

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
February 4, 2018

* Gathering Hymn *Here in this place (vs. 1, 2, 4)* # 6

Welcome, Announcements, and Joys and Concerns

*Please sign the guest book at the end of the pew,
then pass it on to the person next to you.*

Prelude *Blessed Redeemer* –Sankey
*Lighting the peace candle signifies our prayers
for peace and justice around the world.*

* Opening Prayer
The congregation responds in bold

Welcoming God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests. You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family. You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.

You have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love.

Having been welcomed into your family, help us extend this same generous offer to those around us. Challenge us, especially in those times when extending hospitality moves us beyond our comfort zones. Amen.

* Hymn *All Are Welcome* –insert

Children's Story

Kindergarten through fourth graders are now invited to Children's Church

Sharing our offering

Moment for Mission

Offertory *This Way, This Way* –Sankey

* Congregational Response (vs. 1, 5) –Welsey/Glaser

JESUS CHRIST

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace,
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me,
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

Song –Elisabeth Atkinson, Meg Mabus, duet

Being Shaped by God's Word

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:9 (NT, page 235)

Numbers 35:9-15 (OT, page 155)

Luke 7:26-50 (NT, page 66)

Message ***Take nothing for granted: Welcome!***

Prayers of the People

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God of the alien and stranger, You who provided for the protection of the one guilty of a terrible accident:

We stand in awe of people who show hospitality in the midst of sacrifice and betrayal.

**Take us deep into the heart of hospitality.
Help us understand that the generosity the world needs often
demands sacrifice on our part.**

**Be with those who have never known a table blessed by
laughter and welcome, who have seldom heard affirmations,
and who do not know your abiding love.**

**Remind us, O God, that we are to set many tables,
to speak blessings often and to be your love in the world.**

In the name of Christ we pray.

Silence is kept

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn** *For we are strangers no more* # 322

* **Sending**

* **Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you, Sara Blaha, for directing the hymns while Carol is away with our youth. ■

- A nursery is available during the worship service for children five and under.
- For a hearing device, wheelchair, or cushion, please ask the head usher.
- A CD of this morning's service is available upon request. You can also listen to recent sermons at www.oakgrovecob.org.
- Our Meditation Garden invites us to meditate outdoors in all seasons. It is located in our side yard, surrounded by bushes.
- Handicapped Parking Spaces: Because we have a limited number of handicapped parking spaces in our lot, we ask those who are free of mobility challenges to park in the spaces farther away from church entry doors.

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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February 4, 2018

PASTOR

Tim Harvey

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. - Noon

MINISTER OF NURTURE AND MUSIC

Carol Elmore

INSTRUMENTALISTS & OTHER MUSIC WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Joe Blaha, piano

Randall Cronise, organ

OTHERS PROVIDING FOR OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Youth

Children's Story - Beth Shearer

Deacons of the Month - Todd & Rhonda Marcum

Communion Table Arrangements - Altar & Flower Committee

Greeters - Scott & Alli Yingling

Sound Booth Coordinator - Don Pizzullo

Head Usher - Bill Whitlow

Ushers - Youth

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Baby Nursery - Marc & Mary Wilson

Preschool Nursery - Ellen & Laura Phillips

Children's Church - Lisa Newell

Offering Counters - Elizabeth Atkinson,

John King, Jr., Jamie Knox, Dan Lubbs,

Emily Nelson, Sam Phillips, Fred Widdowson

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	2:00 p.m.	Brethren Bowl at Penn Forest Elementary
Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Crafting
	5:30 p.m.	Property Commission
Tue.	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee
Wed.	5:45 p.m.	Church Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Winter Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thur.	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
	2:00 p.m.	Game Day at the church
Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Chip & Jo's (Project WARM)
	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM Wood Delivery
	9:30 a.m.	Staunton Avenue Food Distribution
	12:00 p.m.	Camp Supporter Luncheon
Sun.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service — Handbells play
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Church Board

**If you would like a ride to an activity, please call the church office at 774-3217. For calendar activities, go to www.oakgrovecob.org.



From the District Office:

Pray for **E. B. Shoemaker**, incoming pastor of Hollins Road CoB, who began his full-time ministry there on January 1. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.



From the Church Office for January 28, 2018:

Sunday School - 81	Worship - 140
Received through 1/28 - \$18,067	Backpack - \$99
Budget through 1/28 - \$23,108	Mary Vaughn Memorial - \$50
Received on 1/28 - \$7,414	Rent Receipt - \$945
	Youth - Castañer - \$629

This afternoon is our annual **BRETHREN BOWL** — a flag football game! **We will meet at Penn Forest Elementary School at 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome! Speak with Mike Elmore or Todd Marcum if you have questions.

Our Winter Bible Study continues on Wednesday, February 7. Pastor Tim is teaching on *Loving God and One Another in Difficult Times*, with scripture from 1, 2, and 3 John. We will begin the evening with dinner at 5:45 p.m. (there will be no charge for the meals), then move on to our study at 6:30. There is also a study for the youth, and childcare for the children.

This Saturday, February 10, is Oak Grove's day to help deliver wood for Project WARM. For those who would like to eat breakfast together beforehand, we will meet at Chip & Jo's in Salem at 7:00 a.m. Then we will meet at the woodlot at 8:00 a.m. to load and deliver wood. Children (with adult supervision) and youth are encouraged to come help.

Do you have a talent? Well, we have an opportunity coming up to show us what you got! The Oak Grove Talent Show and Chocolate Extravaganza will take place on **Saturday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.** Sign up today (in the fellowship hall after church) to show off your talent, and on the day of the show bring your favorite chocolate dessert (or any dessert) to share.

