

# Announcements March 15, 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](mailto: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.

**First Communion** As always we will plan to celebrate First Communion for kiddos of appropriate age on Easter Sunday. Parents/guardians of any kids that are ready and would like to participate this year, please let Pastor know!



## **PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH**

Easton Aland, Kelly Baker, Lynda Balmer, Edward Bateman, Tom Brenckle, Patti Burger, Bob Burr, Mel & MaryAnn Caniger, Jane Calabrese, Tom Carlson, Desiree Conrad, Scott Cooper, Jadye Crock, Carmie Dambach, Kylie Dambach, Dennis Frost, Sally Galina, Pat Gasper, Charlie Goddard, Bill Goehring, Dave Greene, Virginia "Ginny" Helvey, Laken Hoover, Regis Kaelin, The Klein Family, Lorraine Koscinski, Alyce Kramer, Ed Lachendro, Donna Landis, Tommy Lenahan, Joel Leterneau, Tina & Brandon Martinez, Dillan Matteran, Gary McKee, Shane Miller, Jon Ofslager, Janet Ryan O'Kelly, Garrett Petty, Janet Pfaff, Leslie Rick, Jackie Rose, Pastor Tony Schneck, Edward Schoebe, Fred Schomburg, Tracy Shaffer, Gary Steeb, Joy Tipping, Hazel Withers, Bud Worst, Annette Zajac, Sister Mildred, Angelika, Billie Joe & Her Family

### **For those who grieve:**

The Family of Mille Steinacker  
The Family of Tom Taylor  
The Family of Leroy Young

### **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, Mike Szallar.

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

**Prayer List Cleanup** - When we place names on our prayer list, they are welcome to remain as long as family and friends desire for them to remain! If a loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, it would be helpful to us if the office or Pastor were contacted to have their name removed, such that we can save space to add more names in the future! Thank you so much!

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 that can be found in its regular spots. 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](mailto:secretary@oakgrovelc.com). It is very important to make sure that the Admin is aware of your order. Please make sure to put your request in the offering plate. The best way to confirm with the Admin is to email [secretary@oakgrovelc.com](mailto:secretary@oakgrovelc.com)

**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!

## 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 December 2025)

Income: \$149,318

Expenses: \$148,077

Income over Expenses: \$1,241

## OUTREACH

**Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter.** The 2026 signup sheet for meals 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 April needed: Paper towels, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Liquid Soap, Saltines, Egg Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Paste, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Applesauce, Pasta or Rice Sides, Potatoes (Sliced or Whole), Potato Side i.e. scalloped, Kidney Beans, Boxed Dry Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef, Raman Soup, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joe (canned) Chicken.

**WELCA-** will be collecting snack items for our college students. We have 6 college students with one of them having a peanut allergy. We will be collecting snacks until March 22. There will be six bags on a table downstairs in the church to put your snacks in. The peanut allergy bag will be marked. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Adult Forum** will plan to meet this Sunday, 3/15, after worship!

**Midweek Lenten Services** - Lent is here! We will be resuming our usual practice of having our soup suppers at 6pm in the social hall on Wednesday nights beginning February 25th and running through March 25th. Following supper, we will be celebrating Holden Evening Prayer together at 7pm- we will be worshipping in the sanctuary rather than in the social hall this year. All are welcome to join!

### Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch-

Christian Ed will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for the kiddos and brunch for the whole congregation after worship on Sunday, 3/29! All are invited whether you have kiddos in Sunday School or not!

**Save the Date for Local Musicals-** It is school musical season, and multiple Oak Grovers are participating in the musicals for several local school districts this month! Let's get out and support our Oak Grovers by attending! Eden Christian Academy's musical will be showing March 20th at 7pm, & March 21st at 1pm & 7pm!

**Come As You Are Worship-** our new Saturday night service debuted on 3/7, and we were very pleased with the turnout for our first go round! Note -the Saturday night service will need to be rescheduled for April due to Easter! We will move it to the second Saturday of April 11th, just for this month. We will resume having it on the first Saturday of every month in May!

**Holy Week/Easter Worship Schedule-** Holy Week and Easter are very nearly upon us! On both Maundy Thursday & Good Friday, we will worship at 7pm. We will once again celebrate an Easter Vigil service (note, this is a worship service, not a prayer vigil, and it can be attended in lieu of Easter Sunday morning worship if you like!) on Saturday the 4th at 8pm. It is Oak Grove's turn to host our joint Easter Sunrise Service with Unionville this year, at 6:30am on Easter Sunday. That will be followed with a continental breakfast. Then we will celebrate our usual Easter morning worship at 9am!

