

Announcements January 11, 2026

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!



MESSAGES FROM PASTOR STEVE

Pastor Steve can be reached at 412-716-0940, or pastor@oakgrovelc.com. His regular office hours for non-crisis church business are Monday thru Thursday, from 9am to 1pm. If coming to see him in the office, it is always best to call ahead as he may be in meetings or visits during this time. He is normally off on Fridays. He is available for private Confession and Absolution by appointment. He is available 24/7 for pastoral emergencies.

Pastor is always happy to visit with you at home - just reach out and let him know if you'd like for him to visit! Please also be sure to notify him about those who are hospitalized, as well as any names that need updated on our shut-in visitation list.

Blessing of Homes - In the New Year, Pastor would like to re-introduce the practice of the Blessing of Homes for those who would want it! Please reach out to him and let him know if you'd like for him to stop by and say a prayer of blessing over your home!

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH

Easton Aland, Kelly Baker, Edward Bateman, Joy Bennett, Tom Brenckle, Patti Burger, Bob Burr, Jane Calabrese, Tom Carlson, Beth Chinn, Desiree Conrad, Scott Cooper, Jadye Crock, Carmie Dambach, Holden Eckman, Dennis Frost, Sally Galina, Pat Gasper, Charlie Goddard, Bill Goehring, Dave Greene, Ruth Ann Greiner, Virginia "Ginny" Helvey, Laken Hoover, Robin James, Regis Kaelin, Melissa Kaercher, Lorraine Koscinski, Alyce Kramer, Shelli Lantz, Tommy Lenahan, Joel Leterneau, Aurora Lodovico, Dale Majors, Tina & Brandon Martinez, Dillan Matteran, Toni McConnell, Gary McKee, Jon Ofslager, Janet Ryan O'Kelly, Garrett Petty, Janet Pfaff, Leslie Rick, Jackie Rose, Pastor Tony Schneck, Edward Schoebe, Fred Schomburg, Tracy Shaffer, Kathy Sprague, Gary Steeb, Joy Tipping, Hazel Withers, Bud Worst, Annette Zajac, Sister Mildred, Angelika, Billie Joe & Her Family

For those who grieve:

The Family of Tom Applequist
The Family of Bob Blake
The Family of Mille Steinacker
The Family of Barry Stickel
The Family of Leroy Young

For those who serve in the armed forces:

Josh Morris, Nick Durfey, Kyle Ellis, Jordan Escamalla, Thomas Jordan, Chris Schomburg, Ethan Fritzley, Tom Supe, Eric Hunter.

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



REMINDERS

Oak Grove Business Card Magnets - Oak Grove has purchased a supply of business card magnets (with our new logo on them) as a promotional tool for our church! A box of them is in the back of the sanctuary. (We have more!) Feel free to take one or two for your own use at home!

Join Cub Scouts! Pack 444 is a Family Pack, meaning that both boys & girls in K-5th grade are encouraged to join. Scouting programs offer an opportunity to have fun in the outdoors, learn skills, and help instill values in our young people that will last a lifetime! You sign up with the QR code:



Flower Ordering! Want to celebrate a milestone or special occasion? Order Altar Flowers! We have quite a few empty slots in the flower ordering calendar this year. Flowers often last 2 weeks, so we don't need every slot filled, just more of them! Forms are included at each flower order calendar. You can fill them out, place them in the offering or on the secretary desk along with payment. Orders get placed on Wednesdays for the coming Sunday. For questions, please email secretary@oakgrovelc.com.

Flower Chart- Our regular flower chart for placing orders has been discontinued, the replacement has been hung in its normal spots.

Weekly Announcement Deadline – with bulletin/announcement printing typically being completed Thursday mornings, please aim to get all announcement requests to the administrative assistant by Wednesday evenings. Thank you!

Reminder-If you or your committee has a mailbox in the office, don't forget to pick up your mail.

The 2025 Offering Statements- are printed and available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up. Refer any questions to: Ron Goehring (724-506-0425)

REMINDERS CONTINUED

Oak Grove has a PayPal account to make it easier than ever for you to give to your church! Scan the QR code on your device to give directly to Oak Grove safely and securely via PayPal.



