

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Introit *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Spirit of the Living God* arr. Lani Smith
Laurel Buckwalter (organ), Julie Hall (piano)

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold.

When we feel down hearted, when life's challenges threaten to overwhelm us,

God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

When we wonder if we can continue on our journey,

Jesus says: "I am with you, to the very end of the age."

When in our struggles we lack even the words to pray,

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious and faithful God, we gather in Your presence with hearts full of gratitude yet holding the heavy burdens of the week.

Lord, we confess that it is often easy to look at the shifting winds of the world and lose our footing. We let our fears outpace our faith, and we lean too heavily on our own limited understanding.

Forgive us for the moments we have hesitated to follow Your voice.

Today, we ask for the grace to simply trust and obey.

Clear away our doubts and quiet our anxieties. Tune our hearts to the frequency of Your truth. We surrender our agendas, our worries, and our plans to You, knowing that Your way is always perfect. Lead us into deeper joy as we follow where You walk.

We pray this in the beautiful and matchless name of Jesus,

Amen.

***Hymn** *When we walk with the Lord* # 544

Children's Story Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson

Moment for Mission

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

Offertory *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Zach James
Julie Hall (piano)

***Response** *Praise God from whom* # 118

***Prayer**

Generous God, we bring these gifts to You today as an act of worship and a step of faith. Use these resources to feed the hungry, comfort the broken, and spread the light of Your love in our community and around the world. Multiply our small offerings for Your great glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 1:5-25 (NT, p. 56)

Message *Why do we have disappointment?*

Angella Haranzo, Associate District Executive Minister
Virlina District

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** *When peace, like a river* # 336

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*

**Please stand as you are able*

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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.



Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Autumn Bash for families
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Martha Gregory (Raleigh Court Rehab)
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Bill Fowler, recovering from infection at home
Jonna Detweiler, recovering from sepsis
Rosemary Saul, recovering from surgery
John King III, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Wyatt (friend of Brent & Sherrie White), cancer

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (9/13)

Sunday School- 58
Worship- 107 (in person); 16 (online) = 123
Women's Faith Study Group- 18
Offering- \$ 2,636.00; \$ 204.00 (online) = \$ 2,840.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Laurel Buckwalter, guest organist
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

Todd Marcum
Vincent Pizzullo (September 27)

Infant Nursery

Pam Conner and Julie Carroll

Childcare

Lisa Newell, Amanda Leddy and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Connie Bierly

Bazaar
October 17, 2026
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BAKE SALE

Anything homemade is welcome-brownies, cookies, cakes, pies, bread, candies, trail mix, etc. Please note if your items contain nuts, peanut butter or chocolate that may not be apparent they need to be labeled. Donations should be delivered to the church kitchen Thursday, Friday or Saturday mornings.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

On Sunday, October 11, we need help moving tables, chairs, and bringing items from upstairs. On Monday from 9:00-12:00 p.m. we will cover the tables in the different areas: Crafts, Country Store, Bake Sale, New and Next to New. We will continue to work each day from 9:00-12:00 p.m. stocking and pricing. Please bring your craft items, plants, wooden items, jewelry, jams and jellies, New and Next to New items by Wednesday, if possible.

On Saturday we will need 2 volunteers in each area per shift. The shifts will be from 7:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Rena' Brown at (540) 525-8726.

I WILL VOLUNTEER ON _____ TIME _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Another opportunity to volunteer will be on Monday (Oct. 19) and Tuesday (Oct. 20) mornings after the sale in order to have the fellowship hall cleaned up.

☐ Please check if you can help on October 19 or October 20.

Please return this sheet to the church office. Thank you!

