Hymn of Response: VT 596 Don't Be Afraid

Benediction

"There are many influences that can lead us away from a hope-filled mindset, and there are many degrees of hopelessness. Some difficulties stay with us, are complex, and require professional help, while others are more easily resolved."

- Gerber and Lantz, Comfort and Joy, pg. 49

Invitation to a Practice: Make something edible that holds a dear memory for you. Share it with someone you love and share about the memories that it evokes in you.

Postlude

CALENDAR

This Week:

- Today, Worship: Who is in Charge Here? Pastor Seth
- Sunday, December 8: Worship: Pastor Seth
- Sunday, December 8: Search for the Christ Child 5-7PM
- Monday, December 2: Spiritual Life Commission: 7PM
- Thursday, December 5: Worship Commission: 7PM

Upcoming Events:

• Dec. 15: Messiah Concert - 2:30 pm

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Church WiFi Password (OakGrove-Guest): WelcomeOG

FH WiFi Password: schoolisbestforyou!



Sunday, December 1, 2024

Prelude: Rita Schrock

Welcome: Krista Martin, worship leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

People: our rescuer and Savior,

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence

People: among and within us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: We offer ourselves in worship.

Prayer

Hymns: VT 259 To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

VT 210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel (vs. 1,4,7)

Matt Wenger, song leader

Community Life Announcements – Please sign the welcome pads

Children's Time: Krista Mast

Advent Candle Lighting: Brett Buller & Aaron Miedel

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Hymn: VT 625 Far Above the Noise of Life

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-16, John 18:33-37

Sermon: Who is in Charge Here?

Pastor Seth

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Worship: 151 Offering:

\$4,332.00 - Spending Plan

\$100.00 - Relief Canning, Kidron

\$1400.0 - Central Student Assistance

\$100.00 - Mennonite College Assistance

\$.35 - Primary/Jr SS

MYF Fundraiser Meal:

11/10/24: \$3,894.00, 11/17 Cider, Potato sales: \$229.00

Total: \$4,123.00.

THIS SUNDAY, 12.1.24

Greeters: 9AM Fritz & Ellen Sprunger: 10AM Dan & Linda Jaquet

Nursery: Levi Miller & Aaron Bontrager

NEXT SUNDAY, 12.8.24

Greeters: 9AM Paul & Sherry Miller: 10AM John, Carrie Skarl & family

Nursery: Rita Schrock & Hannah Miedel

Happy Birthday!

1 Rochelle Yoder

6 Dan Wesman

6 Anson Miedel

Please Remember in Prayer:

- Bob Krabill for a heart test on December 5.
- Steve Gill as he recovers from hip and back surgery.
- Debbie Beechy as she recovers from hip surgery.
- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
 - Kate Widmer (MMN) France
 - o Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) Ghana, West Africa
 - o Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) Honduras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Search Committee: Listed below are the dates and times we will be setting up Search. We would appreciate any help you are able to give.

- Monday Dec. 2 at 9:30 am, we will begin to take prop items to the areas they will be used. We will set up the wise men room, Herod room, hang stars, foyer material, etc.
- **Friday, Dec. 4**, at 6:00 pm, we will set up the market place, angel station, marketplace food, FC foyer.
- Sunday, Dec. 8, following church, we will set up the stable, the Inn, luminaries, animal pen, leper and beggar areas.

Nominations for Leadership Selection Committee - Today, the congregation will have the opportunity to nominate persons to join the Leadership Selection Committee. Please complete the nomination form inserted in today's bulletin. The ushers will collect the completed forms during the worship service. - Oak Grove Church Board

Mennonite Women will be meeting on Wednesday, December 4. The hostess is Kay Hostetler and the offering will support Mennonite Women USA.

It is time to set up Messiah risers on Monday, December 9th. We will need help at 9AM to move risers into the church and to remove items from the front of the sanctuary. Then at 6PM, we will need lots of help to set up risers and chairs. Everyone is welcome to help. Thank you, Property Commission

Yule love this! Join MCC for a live, online event on Tuesday, December 3 at 12:00 p.m. EST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at: mcc.org/yule-love-this

Central Christian School's Christmas in the Woods, Saturday, December 7: This luminary walk through Central's woods features unique carols and songs. A 35-member walking group will participate in the tour every 30 minutes beginning at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at www.ccscomets.org.