

# OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

\*Calling in Hymn      *Come, thou fount*      # 521  
(verses on insert)

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude      *He Will Hold Me Fast*      arr. Kingsmore  
(Julie Hall-piano)

### \*Call to Worship

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*The congregation responds in bold*

We are called to love God with our hearts.

**We will do so, when we welcome those tossed aside by the world.**

We are called to love God with our souls.

**We will do so, when the brokenness around us transforms us into more compassionate people.**

We are called to love God with our minds.

**We will do so, when we think less of our needs, and see each person as our neighbor, our sister, our brother.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Merciful God, when our desire to write you into our story tempts us to edit out the parts that are hard to hear, stop us, before we have too firm a grip on the eraser.

**May we allow ourselves instead to be written into your story, listening for the rhythm and rhyme of grace, the accent of your activity in this world, the confirmation of your calling us to pick up our cross and follow you.**

Expand our hearts, that we would love to tell your story more today...and even more tomorrow!

\*Hymn      *Wonderful grace of Jesus* (vs. 1, 3)      # 150

Children's Story      Lynette Harvey

Anthem      *I Shall Not be Moved*      Spiritual

### Hearing from God's Word

Scripture      Psalm 1 (OT, p. 489)  
Message      ***Stewardship: investing in the way God leads***

### Call to Giving

*To make an online contribution, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      arr. Smith/Hustad  
(Julie Hall, Stephen Wills-duet)

\*Response      *Glorify be to the Father*      # 127

### 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      *Lord, thou dost love*      # 387

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction      *God Be With You*      Rankin/Tomer

### \*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

## PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)  
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)  
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health & Rehab)  
Gladis Lehman (Friendship Manor)  
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)  
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment  
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer treatment  
Ralph Petcher, at Friendship North  
Glenn Clements, recovering from surgery  
Brent White, blood pressure issues

## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



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Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially?  
Scan this QR code to contribute to via Tithely.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

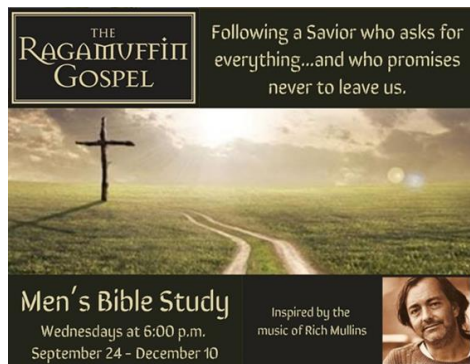


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## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Handbells
	5:30 p.m.	Men's Dinner & Devotions
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Drew Hart at Rke. College
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Drew Hart at Oak Grove
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Annual Conf. Wrap-up
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Oak Grove Families (with children 0-5th graders)  
FALL COOKOUT at the YINGLINGS'



## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Minister of Nurture and Music</b>
Tim Harvey	Carol Elmore
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### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ  
Joe Blaha, piano

### Worship leader

Graeme Robinson  
Dave Jones (September 28)

### Infant Nursery

Teresa Broyles & Robin Craighead  
Tina Angle & Randall Eakin (September 28)

### Childcare

Trenton and Kristin Marcum & Cooper Purcell  
Lisa Newell, Anna Hosey & Cooper Purcell (September 28)

### Head Usher

Bill Hall

### Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

### Deacon of the Month

Julie Carroll and Deacons

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (9/14)

Sunday School- 46

Worship- 102 (in person); 8 (online) = 110

Women's Faith Study Group- 13

Offering- \$ 3,374.00; \$ 1,045.00 (online) = \$ 4,419.00

## **Come, thou fount**

1. *Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's changing love.*

2. *What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and grief to bear,  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.*

3. *Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power  
While we try to preach the word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.*