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### This Week:

**Sun. Mar 15:** Sunday School 8:45am

**Sun. Mar 15:** Worship 9am

**Sun. Mar 15:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour after worship

**Mon. Mar 16:** Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Tue. Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**Wed. Mar 18:** Policy & Procedure Subcommittee Meeting 10am

**Wed. Mar 18:** Lenten Midweek Soup Supper-6pm in the Social Hall

**Wed. Mar 18:** Holden Evening Prayer-7pm in the sanctuary

**Fri. Mar 20:** First Day of Spring

#### Next Week:

**Sun. Mar 22:** Sunday School 8:45am

**Sun. Mar 22:** Worship 9am

**Sun. Mar 22:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour after worship

**Wed. Mar 25:** Lenten Midweek Soup Supper-6pm in the Social Hall

**Wed. Mar 25:** Holden Evening Prayer-7pm in the sanctuary

#### Coming Soon:

**Sun. Mar 29:** Sunday School cancelled

**Sun. Mar 29:** Family Worship (no Sunday School) 9am

**Sun. Mar 29:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour (cancelled)

**Sun. Mar 29:** Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt after worship

**Thu. Apr 2:** Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

**Fri. Apr 3:** Good Friday Worship 7pm

**Sat. Apr 4:** Easter Vigil 8pm

**Sun. Apr 5:** Sunrise Service 6:30am

**Sun. Apr 5:** Continental Breakfast after Sunrise Service

**Sun. Apr 5:** Easter Sunday Worship 9am

## **A Special Thank You to our Volunteers!**

### **Those Serving the Following Sunday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>**

Leader: Julie Slepecki  
Reader: Charen Bennett  
Acolyte: Elliot Schomberg  
Ushers: Anna & Elliott Schomberg  
Altar: Beth & Tracey  
Counters: Barb & Don Stoebe  
Audio/Visual: Monica Grunnagle

### **Those Serving the Following Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Leader: Julie Slepecki  
Reader: Vivian Leonberg  
Acolyte: Violet Crum  
Ushers: Ivy Crum & Vivian Rinaman  
Altar: Carmie & Vivian  
Counters: Jenny Fessler, Carmie Dambach,  
Brandon James  
Audio/Visual: Mike Hessler

### **Those Serving the Following Sunday Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**

Leader: Kendra Goehring  
Reader: Bill Sludis  
Acolyte: Savannah Kaufman  
Ushers: Camron & Olivia Kaufman  
Altar: TBD  
Counters: Tracy Collins & Pat Joreitz  
Audio/Visual: Monica Grunnagle

### **Mowing Schedule**

March: TBD  
April: TBD

### **Thank-Yous**

**Thank you** so much to Ken Goehring for his hard work on getting the A/V solution set up and for providing musical leadership for the Saturday service!

## **COMMEMORATIONS**

**Tue. Mar 17:** Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461. A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

**Thu. Mar 19:** Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

**Sat. Mar 21:** Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556. Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.



## MORE NEWS

**New Mailboxes**- we have installed new mailboxes in the office for each committee in addition to each staff member. Please make sure to check your mailbox regularly. If anyone needs one, please let Jayme know.

## HELP WANTED

**Fellowship & Property Help** - All of our Oak Grove committees are typically in need of additional members, but the Fellowship Committee and Property Committee in particular are in acute need of help! Fellowship could use hands to assist in shopping for food, transporting food, cooking meals, setting tables, and doing dishes, and generally setting up for events. Property could use hands to assist in landscaping/yardwork and in working with contractors on future repair or upgrade projects around the building. You do not need to feel obligated to attend all their committee meetings if you wish to help! Please see Jenny Fessler if you could lend Fellowship a hand, or Ken Goehring if you could lend Property a hand!

**Soup Makers Needed**- for our Wednesday night dinners during the Lent season. We are looking for 3-4 soup chefs each week to provide a tasty creation. If you are interested, please see Charen Bennett to sign up.



## 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](http://www.churchgrowth.org))

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

## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

It's time to think about Easter flowers! Please find the varieties available and their prices. To order, please fill out and return this order form or email your selections and any dedications to [secretary@oakgrovelc.com](mailto:secretary@oakgrovelc.com). The last day to order is March 22, 2026.

FLOWER	SIZE	COLOR	COST
Easter Lillies	1 stem (5+ blooms)	White	\$9.00
Tulips	6" pot (6 blooms)	Red, pink, or yellow	\$9.00
Violets	4" pot	Violet	\$5.00

NAME	FLOWER	COLOR	NUMBER OF PLANTS	TOTAL COST
				\$
In Memory Of				
In Celebration Of				
In Honor Of				



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Please take home with you!**