

Please take home with you!

Announcements October 27th

WELCOME! Everyone is asked to please sign the red Welcome Pad! Please check all appropriate columns and pass the pad along to others in the pew. The RESTROOMS are downstairs by the back entrance. It is good that you are here!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve can be reached at 412-716-0940, or pastor@oakgrovelc.com. If you need to speak with him, just call or email! Pastor is available during business hours for non-crisis matters, and he is on call 24/7 for pastoral emergencies.

Pastor would like to continue to try to meet as many of you as possible at home as he continues to settle into the community, and hear your stories. Feel free to reach out to him if you'd like to schedule an at-home visit!

Please do continue to notify Pastor about those who are hospitalized, as well as any names that need updated on our shut-in visitation list.

All Saints' Day is approaching! If you would like the names of any loved ones who have passed in the previous year to be read on All Saints' Sunday morning during worship, please forward those names to the office or to Pastor Steve.

Thank you so much to everyone who lent a hand in the planning and carrying out of Ed Grunnagle's funeral service and luncheon this past week. Pastor appreciates your work in honoring Ed's memory.

Lutheran Disaster Response continues to collect to help victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. If you would like to give to contribute towards this work, they've created a convenient QR code to make it easier for your funds to go to the correct place. Please scan the QR code with your devices if you'd like to help.



Good Neighbor Fund - over the past several months, Council has worked to establish a new ministry to

address numerous requests for financial assistance that have been presented to Pastor since he arrived here. We have opened a new giving fund which we are calling the Good Neighbor Fund - this will be a free-will fund (separate from the church's general offering) into which congregants can donate to help individuals (both within our congregation as well as those outside) who need financial assistance in paying bills, paying for food, etc. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund, please notate on your offering envelope the amount that you would like to contribute to the fund. If you would like more information about this program, please speak to Pastor.

Google Reviews - as part of our digital evangelism efforts, Pastor Steve is encouraging everyone in the congregation (yes, you!) to leave Oak Grove a five star review on Google! Why is this important?? In today's age, many church shoppers find new congregations by Googling churches in their area. We want Oak Grove to appear near the top of their search results! One way to get Google's algorithms to recommend us, is by having more positive reviews of our organization on Google! (This is a proven method used by marketing and social media experts.) Please do our congregation a favor and take a moment of your time to leave Oak Grove a five star review on Google! For anyone who would like to do so but don't know how, just ask Pastor and he can help you! Instructions for doing this will also be printed on a table in the back of the church. Thank you!

The 2025 signup sheet for meals for the Men's Shelter is on the back table, any questions see Vivian

Altar Flowers: The 2024 Flower calendar is now hanging in by the side door near the ramp. If you are interested in purchasing altar flowers, please see the calendar in the back of church to sign up for a Sunday and please fill out the Altar Flower form. The Cost is \$45 this includes the delivery fee.

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Church Investments Update The Finance Committee conducted a semi-annual review of our investments and can report very positive results. Mutual Fund for the Cemetery and Church now total \$150,456, which represents a gain of \$31,456 from the initial investment. The combined return on both of these mutual funds has been super at 26%. Another \$58,147 is invested in various CD's with maturities from 1 to 3 years. Returns on these CD's are competitive and range from 4.52 to 4.95%. From time to time the Finance Committee adjusts the investments to stay aligned with Council approved guidelines. Feel free to talk with any member of the Finance Committee for more detail.

Confirmation/Youth Group Schedule Changes - We will be having both Confirmation AND Youth Group the following Sunday, 10/27 - Confirmation will be here at the church, and an Oak Grove chaperone will be at Youth Group with Unionville the same evening. There will also be no Confirmation class on 11/3 due to the Staff Appreciation Dinner, so we will again have Confirmation and Youth Group the same evening on the following Sunday, 11/10 - Confirmation here at Oak Grove, Youth Group at Unionville with an Oak Grove chaperone present.

Oak Grove has created a new PayPal account, to make it easier than ever for you to give to our church! Scan the QR code below on your devices to give directly to Oak Grove safely and securely via PayPal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Ministry will be collecting for World Hunger October 6 thru October 27. This year the monies will be split between health care for a child and stocking a backpack with a weekends supply of food for children. You can put your donation in the offering plate and mark it World Hunger or give electronically.

Organ Concert - Christ Episcopal Church in North Hills is hosting a dedication concert to celebrate the installation of their new Allen Organ on Friday, November 1st, at 7 PM. World renowned organist

Hector Olivera will be performing. Doors open at 5 o'clock. Fans of classical pipe organ music encouraged to attend!

Mens' Breakfast - Pastor has made the reservations for the next Mens' Breakfast. We have a reservation for Saturday, November 2nd, at 9 AM, at Spring on Main Cafe in Zelie. Pastor will privately confirm with all those who wanted to participate as well!

