

# Oak Leaves

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*As a body of believers  
at Oak Grove Mennonite Church,  
we desire to share the love of Christ  
in our community  
and around the world.*

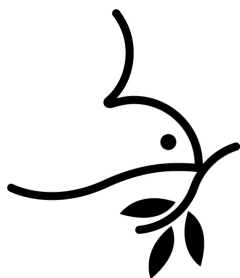
*It is our desire to do that by:  
Sharing the Love of Christ with our  
neighbors and friends.*

*Helping each other with mutual care  
and support.*

*Aiming to provide meaningful  
worship experiences.*

*Responding to the needs of hurting  
persons in our community and  
around the world.*

*Equipping children, youth and  
adults for Christian discipleship and  
ministry.*



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MUTUAL  
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### Anagrams - Places in the Bible

Rule James _____	A leg lie _____
Big one _____	To China! _____
Any blob _____	Chin rot _____
Omit as a poem _____	Seasonal itch _____
A truss _____	Manure cap _____
I'm a Sara _____	Hairy tat _____
Cola idea _____	No herb _____
Babes here? _____	Tipsy school _____
Same pilot _____	Push! See? _____
Space idol _____	Hen vine _____
Heap hid a pill _____	Is a drain _____

Answers found at the end of Oak Leaves.

Sundays:  
9:00 am Traditional/Blended service  
10:15 am Sunday school  
11:15 am Contemporary service  
6:00 pm Youth group meeting

Wednesdays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>):  
7:00 pm A Time for Prayer

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## ***West Liberty Cares***

West Liberty Cares is signing up families who frequent the food pantry to receive Thanksgiving food boxes.

They will be delivered to homes on Nov. 23 by representatives of 9 churches. If you want to help with this project, your donation to West Liberty Cares may be put in the offering or given directly at Peoples Savings.

West Liberty Cares Christmas food boxes will not be delivered this year since all pantry visitors are invited, along with the community, to Christmas Day Dinner at Bethel. As in the past, you may sign up, closer to the date, to help with food for this banquet.

Christmas gifts for children in pantry families will not be delivered to homes this year, either. Instead, area churches will bring unwrapped gifts and wrapping paper/gift bags to the pantry so parents can choose a gift for each child, wrap it and take it home with them. If you want to purchase gifts for children, aged birth to 18, bring them to church starting Nov. 28 until Dec. 19 or to the pantry on Wednesdays (11 AM-2 PM) in Dec. Gift suggestions might be games, puzzles, art or craft kits, watches, jewelry, books, sports equipment, team-logo sweatshirts, hats & gloves, dolls, toy cars, Legos, slippers, baby or toddler toys, Play-dough, etc. If any items are left over, they may be donated to crisis pregnancy centers or other agencies. *Thank you, Anita Bartlett*

**Congratulations and blessings to  
Andy, Lisa, Caleb, Braden and  
TYLER Hershberger!**



Lord, we have stuff. Mountains of stuff. Stuff with knobs and lights, stuff with wheels and engines, stuff with creases and cracks, stuff with doors and hallways, stuff with cushions and armrests, stuff of wood, stuff of plastic, stuff of paper, space-age stuff, state-of-the-art stuff, old-fashioned stuff, fashionable stuff, stuff that leaks and stuff that holds water, wearable stuff and worn-out stuff, stuff that we possess and stuff that possesses us. God, we know this stuff does not save. Give us the stuff of life. That which does not perish or grow rusty or moth-eaten. For it is in the stuff that we treasure that we find our hearts. Let us invest in that which is eternal...That our hearts may be one with God.

*Lawrence Lee*

**Five Smoove Stones** As I was cleaning the bathroom this week, I heard Caleb stomping into the room saying “FEE! FI! FO! FUM” in the lowest and loudest voice he could muster. Little brother Braden was trailing behind him. Soon I heard Caleb’s voice, “Bwaden! Get 5 smoove (smooth) stones and kill me!” Braden replied, “No bwudder! (brother) No bwudder!” Then I heard Caleb saying in his most pleading voice, “PWEASE Bwaden! PWEASE! Just hit me in da head and I will fall down and die!” I peeked around the corner as Caleb was trying to give Braden some toy donuts, hamburgers and scoops of ice cream from their play kitchen to use as “stones”. After Braden continued to refuse to throw the “stones” at his brother, Caleb gave up and just “died” on his own. He fell down onto the floor and closed his eyes. After laying there for a minute, his eyes popped open and he proudly told me, “Mommy, I make a weally good Gowiaf (Goliath)!” Maybe I should teach the boys some new Bible stories that don’t involve throwing stones...!

*Lisa Hershberger*

## **Who am I?**

I was born at my home ~1615 St Rt 507, West Liberty and I grew up there also.

A favorite childhood memory is hooking up the pony to the spring wagon and going to Macachee to swim.

My first job was carrying wood into the kitchen.

I'm currently reading the book Revealed by Tamera Alexander.

Not many people know that I played on the Salem High School Team.

A favorite place to visit is Dallas, Texas, where my daughter Anne lives.

I enjoy watching baseball on TV.

If I had no responsibilities for the entire day, I would spend my time reading.

A favorite passage of the Bible to me is Ephesians 2:8-10 ~ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I appreciate many things about Oak Grove, but especially the pastor and the people.