2025 Year-to-Date Operations Report

(As of November 2025)

Income: \$135,777

Expenses: \$134,771

Expenses over Income: \$1,006

COMMEMORATIONS

Sun. Jan 18th: Confession of Peter-Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Mon. Jan 19th: Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156. When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Wed. Jan 21st: Agnes, martyr, died around 304. Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting - Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for today immediately following worship. Please remain after church on this day to participate in the important business of our church!

Council Orientation Meeting - there will be a brief lunch and orientation meeting for new and returning Council members after the congregational meeting on today!

LET'S CELEBRATE!- The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a Birthday Celebration Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, rolls and, of course, cupcakes!

Adult Forum returns next week! We will be continuing our study Chapter Six in our book on Ecclesiastes!

Evangelism Committee Meeting- will be meeting January 12th at 6:30pm at the church.

Fellowship Committee Birthday- is tentatively scheduled for January 18th @ 3pm.

Worship & Music Committee- will be meeting January 20th @ 1pm.

OUTREACH

Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter. The 2026 signup sheet for means is on the back table. Thank you to all who prepared food in 2025, your time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

Compassionate Ministries Collection –

This Collection Sunday for Unionville UMC's Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry will be the first Sunday in January needed: Cereal, Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Spam, Pasta, Shelf Milk, Hamburger Helper, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes Liquid Soap.

CHURCH CALENDAR

This Week:

Sun. Jan 11th: Sunday School @ 8:45am

Sun. Jan 11th: Worship @ 9am

Sun. Jan 11th: Congregational Meeting (no adult forum)

Sun. Jan 11th: Council Orientation Lunch & Meeting after Congregational Meeting

Mon. Jan 12th: Evangelism Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm

Wed. Jan 14th: Policy & Procedure Subcommittee (rescheduled)@ 10am

Next Week:

Sun. Jan 18th: Sunday School @ 8:45am

Sun. Jan 18th: Worship @ 9am

Sun. Jan 18th: Adult Forum & Coffee Hour after worship

Sun. Jan 18th: Fellowship Committee Birthday Party @ 4pm

Tue. Jan 20th: Worship & Music Committee Meeting @ 1pm

Coming Soon:

Sun. Jan 25th: Sunday School @ 8:45am

Sun. Jan 25th: Worship @ 9am

Sun. Jan 25th: Adult Forum & Coffee Hour cancelled

Sun. Jan 25th: WELCA Soup & Bake Sale after worship

Sun. Feb 1st: Sunday School @ 8:45am

Sun. Feb 1st: Worship @ 9am

Sun. Feb 1st: Adult Forum & Coffee Hour after worship

Mowing Schedule

January: Off Season

February: Off Season

HELPED NEEDED! We need some volunteers to help shovel snow as winter is here. Please reach out to Bill Bennett if you are able to perfect.

A Special Thank You to our Volunteers!

Those Serving This Sunday Jan 11th

Leader: Ruth Goehring
Reader: Ashley Spencer
Acolyte: Eli Spencer
Ushers: Violet Crum & Scarlet Spencer
Altar: Beth & Lois
Counters: Tauna Perenovich & Zelda Smith
Audio/Visual: Tauna Perenovich
Flowers: Oak Grove

Those Serving Next Sunday Jan 18th

Leader: Charen Bennett
Reader: Tauna Perenovich
Acolyte: Jayson Stewart
Ushers: Terry & Cheryl Krut
Altar: Sharon & Carmie
Counters: Barb & Don Stoebe
Audio/Visual: Julie Slepcki
Flowers: TBD

Those Serving the Following Sunday 25th

Leader: Kendra Goehring
Reader: Charen Bennett
Acolyte: Vivian Rinaman
Ushers: Ivy & Violet Crum
Altar: Charen & Tracey
Counters: Jenny Fessler, Carmie Dambach, &
Brandon James
Audio/Visual: Mike Hessler
Flowers: TBD



COME AND SEE!

Invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker to "Come and See!" the good things being done at Oak Grove!

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. (John 4:28-30 NRSVUE)

Pastor is challenging all Oak Grovers for one year to invite one person each month to attend worship beginning Rally Day 2025 through Rally Day 2026!

Why not go above and beyond by inviting one person each week??

How do people start attending church?

- "A Friend Invited Me" – 86%
- Organized Visitation – 6%
- Invited by the Pastor – 6%
- Advertising – 2%

(Source: www.churchgrowth.org)

The above statistics show the power of a personal invitation to church! Invite someone to come to worship with you!