

Announcements March 8, 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.



PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH

Easton Aland, Kelly Baker, Edward Bateman, Joy Bennett, Tom Brenckle, Patti Burger, Bob Burr, Mel & MaryAnn Caniger, Jane Calabrese, Tom Carlson, Desiree Conrad, Scott Cooper, Jadye Crock, Carmie Dambach, Kylie Dambach Holden Eckman, 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, Shelli Lantz, Tommy Lenahan, Joel Leterneau, Dale Majors, 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 Barry Stickel
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-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. 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

Flower Chart- Our regular flower chart for placing orders has been discontinued, the replacement has been hung in its normal spots. Please make sure to put your name on both charts if you are signing up.

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, 3/8, after worship!

Guest Musician- we again welcome Pastor Bill's music student Ben Callender who will play for us this morning!

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!

Come As You Are Service- our very first Saturday evening, Come As You Are Service is March 7th @ 5:30pm.

Save the Date for Local Musicals - It is school musical season, and multiple Oak Grovers are participating in the musicals for multiple local school districts this month! Let's get out and support our Oak Grovers by attending!

- Freedom's musical will be showing Sunday, March 8th at 2 PM!
- Eden Christian Academy's musical will be showing March 20th at 7 PM, and March 21st at 1 PM and 7 PM!
- Seneca Valley's musical will be showing March 12th and 13th at 7 PM, March 14th at 2 PM and 7 PM, and March 15th at 2 PM!

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

CHURCH CALENDAR

This Week:

Sun. Mar 8: Sunday School-8:45am

Sun. Mar 8: Worship-9am

Sun. Mar 8: Adult Forum & Coffee Hour after worship

Mon. Mar 9: Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:30pm

Wed. Mar 11: Lenten Midweek Soup Supper-6pm in the Social Hall

Wed. Mar 11: Holden Evening Prayer-7pm in the sanctuary

Next 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

Coming Soon:

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

Sun. Mar 29: Sunday School 8:45am

Sun. Mar 29: Worship 9am

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

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

Sun. Mar 29: Palm Sunday Brunch after worship

A Special Thank You to our Volunteers!

Those Serving the Following Sunday Mar 8th

Leader: Barb Minzenberg
Reader: Beth Goehring
Acolyte: Kendra Goehring
Ushers: Ivy & Violet Crum
Altar: Tracey & Christine
Counters: Tauna Perenovich & Zelda Smith
Audio/Visual: Tauna Perenovich

Those Serving the Following Sunday Mar 15th

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 22nd

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

Mowing Schedule

March: TBD
April: TBD



COMMEMORATIONS

Tue. Mar 10: Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society. Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Thu. Mar 12: Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604. Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.



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!

Snow Removal- We need some volunteers to help with snow removal. If you are able to help, please see Bill Bennett.

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)

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. 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!**