Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
November 24, 2019

*Calling In Hymn — Praise God from whom # 118

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

Prelude — Prelude on KRESMER — Rose
Lighting the peace candle symbolizes our hopes and our prayers for peace in our lives, our community, and the world.

*Call to Worship — The congregation responds in bold.

We give thanks today to God who called us out of darkness and into God’s marvelous light.

We give thanks today for Jesus, who died on the cross so that we would have eternal life.

We give thanks today to God for every blessing; may our words and deeds tell everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

We give thanks today with joy-filled songs, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

*Hymn — Come, ye thankful people # 94

Children’s time
Children, kindergarten through 4th grade, may go back to the nursery, participate in Children’s Church, or stay with their caregiver.

Sharing our offerings
Call to Giving — Prison Postage Offering
Offertory — Offertory in G — Brough
*Response — Give thanks (no repeats) # 1030

Anthem — Revelation 19 — LaValley/arr. Schrad

Hearing from God’s Word
Message — Thankful for the cross of Christ

*Hymn — Crown him with many crowns (omit vs. 3) # 116

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord’s prayer
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn — Now thank we all our God # 86

* Benediction — Please stand as you are able.

Everyone is invited to the after-church fellowship in the social hall.
Children/Youth Christmas Program

Come out to Oak Grove at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, as our children and youth present their Christmas program. Practices are taking place in the fellowship hall on Sundays, during children’s church. There will also be a practice on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. (during Bible study). Dress rehearsal will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, in the sanctuary.

We hope you will plan to attend this evening of joy and fellowship, and stay for the potluck meal that will follow.

The Tree of Love is an opportunity for you to bring mittens, scarfs, hats, and socks to be donated to those in need during the Christmas season through the Salvation Army and the Rescue Mission. The tree will be set up next Sunday outside the fellowship hall doors. You may hang your donated items on the tree.

Another way of helping is to bring items for the Salvation Army stockings. The youth will stuff 50 stockings after worship on December 15. Containers for your donations will be located outside the fellowship hall. (Watch for the December/January newsletter in your email this week, as it will have a list of items that can be donated for this.)

Special Offerings in November and December

November 17 and 24: Prison Postage
Prison Postage offering is a long-time Oak Grove ministry that provides postage stamps for persons in the Roanoke City jail. Separation from family members is especially challenging during the holiday season, and the gift of postage stamps helps people remain connected to their families.

December 1 and 8: Virlina Achievement
This is a special offering to the ministries of the Virlina District and Camp Bethel. The ministries represented in this offering add significant spiritual opportunities to our congregational life.

December 15 and 22: World Mission
The Church of the Brethren World Mission Offering highlights relationships with international partners and churches, supporting ministries like Brethren Volunteer Service and Global Mission.

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PASTOR
Tim Harvey

MINISTER OF NURTURE AND MUSIC
Carol Elmore

INSTRUMENTALISTS
Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

OTHERS PROVIDING FOR OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Worship Leader - Dan Lubbs
Children’s Story - Carol Elmore
Deacons of the Month - Jamie & Deanna Knox
Greeters - Roger & Joan Simpson
Communion Table Arrangements - Joan Simpson
Head Usher - Bill Whitlow

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS
Baby Nursery - Carol Hambleton & Rena’ Brown
Preschool nursery - Randall Eakin & Susan Lindsey
Children’s Church - Children’s Play Practice
Offering Counters - Elizabeth Atkinson,
John King, III, Jamie Knox, Dan Lubbs,
Emily Nelson, Sam Phillips, Fred Widdowson
THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:

Today          Prison Postage Sunday
    7:00 p.m.      Community Thanksgiving Service at Windsor Hills UMC
Mon.          8:30 a.m.     Walk & Talk
               12:30 p.m.     Backpack
Tue.          5:30 p.m.     Handbells
Wed.          8:30 a.m.     Walk & Talk
Thur.         Church Office Closed
Fri.          5:30 p.m.     Meal at Famous Anthony’s, then decorate Chrismon tree
               8:00 a.m.     Project WARM wood delivery
Sun.          Virlina Achievement Offering
               9:45 a.m.     Sunday School
               11:00 a.m.    Worship Service
               4:00 p.m.     Licensing service for Gina Wright-Hawkins

**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.
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From the District Office:  Pray for Francie W. Cole, Director of Information Technology and Director of Building and Grounds at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland. Let us give thanks to God for the commitment of those who serve unseen, but not unimportantly, in the ministry and mission of the church.

From the Church Office for November 17, 2019:

Sunday School - 84    Worship - 113
Received through 11/17 - $245,595    To Do Something - $1,000
Budget through 11/17 - $277,012    Bazaar - $25
Received on 11/17 - $4,339    Prison Postage - $47

The Community Thanksgiving Service is today, 7:00 p.m., at Windsor Hills UMC. Gina Wright-Hawkins will preach. The offering taken will support the Roanoke City Jail Ministry and RAM House. For those wishing to be part of the choir, practice will be at 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided during the service.

Pastor Tim will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week.

There will be no Bible study this Wednesday. The final week of Fall Bible Study will be on Wednesday, December 4.

Chrismon Tree Decorating—In preparation for the Advent season, the Chrismon tree will be set up and decorated this Friday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. Adults who would like to help are welcome to participate. If you would like to eat at Famous Anthony's prior to decorating, we will meet there at 5:30 p.m. Let Rena' Brown know that you plan to come so we can save a seat for you.

Come out to the woodlot on Saturday, November 30, to help load and deliver wood for Project WARM. We will meet at the woodlot in Salem (1301 Indiana Street) at 8:00 a.m. Children, with adult supervision, and youth are encouraged to help. Contact Nancy Hylton if you have questions.

The licensing service for Gina Wright-Hawkins will be Sunday, December 1, at 4:00 p.m. We hope you will all plan to be here and show your love and support for her.

On December 1 (next Sunday), R. U. Noteworthy will sing a couple of sacred carols during worship AND will sing some of their secular Christmas music during our snack time following worship. R. U. Noteworthy is a co-ed a cappella singing group from Radford University, co-founded by Amanda Marcum. We asked them back after such a wonderful response to their concert in October.

Joyful Hearts will have their annual Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 2, 12:30 p.m. at the Liberty Station in Bedford. If you would like to carpool, please let Sarah King or Rena' Brown know. We plan to leave the church at 11:15 a.m.

Please RSVP to Sarah King by TODAY, so she can get a count of the number of people going.