Oak Grove Church of the Brethren January 14, 2018



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

Lighting the peace candle signifies our prayers for peace and justice around the world.

^{*}Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold

In these opening days of 2018, we seek to shape our lives after the pattern of Jesus our Lord, a pattern described to us in 1 Peter 4:1-2:

"Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention...so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God."

^{*}Opening Prayer

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- God of grace, we come with all we have; bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.
 - We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness a world where love rules over all,
 - a world where enemies embrace,
 - a world where distinctions between friend and foe evaporate in the light of your love.
 - We dedicate this hour of worship to you and to your kingdom come. Amen.

*Hymn	Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing	# 521
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Children's Story

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

Sharing our offering

Moment for Mission Offertory

Being Shaped by God's Word

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Scripture Reading		1 Peter 4:7 (N	IT, page 235)
		Matthew 6:9-13	(NT, page 6)
Anthem (514)	Lord, I Am Fond	dly, Earnestly Longing	g
		–Hoff	man/Pollack
Message	lessage Take nothing for granted: Pray		anted: Pray!
Responding to God's call Commissioning of new deacons Ronald and Stephanie Robinson Marc and Mary Wilson			
Congregational	Response Th	he Lord's Prayer	–insert
[*] Hymn	Be thou my visio	on (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)	# 545

*Sending

*Choral Benediction (1133) Christ be in my mind

–St. Teresa of Avila/Helfrich

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Everyone is invited to the after-church fellowship in the social hall

- 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 <u>www.oakgrovecob.org</u>.
- Our Meditation Garden invites us to meditate outdoors in all seasons. It is located in our side yard, surrounded by bushes. It has benches, a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, and a plaque of the Prayer of St. Francis.
- 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. This will help ensure that all drivers or passengers with limited mobility have the easiest and most welcoming possible entry into our church.

A conversation between Gandalf and Frodo The Lord of the Rings

- Frodo: I wish the ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened.
- Gandalf: So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to do is decide what to do with the time that is given to us. There are other forces at work in this world, Frodo, besides the will of evil. Bilbo was meant to find the ring—in which case, you, also, were meant to have it. And that is an encouraging thought.



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January 14, 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 - Gina Hawkins Children's Story - Mike Hanger Deacons of the Month - Mike & Sharon Hanger Communion Table Arrangements - Altar & Flower Committee Greeters - Garland & Rena' Brown Sound Booth Coordinator - Don Pizzullo Head Usher - Bill Whitlow Ushers - Mike Elmore, Dave Jones, Todd Marcum, Sam Phillips

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Baby Nursery - Kathie Robinson, Rena' Brown Preschool Nursery - Randall Eakin & Lisa Newell Offering Counters - Elizabeth Atkinson, John King, Jr., Jamie Knox, Dan Lubbs, Emily Nelson, Sam Phillips, Fred Widdowson

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Sun.	6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee
Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Crafting
Tue.	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Handbells Ministry & Worship Commission
Wed.	5:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Dinner Winter Bible Study Choir
Thur.	12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Backpack Game Day at the church
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High overnight (will register for NYC)
Sun.	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service

**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 *the ministry of Mount Joy CoB* in Botetourt County as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of their congregation in 2018. Let us give thanks to God for the vision of those who saw the possibilities in their day, for the faithfulness to respond during the intervening years, and for the ongoing call to mission and ministry that is before us. **Monday, January 15, is the deadline for the February newsletter!** Submit your articles online at oakgrovecob.org, or place them in the *VISITOR* box in the library. Articles not received by the deadline will be included in the next month's newsletter.

The Ministry & Worship Commission will have their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Our Winter Bible Study begins this Wednesday, January 17. Pastor Tim will be 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 will also be a study for the youth, and childcare will be provided for those younger.

Game Day — We had so much fun playing games last Thursday, we decided to make it a weekly event. From now through March, we will meet in the fellowship hall on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to play games and have fun! Join us!

Offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up. They are located on a table across the hall from the church office. If there is not a box with your name and you wish to have envelopes, speak with Elizabeth Atkinson or Emily Nelson, or call the church office.

From the Church Office for January 7, 2018:

Sunday School - 67

Worship - 117

Received through 1/7 - \$4,573 Budget through 1/7 - \$ Received on 1/7 - \$4,573