

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MARCH 8, 2026
CAMP BETHEL SUNDAY

Introit *Order My Steps* Burleigh/ arr. Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Mighty to Save* Morgan/Fielding
Lincoln Yingling

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold.

Come, people of God, and worship the Lord.

Those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are meek, are welcome here.

Come, people of God, and praise the name of Jesus.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are merciful, those who long for hearts made pure will be filled and satisfied in this place.

Come, people of God, and receive the Spirit's blessing.

Those who are peacemakers, those who are misunderstood for their faithfulness, and those who are rejected have come home.

***Prayer of Invocation**

**Amazing God of mystery and creation,
root us in love so deep and wide
we have no choice but to hold on to you!**

**Open our eyes and our imaginations
so that we dare to offer up what we have
for the miracle that will come.**

Continue to guide us on this wild journey of worship and wonder.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary* # 1128

Children's Story Kathleen Pinard, Program Director, Camp Bethel

Song *Wherever I Go* Ellie Holcomb
Our Children, Colleen Smith
Millard Flora, Julie Hall, Robert Smith, J.T. Spartaro, Stephen Wills

Moment for Mission Camp Bethel

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

Offertory *Moderato* A. Clarke

***Response** *Lord, I lift your name on high* # 1026

Song/Anthem

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:8 (NT, p. 4)
Matthew 9:18-26 (NT, p. 9)
Luke 15:20-24 (NT, p. 78)

Message *Blessed are the pure in heart*

A moment of quiet reflection

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** *Take time to be holy* # 1007

***Benediction**

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

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)
Betty Wills (Brandon Oaks Rehab)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Jake Keating, rehab from surgery
Bill Fowler, recovering from infection
Mel Purcell, recovering from surgery

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



Find us on Facebook:
Oak Grove Church of the Brethren



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 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.



OAK GROVE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MARCH 8, 2026

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Guess Who's Coming to Lunch

Guess Who's Coming to Lunch Sunday, March 15

Sign up this Sunday for Guess Who's Coming to Lunch for all those who would like to participate.

Disabilities Awareness Seminar Sunday, March 22 • All-Church Sunday School

What does the term "accessibility" mean to you? How "accessible" is our building and our worship service? To assist our thinking about questions like these, Katie Smith Caudill will lead an All-Church Sunday School session on Disabilities Awareness during the March 22, 2026 Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/1)

Sunday School- 53

Worship- 104 (in person); 12 (online) = 116

Men's Bible Study- 11

Women's Faith Study Group- 12

Offering- \$ 11,653.00; \$ 195.00 (online) = \$ 11,848.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

Tim Harvey
pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

Minister of Nurture and Music

Carol Elmore
elmores24153@gmail.com

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

The Children of Oak Grove
Kris Tilley-Lubbs (March 15)

Infant Nursery

Pam Conner and Julie Carroll

Childcare

Randall Eakin, Tina Angle and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Mike and Sharon Hanger