

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
OCTOBER 26, 2025
A "NOTE" OF THANKS TO JOE BLAHA

Introit *Soli Deo* David Waggoner
(*Soli Deo Gloria* – To God alone be the glory!)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In Praise of a Persistent God* Dr. Joseph L. Blaha

***Call to Worship**

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The congregation responds in bold

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts that are open to God's love, with lives that seek
to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise,
who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

**Our God, we gather in your presence with expectation, hungry to
encounter you, eager to hear your Word. Open our eyes and ears to
the presence of your Holy Spirit.**

**May your word challenge us today as it did the saints of old. In the
challenge of Scripture, create within us the courage to allow your Spirit
to shape and transform us, that we may love Jesus more perfectly and
completely.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord.
Amen.**

***Hymn** *Lord, You sometimes speak* # 594

Children's Story

Lynette Harvey

Special Music *A Meditative Dialogue* Dr. Joseph L. Blaha
(Julee Hickcox - piccolo; Sam Phillips – viola; Stephen Wills - organ)

Call to Giving

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Offertory Hymn *When in our music God is glorified* # 44

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Hebrews 4:12-13 (NT, p. 220)

Message *Stained Glass Sermons, #5 Bible, cross, dove*

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** *Strong, righteous man of Galilee*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*
**Please stand as you are able*



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PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)
Gladis Lehman (Friendship Manor)
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer treatment
Ralph Petcher, recovering at home
Kitty Kurtz, recovering from surgery
Jake Keating, recovering from surgery

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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.



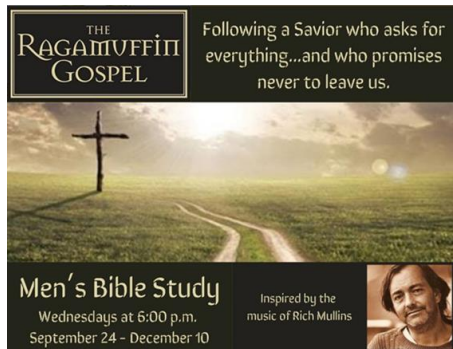
Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Potluck & Council Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Handbell practice Men's Dinner & Devotionals
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Homecoming Service (insert)



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (10/19)

Sunday School- 42
 Worship- 95 (in person); 11 (online) = 106
 Men's Bible Study- 8
 Women's Faith Study- 11
 Bazaar Total- \$ 4,042.65
 Offering- \$ 3,369.50; \$ 820.00 (online) = \$ 4,189.50

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Minister of Nurture and Music
Tim Harvey	Carol Elmore
pastortim@oakgrovecob.org	elmores24153@gmail.com

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
 Joe Blaha, piano
 Sam Phillips, viola
 Ronald Robinson, string bass

Worship leader

Connie Bierly
 Tim Harvey (November 2)

Infant Nursery

Robin Craighead and Carolyn Morris
 Pam Conner and Julie Carroll (November 2)

Childcare

Lisa Newell, Anna Hosey and Cooper Purcell
 Lisa Newell, Amanda Leddy and Cooper Purcell (November 2)

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Acolyte

Aria Duncan

Deacon of the Month

Milton & Janet Hartman