Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
September 29, 2019

Calling in hymn  Help us to help each other  # 362

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  Jesus Brings Light and Life  –Koury  
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.

How can we create margin in our lives to better love one another? Let us consider the Scripture:

From Philippians 2:  
Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:
   Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing, he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.

From Romans 12  
Don’t pretend that you love others. Really love them. Love with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.
   When God’s children are in need, be the one to help them out. And get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner. Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as is possible.

From 1 Corinthians 13  
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
   Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way.

Hymn  Will you let me be your servant  # 307

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  
How will we act toward others? We could taunt our neighbors, or we could treat them to a warm welcome. We could mock those who are different from us, or we could affirm them as family. We could hold on tightly to our resources, or we could share them joyously and lovingly with others.
   As we give, let the attitudes of our heart be in sync with the actions of our lives.

Offertory  I Need Thee  –arr. Phillips

Response  All praise to thee, my God  # 658, v. 4

Anthem  I Surrender All/Take My Life

Hearing from God’s Word  
Scripture  John 13:2-17 (NT, p. 107)
Message  Practicing Servant Discipleship

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn  For Christ and the church  # 416

Benediction  Please stand as you are able.
HELP NEEDED
Heritage Day 2019: October 5th

Heritage Day is camp’s most important fund-raising event, providing 6% of camp’s total annual funding! Oak Grove Church of the Brethren has supported this event for many years by providing a cobbler booth. Jamie and Deanna Knox are coordinating the booth this year and need help with set-up, shifts to serve cobblers, and clean-up. Please see them to sign up for these shifts.

In the fellowship hall is a sign-up sheet for cobblers for that day, or speak with Pam Conner or Stephanie Robinson.

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Fall Bible Study

It’s that time of year again for Wednesday Night Bible Study and meals. The dates are October 23 and 30, November 6, 13, and 20, and December 4.

We need people to help prepare, serve, and clean up. For those preparing the meal, the church will provide the main dish/meat, and the preparers will be responsible for sides, drinks, and dessert.

Please see Pam Conner or Rachel Mabe if you are interested in helping prepare, serve, or clean up for any of these dates.
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

**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.**

Join us on **Tuesday, October 8**, for **caroling**. We will **meet at Firehouse Subs at noon** to eat lunch, then at 1:00 we will carpool to 2-3 homes to sing hymns for some folks who can’t easily get out to church. Come share a joyful noise!

The Roanoke Valley **CROP Hunger Walk** is a community led fundraising event to end hunger. This will be held on **Sunday, October 13**, starting at **1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**. You can register to walk or donate online. Go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) and select the team choice for Oak Grove Church of the Brethren. If you would like a donation envelope or brochure, or if you have questions about the CROP Walk, see John King, III.

**Baby Shower** — You are invited to a baby shower for Brooke Harmon on **Sunday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m., in the church fellowship hall**. Gloria and Mark’s next grandchild is a girl, and we are excited to help Brooke and Brian prepare to welcome their daughter!

**Concert at Oak Grove!!** R. U. Noteworthy, Radford University’s only co-ed a cappella group (co-founded by Amanda Marcum) will be in concert here on **October 13 at 6:00 p.m.** A reception will follow.

On **Thursday, October 24**, the Joyful Hearts will meet at Peters Creek Church of the Brethren at 10:30 a.m. to view their historical room. Peters Creek is the mother church for all the CoB churches in Roanoke County. David Shumate, who has a vast knowledge of the Church of the Brethren, will be our speaker. **We will meet at Lydia’s Kitchen afterward for lunch.**

**Our October Love Feast will take place on Sunday, the 27th, at 5:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided.**

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**From the District Office:** **Pray for Jim Miner**, Yearbook Specialist for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois, as he serves on behalf of Christ and the church. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together.

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**From the Church Office for September 22, 2019:**

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