

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MARCH 15, 2026

*Calling in Hymn *Come and fill our hearts* # 1119

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Voluntary* William Goodwin

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

We gather here, so God can
call us to be more compassionate,
challenge us to be more loving.

We gather here, where Jesus will show us
that forgiveness is healthier than holding a grudge,
that the language of hope can heal broken hearts.

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,
so we might learn how to give grace,
so we might learn how to receive grace.

*Prayer of Invocation

When we would build walls between us and our neighbors, you come to us, Jesus, as the welcoming gate.

When we would curse someone who has hurt us in our souls, you sing us songs of blessing that melt the callouses on our hearts.

When we would focus only on our needs and our desires, you hand us the dinnerware and ask us to pull up more chairs to the table.

Teach us again about the blessedness of peacemakers. Beckon us to follow you. Amen.

Anthem *We Are Called*

Children's Story Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson

Moment for Mission

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Offertory *Meditation* Robert Jones

*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:9 (NT, p. 4)

Matthew 18:20 (NT, p. 20)

Message ***Blessed are the peacemakers***

A moment of quiet reflection

Choral Response *I Will be a Child of Peace* Elaine Hagenberger
/arr. Dan Forrest

Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;**

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn *This is a day of new beginnings* # 640

*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
Bonnye Thompson, RMH ICU recovering from heart attack

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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.



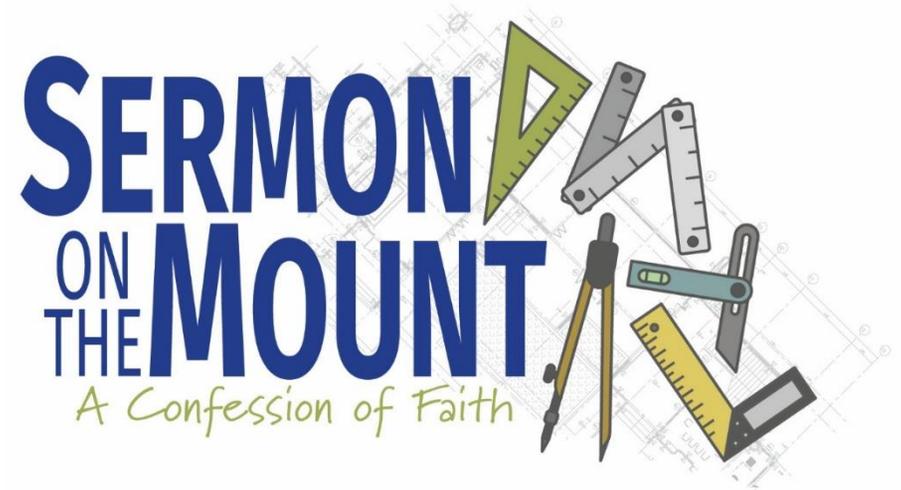
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	<i>Guess Who's Coming to Lunch</i>	
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at Sakura
	5:30 p.m.	Men's Dinner and Devotions
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Commission Meeting
<i>Pilgrimage at Camp Bethel March 20-22</i>		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
	1:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Gladis Lehman
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

The Women's Faith Study Group will be followed by lunch at Szechuan on March 19, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. Join us!



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/8)

Sunday School- 60
 Worship- 108 (in person); 13 (online) = 121
 Men's Bible Study- 10
 Women's Faith Study Group- 8
 Offering- \$ 2,769.00; \$ 545.00 (online) = \$ 3,314.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org	Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com
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Instrumentalists
 Stephen Wills, organ
 Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader
 Kris Tilley-Lubbs
 Jane Grisso (March 22)

Infant Nursery
 Holly Belcher
 Robin Craighead (March 22)

Childcare
 Trenton and Kristin Marcum and Cooper Purcell
 Kris Tilley-Lubbs, Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson and Cooper Purcell
 (March 22)

Head Usher
 Bill Hall

Sound Booth
 Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month
 Jane Grisso and Randall Eakin