

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
January 8, 2023

*Calling in Hymn *Great is Thy faithfulness* # 327

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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Burkhardt

*Call to Worship

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The congregation responds in bold.

Baptized to begin lives of faith,
**we bear witness to all you do
in our communities, in our midst, in our world.**
Baptized to serve,
**we speak up for the voiceless;
we bring justice to those who have none.**
Baptized to speak,
**we heal, and not hurt;
we bless, and not curse.**
Baptized to do what is right,
**we will not play favorites,
but treat each as your Beloved.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Our God, you call us and make us your own. We stand at the leading edge of a new year, having turned the page on our calendars and recognizing the blank slate of possibilities before us.

Before we walk into the future, we remember:

We remember our baptism, and give thanks for hearing your call to, “Come, follow me.”

We remember those called to ministry, and give thanks for those who have taught and counseled and challenged us.

We remember those who cared for children,
those who visited the sick, those who prepared meals,
and others who serve your church out of love.

Create in us a faith to continue your work in our times.

Amen.

*Hymn *Move in our midst* # 418

Children’s Story Martha Gregory

Recognizing Bill Pugh for 51 years of Ordained Ministry
Bruce Huffman, Virlina District Ministry Commission

Choir *I will Sing a Sunday Song* insert

Offering

Call to Giving

Offertory *Episode on Dunlap's Creek* arr. Paxton

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture John 17:6-21
Message *Jesus’ prayer for us*

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 *Bless’d be the tie that binds* # 421

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for after church fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	1:00 p.m.	Church Board
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
	6:00 p.m.	Northern Area Ministers
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Dennis Shearer, recovery from chemo
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Misty King, heart surgery recovery
Alice Foutz, recovering from stroke
Kris Tilley-Lubbs, recovering from car accident

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (1/1)

Worship- 65 (in person); 15 (online) = 80
Received on 1/1- \$ 11,282.70

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Sharon Hanger, Madison Cianelli
Worship leader (1/15) Ashley Tatum

Nursery worker Alli Yingling & Lisa Newell
Nursery workers (1/15) Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson &
Kris Tilley-Lubbs

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo
Evan Jacobs
Eli Raymond



PARENTS of 1st-5th graders! Carol Elmore will be teaching a Faith Discovery Sunday School Class on what it means to follow Jesus on Jan 15, 22, and 29 from 10-10:45.

We will meet upstairs beside the youth room for SS. We will talk about Jesus, baptism, Oak Grove, a little about the wider CoB. We will use games, charts, and stories to share Biblical understandings. Join us!

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



Find us on Facebook:
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Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? You may contribute via the Tithely app on your smartphone.



We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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I Will Sing a Sunday Song
Pepper Choplin

I will sing a Sunday song, but not one day in seven. I'll sing
the music all week long to touch the world with heaven.

For praise is not a time or place, it is a way of living,
responding to God's love and grace by loving and
forgiving.

Come and sing the Sunday song; raise the music all life
long. Sing the joy of your salvation; live in celebration.

I will sing a Sunday song, but not one day in seven. I'll sing
the music all week long to touch the world with heaven.

Come sing, come sing, come sing, now and sing a song of
victory for there's no use in waiting. With Christ as Lord
each day will be a time for celebrating.

Come and sing the Sunday Song; raise the music all life
long. Sing the joy of your salvation; live in celebration.

We will sing a Sunday song; the voice will never waver as
God will help us sing it strong to praise His name forever,
to praise His name forever, to praise His name forever,
forever, and ever and ever.