

# Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

January 7, 2018

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\* **Gathering Hymns** (1119) *Come and fill our hearts* (choir) –Berthier  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary* (cong.) # 1128

## 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** (hymn # 444)

We gather for worship on this first Sunday of a new year. It is a time of new beginnings, a time to remember who we are and whose we are. Hear these words of Scripture, and promise again to follow Jesus...

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

**Congregational Response:** *Lord, I want to be a Christian*, v. 1

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love....God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another (1 John 4:7, 9-11).

**Congregational Response:** *Lord, I want to be a Christian*, v. 2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2).

**Congregational Response:** *Lord, I want to be a Christian*, v. 3

**Children's Story** (♪ "Lord, I want to be like Jesus")

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

## Sharing our offering

\* **Congregational response** *Great is the Lord* (vs. 1) # 87

## Being Shaped by God's Word

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 4:1-7 (NT, page 234)

**Hymn** *Count well the cost* –insert

**Message** *The end is near: Live!*

**Pastoral Prayer**

## Receiving new members

Tess Anderson  
Milton and Janet Hartman  
Bob and Sherry Milliron

\* **Congregational Response:** We welcome you with joy and affection into this household of faith. We pledge to you our help, our prayers, our concern, that we may all increase in the knowledge and love of God. We trust God for strength to follow with you in Christ's way, keeping together the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## Sharing Communion together

\* **Hymn** *God of grace, and God of glory* # 366

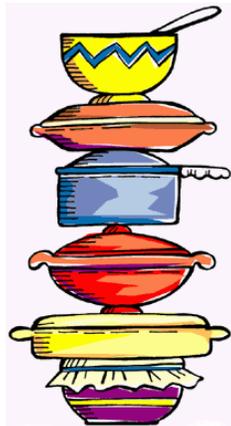
\* **Sending**

\* **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 [www.oakgrovecob.org](http://www.oakgrovecob.org).
- 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.



Help Needed!!

**Winter Bible Study**  
**January 17, 24, & 31**  
**February 7**

Volunteers are needed to help with meal coordination, preparation, and cleanup during our Winter Bible Study. If you are able to help, please fill out the form below and give it to Pam Conner, or give her a call.

Please circle the position and date in which you would like to serve:

**Meal Coordinator**

January 17    January 24    January 31    February 7

**Meal Preparation**

January 17    January 24    January 31    February 7

**Cleanup Crew**

January 17    January 24    January 31    February 7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
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**January 7, 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 - Tim Harvey  
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

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

Baby Nursery - Beth Shearer & Joan Simpson  
Preschool Nursery - Rhonda Marcum & Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson  
Offering Counters - Elizabeth Atkinson,  
John King, Jr., Jamie Knox, Dan Lubbs,  
Emily Nelson, Sam Phillips, Fred Widdowson

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

- Mon. 9:00 a.m. Crafting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth prepare dinner for N. Area Ministers Mtg.
- 5:30 p.m. Property
- Tue. 5:30 p.m. Handbells
- Wed. 7:00 p.m. Choir
- Thur. 12:30 p.m. Backpack
- 2:00 p.m. Games and fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Workcamp pre-registration pizza party
- Sat. 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Chip & Jo's (for Project WARM)
- 8:00 a.m. Project WARM wood delivery
- 9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9:30 a.m. Staunton Avenue Food Distribution
- Sun. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Seekers' Class Open House
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

\*\*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](http://www.oakgrovecob.org).

**From the District Office:**

Pray for Tabitha Rudy, a member of Ninth Street CoB and the Interim Associate District Executive for the Virlina District, whose ordination is scheduled for this afternoon. Pray that we will support, encourage, and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

**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.

**The craft group will begin meeting on Monday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.** There are multiple skills needed to help with the projects. New ideas are also welcome, as well as new people. Come be a part of the fellowship, even if you cannot stay the whole time.

**Do you enjoy table games?** Bring your favorite game or games and come to the church on **Thursday, January 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** for fellowship and games. The snow date will be Thursday, January 18. All ages are invited, including your friends.

**Oak Grove's next date to help with Project WARM is Saturday, January 13.** For those who would like to eat breakfast together, we will meet at Chip and Jo's at 7:00 a.m., then meet up at the woodlot at 8:00 a.m. Children (with adult supervision) and youth are encouraged to help. Speak with Nancy Hylton if you would like more information.

**There will be a Red Cross blood drive at Oak Grove on Saturday, January 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to give blood, you may sign up on the Red Cross website, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), or call Karin Musselman.

**On Sunday, January 14, the Seekers Class will host their 5th Annual Open house at 9:45 a.m.,** during the Sunday School hour. If you are not already involved in a Sunday School class, we hope you will come by and check out our class! We are located on the 2nd floor of the education wing, and the welcome mat will be out in front of our door. Should we have bad weather on January 14 and are unable to have Sunday School, our snow date will be January 28.

**From the Church Office for December 31, 2017:**

Sunday School - 56	Worship - 105
Received through 12/31 - \$286,877	Mildred Hipps Memorial - \$50
Budget through 12/31 - \$297,167	
Received on 12/31 - \$12,514	