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**DEADLINE FOR
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER 15**

**NEWSLETTER
COMMITTEE:**

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Emily Nelson

**CHURCH OFFICE
SECRETARY HOURS:**
Monday-Friday
9:00-2:00 p.m.

THE VISITOR

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2138 McVitty Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24018



October Sermon Schedule

October 5- Stained Glass Sermons 2: Basin and towel
John 13:1-7
World Communion Sunday – Love Feast

October 12- Stained Glass Sermons 3: Dove, wheat,
cup, grapes 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

October 19- Stained Glass Sermons 4: Pitcher of oil
James 5:13-18

October 26- Stained Glass Sermons 5: Bible, cross, dove
Hebrews 4:12-13

October 26, 2025

**Potluck and Church
Council Meeting
following Worship.**



MUNCH BUNCH



October
15, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**Contact Jan Grisso to
sign-up!**

Church News

Prayer concerns since the last Visitor:

- ...Ralph Petcher, recovering from bypass surgery.
- ...Dea Underwood, heart issues
- ...Glenn Clements, recovering from shoulder surgery
- ...Carol Leddy, running tests
- ...Bill Fowler, recovering from infection
- ...Jan Grisso, knee replacement surgery
- ...Vicki Turner, surgery on toe

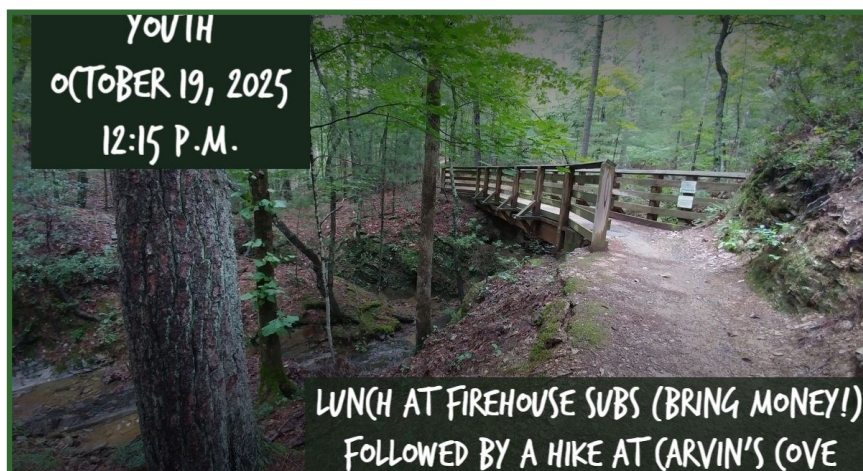


Happy Birthday

- 1- Tyler Chumbley
- 3- Brent White
- 4- Paxton Sutphin
- 4- Cooper Purcell
- 6- Julie Ann Pullen
- 9- Diane Tyler
- 10- Craig Wallace
- 12- Dan Hylton
- 15- Jan Grisso
- 16- Lowell Foutz
- 19- Clara Miculupo
- 22- Michaela Tyler
- 27- Charlie Purcell

Happy Anniversary

- 4- Milton & Janet Hartman
- 6- Dennis & Carole Ferguson
- 12- David & Margie Twigg
- 24- Mark & Jonna Detweiler



MONTHLY OUTREACH September

- Three individuals assisted through our Good Samaritan Fund.
- Food for two families through our Food Pantry.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace built 60 beds!
- Backpack is delivering 16 bags weekly!



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Friday, Oct 10th: 40 bed build with Moore's Electrical & Mechanical. This build is in Altavista, VA and will pre-cut the lumber and build all on the same day.

Saturday, Oct 18th: 20 bed build with Ensemble Health Partners. This is a National company with over 11,000 employees based in Cincinnati, OH. They have decided to partner with SHP across the country. Build is at 1409 S Colorado St. Salem, VA 24153.

FALL Bazaar

Saturday
Oct.
18

8 am to 3:00 pm

**Baked goods, produce and canned goods in
the Country Store, pottery, quilts,
wooden crafts, dog coats and
other crafts for sale!**

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

2138 McVitty Road SW - Behind Starbucks

Community Festival!

All activities FREE!



**Bounce house 10-2 pm
Lunch 11:30-12:30 pm
Pumpkin painting 12:45-2 pm
Music 1-2 pm
and more!**

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
BY  **CWS**



**END HUNGER ONE
STEP AT A TIME**

THE ROANOKE VALLEY

CROP HUNGER WALK



YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES



**NUTRITIOUS
FOOD**



**CLEAN
WATER**



**SAFE
HOMES**



SIGN-UP, START A TEAM, OR DONATE TODAY AT
CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG/ROANOKEVA



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
REGISTRATION AND KIT BUILDING: 1:30PM
SEND-OFF: 2:00PM



FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2101 JEFFERSON ST SW, ROANOKE VA

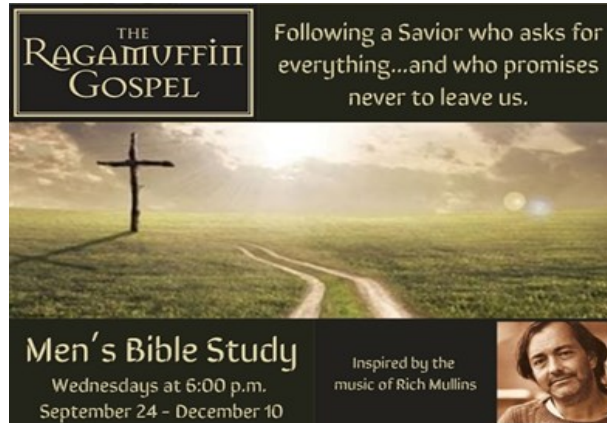


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Contact Susan Simmons or Evan Jacobs for more information.