Staff Appreciation Dinner - the congregation is invited to a dinner on Sunday, November 3rd, at 4 PM, in honor of the Oak Grove staff. Please come and celebrate with us in honor of all that our staff does for our church! Meat and dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring a covered dish to share if you are able!

Fellowship Meeting Monday, November 4 at 6:30 at the church. If anyone cannot make it in person but would like to participate please let Pastor Steve or myself know and we will get them a meeting link.

We will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, November 10. Bring your nonperishable food items for Unionville's food pantry and place them in the display at the front of the sanctuary. Because of Thanksgiving we can donate potatoes and onions and here are some items they are in need of canned vegetables, canned pineapple, mandarin oranges, Spam, Beef Stew and pudding cups. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Study Series - Advent will be here before we know it! As we did last year, we will be hosting a study series during the week in the weeks leading up to Advent. After last year's popular study of "A Christmas Carol", this year we will be holding a study series on the spiritual themes in the movie "It's A Wonderful Life"! We are tentatively planning to meet on Mondays at 7 PM, from November 11th thru December 9th, for five weeks. Our study will be based on a book which is available on Amazon; purchase of the book is not required to participate, but see Pastor Steve if you would like to purchase the book!

Thanksgiving Eve - as we have for a long time, Oak Grove will be having a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with our friends at Unionville United

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Methodist Church. It is their turn to host this year!
Service will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 27th, at Unionville.

Mon., Nov. 4th: Fellowship Committee 6:30PM
Tues., Nov. 5th: Scouts 6PM
Wed., Nov. 6th: Scouts 7PM

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH

Bill Smith, Gary Steeb, Fred Schomburg, Pat Gasper, Scott Cooper, Angelika, Janet Pfaff, Millie Steinacker, Billie Joe and Her Family, Garrett Petty, Melissa Kaercher, Toni McConnell, Judy Vincent, Annette Zajac, Sister Mildred, Laken Hoover, Shawn Hilliard, Steve Fleming, Donna Corfield, Robin James, Ruth Ann Greiner, Hazel Withers, Jackie Rose, Tina and Brandon Martinez, Carmie and Ollie Dambach, Tracy Shaffer, Kelly Baker, Tom Brenckle, Ryan O'Kelly, Becky Walker, Regina Schweinsberg, Dale Majors, Bob Burr, Joy Tipping, Jim Fessler, Ben Clowes, Tom Applequist, Bill Goehring, Beth Chinn, Lorraine Koscinski, Bud Worst, Holden Eckman, Desiree Conrad, Dillan Matteran, D.J Lewandowski

For those who grieve: The Family and Friends of Ed Grunnagle

For those who serve in the armed forces:
Josh Morris, Nick Durfey, Kyle Ellis, Jordan Escamilla, Thomas Jordan, Chris Schomburg, Ethan Fritzley, Tom Supe, Eric Hunter



To start the prayer chain, please call Vivian Leonberg at 724 774-5967.

Coming soon:

Sun., Nov. 10th: Service 9AM
Sun., Nov. 10th: Sunday School and Adult Forum following service
Sun., Nov. 10th: Confirmation 6PM
Sun., Nov. 10th: Youth Group 6:30PM Unionville
Mon., Nov. 11th: Scouts 630PM
Wed., Nov 13th: WELCA 7PM
Thurs., Nov. 14th: Social Ministries 1PM

Those Serving This Sunday (Oct 27th)

Leader: Beth Goehring
Reader: Helen Meeder
Acolyte: Kendra Goehring
Ushers: Savannah and Olivia Kaufman
Altar: Carmie and Beth
Counters: Tauna and Zelda
Audio/Video: Tauna Perenovich

Those Serving Next Sunday (Nov 3rd)

Leader: Tauna Lynn Perenovich
Reader: Ashley Spencer
Acolyte: Eli Spencer
Ushers: Scarlet and Emma
Altar: Lois and Julie
Counters: Don and Barb Stoebe
Audio/Video: Janice Hansen

2024 Year to Date Operations Report

(At end of June)

YTD Income Current: \$ 68,254
YTD Expenses: \$ 69,567
YTD Expenses over Income \$1,313

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This week:

Sun., Oct. 27th: Service 9AM
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Sun., Oct. 27th: Confirmation 6PM
Sun., Oct. 27th: Youth Group 6:30PM Unionville
Tues., Oct. 29th: Council Meeting 6:30PM
Wed., Oct. 30th: Scouts 7PM
Sat., Nov 2nd: Mens' Breakfast 9AM Spring and Main Café in Zelienople

Next week:

Sun., Nov. 3rd: Service 9AM
Sun., Nov. 3rd: Sunday School and Adult Forum following service
Sun., Nov. 3rd: Staff Appreciation Dinner 4PM
Sun., Nov. 3rd: No Confirmation or Youth Group

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