*(Answer can be found hidden in this issue of the Oak Leaves marked with an \*)*

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .**

- 1 Silas King
- Samantha King
- 3 Darrel King
- Rosie Neer
- 4 Kari Reiger
- 5 Larry Steider
- Margaret Hagar
- 7 Gertie Kuhl
- Isaac Kauffman
- 8 Joe Smucker
- Emily Reminder
- 9 Davi Stoltzfus
- 11 Myron Yoder
- 12 Edith Steider
- 13 Dick Barrett
- Robin Kauffman
- Willie Stoltzfus
- 16 Katie Scott
- Samuel Peraza
- 18 Billie Yoder
- 20 Mike King
- 21 Bekah Kratz
- 23 Orlan Clasen
- 24 Kate Cramer
- Conner Leichty
- Jennifer Overholt
- 25 Shirley Kauffman
- Cathryn Seymour
- 28 Raquel Stoltzfus
- 29 Barbara Hartzler
- Jack Maxwell
- Andrea Kauffman
- Sherrie Yoder
- 31 Abby Siegenthaler

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .**

- 2 Jason & Robin Kauffman
- 6 Willard & Lydia Belle King
- 17 Tony & Cynthia King
- 20 Dwight & Shirley Hostetler
- 23 Dave & Gertie Kuhl
- 24 Joey & Jackie Peraza

## ***Anabaptist Thought***

Christian Wenger's 1755 document to the Pennsylvania Assembly, declared willingness to pledge allegiance to the King, (no president yet at that time) pay taxes, obey the government, and pray for the King and the government. However, it explained Mennonites cannot defend the King, the country or themselves with the sword. Rather than do that, they will suffer the loss of all things, even life itself.

Conrad Grebel's beliefs have endured the tests of time:

1. Free choice. Believers baptism.
2. Separation of church and state.
3. Living in peace.

Taken from the book, Frontiers of Faithfulness  
by A. Grace Wenger

*Esther Witmer*

## ***Devotional***

Then God said, ". . .and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created . . .every winged bird according to its kind. *Gen. 1: 20 & 21*

There are many people throughout the world, indeed in our own communities, perhaps people we know-- friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers--who ask, "How can you believe in God? There is so much evil in the world--hunger, war, hatred." We can give spiritual answers. We can say we believe in the Bible, or we feel God's presence, or we just have faith. But often people want a more tangible answer. Following is one way I might answer:

I am a moderately serious birdwatcher. I have a 'life list', which is a list of all the birds I've seen. My list has 79 different birds, most of which have been seen on our property. (Considering there are 8600 kinds of birds, this is just a drop in the bucket.) There are birds of all sizes, colors, beak shape, and type of song. There are also many different types of nests built and used by these birds. Some build nests in houses, others on the ground, a ledge, under eaves, and of course in trees. Some nests are a mess while others are very neat, and most will withstand the wind and rain. Don and I have had the privilege of locating the nests of several different birds, including the very mundane such as sparrows and robins to the more exciting such as Baltimore orioles, bluebirds, cedar waxwings, and hummingbirds. We have also seen baby birds in the nest including house finches, robins, and hummingbirds. Now a baby hummingbird is a truly amazing sight! This spring we were especially blessed to see a Baltimore oriole pair and a cedar waxwing pair in the process of building their nests. (The oriole nest seems particularly complicated as it hangs from the branch rather than sitting on it.) They had no blueprints, no tools, and no hands or fingers to aid in their nest-building, but yet in a day or two they had completed their nests. Amazing! Two years in a row now we have watched as the Baltimore orioles feed their babies (we couldn't see the babies), and then watched several of the juvenile birds make their first flight. From the building of the nest until all the juveniles had left the nest was a time span of just one month. Absolutely amazing!

As I'm writing this the hummingbirds are in their final days of being Ohio residents. We have again this summer enjoyed watching them as they fly to the right, to the left, up, down, backwards, and even upside down while beating their wings a remarkable 80 times per second. They will soon head south for the winter. In fact, it appears the male hummingbirds have already left as we haven't seen any for several days. They don't all migrate to the same place, but many of them will winter in Central America. And many of those get there by making a non-stop, 500 mile, 18-20 hour flight across the Gulf of Mexico. Miraculous!

So my answer to those who question the existence of God is "Watch the birds. How can you NOT believe in God?"

*Sharon Kauffman*

### **MMA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) has a part-time opening in its Plain City office for an assistant responsible to provide administrative and marketing support to the financial advisor. Qualified candidates will have proficiency in Microsoft Office software; ability to plan own work schedule; possess initiative, organizational skills, and strong communication skills. Must be willing to become licensed in life and health insurance. Prior experience in financial services desired. For more information about the responsibilities and qualifications of this position, please visit our website, [www.mma-online.org](http://www.mma-online.org) and click on "Careers."

Send cover letter and resume to: MMA, PO Box 483, Goshen, IN 46527; Fax: (574) 537-6635; e-mail: [hr@mma-online.org](mailto:hr@mma-online.org).

### ***Answers to puzzle on cover:***

*Rule James – Jerusalem, A leg lie – Galilee, Big one – Gibeon, To China! - Antioch, Any blob – Babylon, Chin rot – Corinth, Omit as a poem – Mesopotamia, Seasonal itch – Thessalonica, A truss – Tarsus, Manure cap – Capernaum, I'm a Sara – Samaria, Hairy tat – Thyatira, Cola idea – Laodicea, No herb – Hebron, Babes here? - Beersheba, Topsy school – Scythopolis, Same pilot – Ptolemais, Push! See? - Ephesus, Space idol – Decapolis, Hen vine – Nineveh, Heap hid a pill – Philadelphia, Is a drain - Sardinia \*Everett Yoder*