Men's Bible Study Schedule

- October 8** Creed — Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-7
October 15 Love of God — Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 15:11-32
October 22 Calling out your name — Psalm 19:1-4
October 29 Dinner and devotions (5:30 p.m.)



Women's Faith Study Group
9:30 a.m. on Thursdays
Meeting in the fellowship hall



Bridge Builders
"Loving our neighbors as ourselves" Luke 10:27
Community
Worship Service
Saturday, October 11
At Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

Coffee Fellowship
Starting at 9 a.m.
Worship from
9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Bridge Builders is a Roanoke Valley group with the goal to bring people of faith together to praise God, celebrate our differences, and get to know and understand each other better. They plan different activities and events throughout the year and Oak Grove COB is always invited. Please contact [Randall Eakin](#) for more information.

Camp Bethel News



Camp Bethel's 41st Annual Heritage Day Festival is Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.. This festival is **FREE** for **EVERYONE** to attend, and 100% of all church sales of food, crafts, activities benefit the programs and operations of Camp Bethel! Free parking, free entry!

Oak Grove will have the cobbler booth. Contact [Kathie Robinson](#) or [Shelly Haas](#) for more information!

October 16, 2025 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Pumpkin Carving and Fall Fun!! Bring your own pumpkin and spend time carving or painting! Snack on some Fall foods and enjoy other Fall activities and music!



Can't join the Trek-or Treat?

Donations of candy/treats are welcome to help supplement!

Feel free to drop off donations during Camp Bethel office hours: Weekdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.





Camp Bethel Workday

We need your help to prepare Camp Bethel for the winter season! Reserve your 7:30 a.m. free breakfast and 1:00 p.m. free lunch by October 29, 2025. Use the worklist to find a project suitable for you and your team. *Camp Bethel will provide printed copies of the worklist on tables in the Ark Dining Hall.*

Announcements:

1. Meals at the Ark: Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Lunch 1:00 p.m.. Wash or sanitize your hands before touching anything.
2. Guests on site include youth retreats in Heritage, the Gym, and the A-Frames.
3. Please **BE SAFE** while working today. Watch for falling limbs and debris during chainsaw work. Wear protective gear; be cautious; help each other; drive slowly. ***Climb ladders only with spotters; be safe and don't overreach; only adults (age 18 +) on ladders, only adults use power tools.***
4. Cleaning supplies are in the "Cleaning Closet" which is the middle door beside the Trading Post.
5. Questions? Call the Camp Bethel Office: 540-992-2940.

Menus:

7:30 a.m. FREE Breakfast = biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled Eggs, sausage patties, options bar, water, juice, coffees & hot teas.

1:00 p.m. FREE Lunch = baked potatoes with chili & fixings, chips & cheese, orange slices, mixed greens salad w/ dressings, chocolate chip cookies, lemonade, water, coffees & hot teas.

Click [here](#) to register for meals!

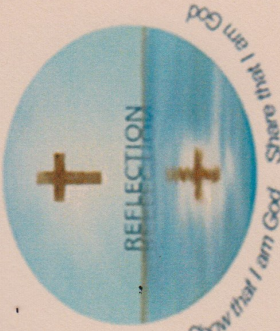
2025 Virgina District Conference

VALLEY CHURCH
ROANOKE, VA

November 14 & 15

Join us for worship Friday night, and music, voting, business sessions, Church of the Brethren reports, exhibits and fellowship on Saturday.

Be Still and know that I am God
Psalm 46:10



• FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 •

Ministers, Spouses, and Friends Dinner 5:15 PM

The Annual Dinner for Ministers, Spouses and Friends will take place at Valley Church 8100 Angel Ln, Roanoke, VA 24019). Food is catered by Mt. Union COB Youth Catering. Guest speaker will be (Don Fiskee, Moderator), **Reservations are due October 21**. Check-in starts at 4:45. The meal is **\$15.00/person** and begins at 5:15 PM. (Preregistered onsite childcare is 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Bring a packed supper and drink for an indoor picnic.)

Conference Registration

Delegates register by **September 30** with **\$30.00** fee made out to: Virgina District
3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.
Non-delegates may request report booklets by September 30.
Supplies limited on-site.

Praise and Worship 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Worship Leader: Naomi Powers, Daleville

Child-care from 6:45 – 8:15. Please pack snacks for children.

• SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 •

Registration 7:45 - 8:15 AM

Delegates will be sitting in the designated area on the main floor of the theater-style sanctuary. Nondelegates will have ample seating in elevated seats behind the delegates. Everyone is welcome to attend District Conference. Congregations will be mailed report booklets and asked to distribute to each delegate. *Delegates are expected to bring report booklets to sessions.*

Children & Youth Activities

A separate registration form is required to reserve a place in the child-care program or nursery for infants to kindergarten. Please provide snacks, drink and lunch. Children ages kindergarten – grade 5 who pre-register will have lessons and crafts. Middle School and Senior High Youth will be having a separate retreat at Camp Bethel. Chaperones must provide transportation to and from Camp Bethel. There will be limited transportation if needed from Valley Church. A separate registration form is required.

Business Sessions 8:15 AM-12:00 and 1:20 - 3:30 PM

The business and worship will include commission and committee reports, voting on the 2025 ballot, budget and new business, reorganization, prayer and commissioning for Virgina's 2025 leadership and the installation of 2025 Moderator Dewey Williard. Some Brethren agencies will give reports as well. All business sessions will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

Lunch 12:00 PM– 1:15 PM

On-site lunch, prepared by Camp Bethel, will need to be reserved by **October 21**. Lunch is \$15.00 and served in a room to the left of the lobby with an accessible ramp entrance. Local restaurants near Valley Church are an option, as well.

2025 Officers

Moderator: Naomi Powers, Daleville
Moderator Elect: Dewey Williard, Fraternity
Clerk: Rissa Craighead, Red Oak Grove

Pastor's Column

HOMECOMING SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SAVE THE DATE for Oak Grove's Homecoming Service on Sunday, November 2. This special worship service is a collaboration between our *Deacons*, the *Ministry and Worship Commission* and the *Missions and Service Commission*. Please join me in thanking them for their hard work!



The idea for this service originated with our Deacons as a way to reconnect with inactive members. Our prayer is that an invitation to attend the Homecoming service can be the first step towards a renewed and active relationship with the congregation. Our schedule for that day includes:

9:45 a.m. Walk (or drive) the 211 steps from Oak Grove's current meetinghouse to our former meetinghouse: *Showtimers Theater*! While there, we will sing hymns and hear stories from current Oak Grove members who called that space home!

11:00 a.m. Worship. Ed Woodard is our guest preacher and will continue our *Stained Glass Sermon* series with a message on the Alexander Mack seal. November 2 is also All Saints Sunday, and our beloved *Memorial Tribute Video* will be included in the worship service.

After worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, conversation, and a browse through Oak Grove's historical scrapbooks.

How can you help make this a memorable Sunday for our congregation? Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

Do you have connections with Oak Grove members who haven't attended for a while? ***Please invite them to Homecoming.*** A letter sent from the pastors is helpful, but a personal invitation from a friend is best!

Share information for the Memorial Tribute Video with the church office. The video will include:

Memorials for Oak Grove members who died since last year's tribute video. (We have this information in the church office.)

Memorials for our congregation's extended family members. ***To be included in the video, please provide name, date of death, relationship to you, and a picture by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26.***



Pastor Tim



SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			10 a.m.– 1 Handbells 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.-Choir	9:30 a.m.– 2 Women's Faith Study 2 p.m.-Games 5:30 p.m.– Commission Meetings 6:30 p.m.– Christian Education	3	4 Heritage Day Festival at Camp Bethel 7:30-2:30 p.m.
9:45 a.m.– 5 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 12:30 p.m.- Love Feast	6 9 a.m.– Crafts 12:30 p.m.– Backpack	7 6 p.m.-Peace & Justice	8 10 a.m.– Handbells 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.-Choir	9 9:30 a.m.– Women's Faith Study 2 p.m.-Games	10	11 8:30 a.m. Bed Build at Moore's 9 a.m.– Bridge Builders
9:45 a.m.– 12 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship Bells playing 2 p.m.– Crop Walk	13 9 a.m.– Crafts	14	15 10 a.m.– Handbells 11 a.m.– Munch Bunch at 611 6 p.m.–Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.– Choir	16 2 p.m.-Games 6:30 p.m.– Bethel Bistro	17	18 8:30 a.m.– Bed Build Bazaar (8-3 p.m.) Community Festival (10– 2p.m.)
9:45 a.m.– 19 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 12:30 p.m.– Youth lunch and hike	20 9 a.m.– Crafts 12:30 p.m.– Backpack	21	22 10 a.m.– Handbells 6 p.m.Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.-Choir	23 9:30 a.m.– Women's Faith Study 2 p.m.– Games	24	25 4:00-7:00 p.m. Trek-or-Treat Camp Bethel
9:45 a.m.– 26 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 12:30 p.m. Potluck & Church Council	27 9 a.m.– Crafts	28	29 10 a.m.– Handbells 5:30 p.m.– Men's Dinner & Devotions 7 p.m.-Choir	30 2 p.m.– Games	31 October 28-November 1 Carol on vacation.	

