

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Worship: 142

Offering:

\$12,071.60 Spending Plan
\$2.00 Primary/Jr High SS
\$500.00 MDS
\$200.00 MYF
\$110.00 Diaper Drive

THIS SUNDAY, 10/13/24

Greeters: 9AM Fritz & Ellen Sprunger: 10AM Dan & Linda Jaquet
Nursery: Rita Schrock & Lisa Malys

NEXT SUNDAY, 10/20/24

Greeters: 9AM Paul & Sherry Miller: 10AM John, Carrie Skarl & Family
Nursery: Rosemary Kratzer & Karen Ramseyer

Happy Birthday!

14 Sally Little

Happy Anniversary!

13 Dale & Marilyn Jaquet

Please Remember in Prayer:

- For those impacted by destruction caused by Hurricane Milton - specifically for those who have lost their loved ones, their homes, and their security. For the relief workers who have already gone to help with the recovery - from MDS and other agencies. We pray that God would give them safety and make them effective in their tasks.
- Tom Smucker, recovering from an infection.
- Our country in this election season. May we listen for and to God's wisdom in this time. May we give our allegiance to Jesus Christ alone. May we lead with love and not fear. And may our eyes, ears, and hearts be attuned to those who have been pushed to the margins in the pursuit of power and influence.
- The Association of Mennonite Evangelical Churches in France consists of congregations and their committees. Pray for these ministries, which serve Anabaptists in France and French-speaking Africa.
- Anabaptist leaders of Latin America who are preparing for the 500-year Anabaptist celebration, which will take place in Cusco, Peru, January 2025. We pray for the necessary resources for this event and for the Peace Summit, which will follow.
- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
 - Kate Widmer (MMN) - France
 - Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) - Ghana, West Africa
 - Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) - Honduras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, October 20, is our annual Harvest Home Sunday celebration. We invite you to bring canned goods, which will be donated to local food banks, or to contribute financially in support of the local meat canning effort and the Orrville chapter of The Salvation Army. Please mark any checks with "Harvest Home." Darius Meraj from Everence Financial will be our guest speaker. He will share his personal story of gratitude for God's guidance and blessings in his life, and we believe you will leave encouraged by his message. There will be a carry-in meal after the service.

We are delighted to announce that Kristen Conrad has accepted the invitation to serve as Oak Grove's Administrative Assistant. We are excited for her to use her many gifts and extensive experience to further the mission of Oak Grove. Please welcome her. Her office hours will be Tuesday from 8AM-2PM, Wednesday 8AM-Noon, and Thursday 8AM-2PM. During the next several months of transition, office hours may vary due to her other work commitments. Feel free to email the office (office@oakgrovemc.org) if you cannot reach Kristen by phone.

The Endowment Committee has granted the following three requests: \$1000 to Toledo Mennonite for their Guns to Gardens program. \$3200 to Central Christian for classroom Bibles. \$1800 to Central Christian for their Capital Campaign renovations. Comments are welcome and can be addressed to any of these committee members: John Lyons, BJ Gerber, Wanda Beattie, Mark Stutzman, Linda Jaquet, and Jen Hartzler.

A huge THANKS to everyone who has already contributed diapers and monetary donations. Your response to this important need is heartwarming. Our Diaper Drive will continue until Harvest Home Sunday on October 20.

What is Christian Nationalism? What does the Bible say about political idolatry? An online short course (no grades, no papers) offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and taught by Drew Strait, professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, will explore these questions in a six-week short course of video meetings. The course will give special attention to defining Christian nationalism, political idolatry, nonviolent civil resistance, and how congregations can resist Christian nationalism today. You can learn more about this opportunity by going online to AMBS.edu and scrolling to Learn & Lead/Leadership & Enrichment. For additional questions contact Paul Miller.

Mennonite Education Agency has partnered with Mennonite Public Educators to offer an opportunity for all public-school educators to gather virtually for a time of mutual support, encouragement and learning! The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 7p.m. ET on Zoom. This meeting's theme is: *How do we, as educators and peacemakers, live out our values in a polarized political environment during an election year?*

From the Fellowship Commission: A Senior brunch is being planned for November 9th at 10:30 AM in the fellowship center for anyone who feels mature enough to attend. In addition to a delicious meal, you'll be included in a game called "What's That Antique?" Please indicate your intention to attend by filling out the reservation forms that can be found on the table in the foyer and placing them in Donna Kratzer's mailbox by Oct. 27th. We hope you'll join us for food, fun, and fellowship!