a friend.



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Sunday, November 27, 2011  
Advent 1

**Prelude** – *Rita Schrock*

**Welcome** – *Dennis Landis*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Get Up! Pay attention and prepare to follow.

**People: The Shepherd of Israel leads us like a flock.**

Leader: Get Up! God’s face is about to shine upon you.

**People: No ear has heard nor eye seen God’s full glory!**

Leader: Get Up! God’s salvation is near.

**People: The mighty One tears open the heavens and comes down.**

**Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Readers: *Sue Herman & Deb Murray*

**Hymns:** HWB#100 “Praise Him, Praise Him!”

HWB#297 “Jesus Came—the Heavens Adoring”

*Jen Graber* - song leader

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory** – *Rita Schrock*

**Hymn:** HWB#175 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens”

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**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**  
**Sunday, November 27**

**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug  
Advent 1 – “Learning To Pay Attention” Isaiah 64:1-9

**2:00 p.m.** – Single & Single Again will leave the church to go to Joyce Egan’s home for “Thanksgiving Dinner.” Meat and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

**Greeters:** Chuck & Wanda Hostetler

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Dale & Marilyn Jaquet

**10:30 a.m.** – Lucinda & Tasha Gill

**Monday, November 28**

**7:30 p.m.** – Worship Commission

**Tuesday, November 29**

**4:30 p.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission

**7:00 p.m.** – Property Commission



**Birthdays This Week**

November 29 – Rick Breneman

December 2 – Louise Emerson Schrock (92)

**Anniversaries This Week**

November 29 – Bob & Waunita Witmer (31)

December 3 – Don & Norma Steiner (61)

**Brian & Reneda Miller and Clair & Esther Hostetler** invite those who are alone on Christmas day to come to the Fellowship Center for a meal & visiting. They will furnish the meat & drink. Please bring a covered dish & your own table service. If you need a ride let Brian or Reneda know.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, December 4**

**8:45 a.m.** – Spiritual Life Commission Prayer

**9:00 a.m.** – Worship at OrrVilla

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug  
Advent 2 – “Changing The Landscape” Mark 1:1-8

**Visitation Ministry meets after Worship in Miriam’s Office**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** – Search for the Christ Child

**Greeters:** Jess & Beth Hamman

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Rindy & Lisa Morpew

**10:30 a.m.** – Sue Turskey & Deb Steiner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE: ONE REASON WE OUGHT TO BE MORE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS IS THAT WE DESERVE SO FEW OF THEM.**

**Attention, children!** There are new Advent and Christmas books in the activity bags. Be sure to check them out.

**Please help yourself to an Advent devotional book** on the table in the foyer. There is a variety to choose from for both adults and families with younger children.

**Christmas Gift Giving** for Green Local Elementary School Families. Please consider giving a gift to help needy families in the Smithville area during this holiday season. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Select an ornament(s) with sizes or gift ideas for a family member, purchase the gift, and return it wrapped with the ornament label attached to church by **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The gift will be distributed to the families during the following week. Your generous gift helps other families to have a wonderful Christmas! Thanks for your support. Priscilla Gresser, Smithville Elementary Counselor.

**2011 White Gift Offering:** Watch for details of our upcoming **White Gift** Sunday, December 18.

Suggested giving options will include: Central America Medical Outreach(CAMO); Oak Gove Compassion Fund; Habitat for Humanity; and Oak Grove Outreach.

Undesignated gifts will go to the Oak Grove 2011 Spending Plan. Thank you for your prayerful preparation.

**The Endowment Board recommends** the following two grant applications:

1. Reverend Timothy Gakunju - \$2,400 in support of a Cincinnati church plant among internationals, university and college students. This amount will augment funding from Greenwood Mennonite Church, New Beginnings, and miscellaneous donations.

2. Lydell Steiner - \$1,000 to subsidize his tuition at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Comments are welcomed by board members Niels Lichti, Ervin Stutzman, Bruce Kindy, Pauline Smucker, Don Ramseyer, and Sarah Little.

The board will meet after church on December 4 to discuss responses to these requests.

**On behalf of Crown Hill Food Pantry,** I would like to thank-you for your generous donation of assorted foods and paper goods from your Harvest Celebration. Your support in helping provide food for those in need from our community is sincerely appreciated. Your thoughtfulness makes a tremendous impact on our ability to help so many families. Last month (October) we were able to help 328 families representing 1050 total people. Help like yours really makes a difference for many people.

~~Blessings, Michele Y. Verheller, Crown Hill Food Pantry

**The next Equal Exchange** order will go out on December 5. Order forms will be at Global Christmas and then on the foyer table. Please put them in Hannah Miedel's mailbox.

**OrrVilla Retirement Community** would like to invite the public to attend a Christmas concert given by Phil and Amber Buchwalter on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Maple Terrace assisted living building located at 333 E. Sassafras St. in Orrville. Refreshments will be served following the concert.