Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
October 25, 2026

*__Calling In Hymn__ *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary* # 1128

__Welcome and Announcements__

__Prelude__ *Peace* Lois R. Hill

*__Call to Worship__

The congregation responds in bold.

In times of struggle, we seek the one who saves.

Jesus calls us: Enter through the narrow gate.

When the challenges of life become more than we can bear, we seek the one who will help us.

Jesus calls us: Enter through the narrow gate that leads to life.

In times of doubt we are tempted to turn from God's way.

Jesus calls us: Enter through the narrow gate. Even though the gate is narrow and the road is hard, this is the way to life!

*__Prayer of Invocation__

Emmanuel, God with us, we are restless and turn back from following you because your way of wisdom and sacrifice and gratitude is more difficult than we expected.

May we search out the narrow gate, rather than wasting our time driving to other destinations on roads that seem easier and more attractive. Lead us on the road to life! Amen.

*__Hymn__ *Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all* (vs. 1, 4) # 533

__Children's Story__ Lynette Harvey

__Moment for Mission__

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__Offertory__ *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Justin K. Reeve

*__Response__ *Praise God from whom* # 119

__Anthem__ *God of Wonders* Third Day

Lincoln Yingling, solo

__Hearing from God's Word__

__Scripture__ Matthew 7:13-14 (NT, p. 7)

__Message__ ***Enter through the narrow gate***

__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__ *I need Thee every hour* (vs. 1-3, 5) # 555

*__Benediction__

*__Postlude__ *Variations on today's hymns*

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer

-Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)
-Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
-Martha Gregory (Riverstone Senior Living)
-Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
-Jonna Detweiler, recovering from health issues
-Wyatt (friend of Brent & Sherrie), cancer

Virlina District Prayer for the Week:

Pray for John Fillmore, who will begin as Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren in November. Let us give thanks for those who give guidance and wisdom to the ministry of the whole body of Christ.

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.



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This week at Oak Grove

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Bed Build
	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
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Group
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Trek or Treat at Camp Bethel
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Attendance and Offering (10/18)

Sunday School- 51
Worship- 101 (in person); 15 (online) = 116
Men's Bible Study- 10
Women's Faith Study- 14
Offering- $ 3,440.00; $ 219.00 (online) = $3,659.00

Pledges Through October 18, 2026

$5 x 125 Faith Forward Challenge – 25
Daily Prayers for our Church – 24

Church Staff and Volunteers

Pastor
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Minister of Nurture and Music
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Instrumentalists
Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader
Jill Mooney
Kris Tilley-Lubbs (November 1)

Infant Nursery
Krystal King and Amanda Leddy

Childcare
Lisa Newell and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher
Bill Hall

Sound Booth
Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month
Milton and Janet Hartman

There are cookie, pumpkin bread, and Russian Tea mixes for sale in the fellowship hall left over from the Bazaar for $5 each!