

Sunday, November 27, 2011

Sunday School – 121

Worship – 175

**Offering**

Spending Plan \$4,429.00  
Other 420.20

**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

**Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas concert *The Light Before Christmas* on Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

**Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

**Central Christian Alumni Coffee House, December 30 at 7:00 pm** in the PAC lobby. Grab some coffee and dessert, and kick back for a fun and relaxing evening of musical entertainment by alumni performers and Tim Shue.  
[www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**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.

**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.

**Hymn of Response:** HWB#195 “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” (vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5)

**Benediction:**

Leader: Go into the world, knowing God’s peace.

**People: We pass on the peace we have received.**

Leader: Go into the world, carrying God’s grace.

**People: We share the grace we have been given.**

Leader: Go into the world, knowing that Jesus is Lord!

**People: We testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Holy One of God!**

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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.

**Kits for Christmas**

*A gift of joy with some assembly required*

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) thanks you for your material resource donations throughout the past year. If you haven’t already made plans to contribute, MCC invites you to consider donating a kit this Christmas.

Recent shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have largely drained MCC’s warehouses, so 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits are especially needed to replenish the supply. However, all types of MCC kits are always welcome and needed. Call the MCC Great Lakes office at (574) 534-4133 for more information, or visit [www.mcc.org/kits](http://www.mcc.org/kits)



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Sunday, December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

**Prelude** – *Dora Short*, organ; *Lillie Kollert*, piano

**Welcome** – *Mark Steiner*, Worship Leader

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Readers: *Sue Herman, Debbie Murray*

**Hymns:** HWB#182 “Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee”

HWB#178 “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

- *Paula Vasichko*, Song Leader

**Community Life Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory** - *Dora Short*, organ; *Lillie Kollert*, piano

**Hymn:** HWB#176 “Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

**Light Seekers** (children Age 2 – preschool) are dismissed

– *c/o Reneda Miller*

**Jr. Church** (children K-Gr. 3) - are dismissed – *c/o Velma Zook*

**Scripture:** Mark 1:1-8

**Sermon:** “Changing the Landscape” – *Pastor Doug*

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**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**  
**Sunday, December 4**

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

**10:00 a.m.** – Worship at OrrVilla

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug

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

**Monday, December 5**

**7:00 p.m.** – Bell & Choir Practice

**Tuesday, December 6**

**7:00 p.m.** – Education Commission

**Wednesday, December 7**

**9:00 a.m.** – Mennonite Women

**Thursday, December 8**

**7:00 p.m.** – Church Board

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, December 11**

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

**9:15 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship – Pastor Doug

Advent 3 – “Transforming Our Sorrow” 1Thess. 5:16-24

**Noon:** One on One, Lunch & Meeting

**2:00 p.m.** **Single & Single Again**, “Game Night”. Bring white elephant gifts from home for the prizes. Sloppy Joes and buns provided. Bring a covered dish.

**Greeters:** Vic & Bev Plessinger

**Nursery:**

**9:15 a.m.** – Charles & Aimee Stein

**10:30 a.m.** – Aimee & John Hanlon

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING MESSAGE: I CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD EVERYDAY.**

**The Advent candle-lighting litany** we are using this season has been taken from the devotional book, *Seasoned With Peace*- Fall. One of the compilers is Susan Mark Landis. The writer of the poem/prayer is Sherah-Leigh Gerber.

**Thanks to Sue Herman, Sue Turskey and Dianne Stutzman** for decorating the sanctuary for the Advent season. We appreciate the time and energy you have put into making our worship space so inviting.

**Thank you!** I really appreciate that all twelve spaces were filled to ring bells for Salvation Army on November 26th. We had young and old, male and female, family and friends -- basically a wonderful depiction of the Body of Christ -- at the K-Mart kettle. Many people will be blessed by your willingness to serve in this way!  
~~Tamara Gill

**Today is the last day to order Equal Exchange.** The order will go out on December 5. Order forms are on the foyer table. Please put them in Hannah Miedel's mailbox.

**For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year.** It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us on **Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 pm**, for a time of music, scripture, silent reflection, and healing prayer.

**Christmas Gift Giving** for Green Local Elementary School Families. Remember to have your gifts wrapped with the ornament label attached back to the church by Wednesday, December 7. The gifts 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:** Details are in your mailbox today!  
**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.

**'Tis the season to decorate the “mitten” tree in the foyer!** The tree will be up by December 11<sup>th</sup>. This year People to People Ministries requests men's socks, underwear and boxers (especially sizes 2X-4X), towels and washcloths, and pot holders. Gently used items are fine. Paper bags and plastic garbage bags are appreciated.

**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 drink. Please bring a covered dish & your own table service. If you need a ride let Brian or Reneda know.



**Birthdays This Week**

**December 6** – Anson Miedel