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Announcements January 19th

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. His regular office hours for non-crisis church business are Monday thru Thursday, from 9 AM to 1 PM. 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 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.

Pastor Steve is building a cohort of children who will receive their **First Communion in the Spring**. If your child is 6 years old or older, and has not yet received First Communion, please contact Pastor Steve. He also welcomes grandchildren and neighbors of parishioners to participate!

ADULT FORUM is beginning study of a new book: "Life Lessons from Hebrews" by Max Lucado. The book inspires the reader to think about a new way of connecting with and following God; thinking about Jesus as our compassionate high priest; and knowing that our faith is a connector between this life and the next. The book is an "easy read" as well as inspiring. It is available on Amazon as a hard copy or Kindle e-book format, is reasonably priced and should provide for interesting and thought-provoking journaling and discussion.

Good News Club- We're pleased to announce that Good News Club will be returning to Freedom Elementary this spring! The club will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons after school at 3:30 PM for

eight weeks, starting January 29th, through March 19th. **We will be accepting donations of snacks**, as we did last year, for the kids during the meetings! Feel free to bring in snack donations and drop them off at the office at any time of the week; please label the snacks so we know what they are for. Thank you!!

The 2024 Giving Statements are printed and available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up. Refer any questions to: Ron Goehring (724-452-4203)

Lutheran Disaster Response is collecting to help victims of the current California wildfires. 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 - this new giving fund was established in 2024 to address requests to Pastor for financial assistance both within our congregation and outside in the community. If anyone wishes to contribute to the fund, please note it on your offering envelope! An informational sheet is available in the narthex and on our website.

Google Reviews - please don't forget to leave Oak Grove a 5 star review on Google, if you haven't already done so! This is a proven method used by marketing experts to increase an organization's visibility on Google search results!

The 2025 offering envelopes are available for pick up on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. If you have not been assigned a box of envelopes but you would like one, there are extras in the box. Select one and fill in your name and the number of the envelope

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on sheet of paper and place it in the first envelope used. If you have been assigned a box of envelopes and plan to give electronically, you may return your assigned envelopes to Ron Goehring. Any questions contact Ron Goehring at 724-452-4203 or rongoehring@yahoo.com.

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

Men's Breakfast - the next Oak Grove Men's Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 25th, at 9 AM. We are planning to meet at the Eat 'n Park in Wexford off Brandt School Road. Please let Pastor know if you are planning to participate!

Congregational Meeting and Council Retreat - our annual congregational meeting is coming up on Sunday, January 26th, immediately after worship. That afternoon, we will then be holding our Council Retreat, exact time to be determined. Stay tuned for more info!

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS!!
Effective Sunday February 2nd, we are changing our Sunday School program! Kids will arrive at 8:45 and go to the Lower Level of the Church. Parents may then proceed to the Sanctuary where our regular Worship Service will begin at 9:00, as always. The acolyte will join the service when the congregation receives the sign of Peace. The remaining children will rejoin the service as they will come upstairs to ring the bell for the Lord's Prayer, participate in Communion and the blessing, and be dismissed with their families. We are hoping that this will be a great way for kids to receive instruction about the Bible and our loving Lord, Worship in "Kid-Style" fellowship; build their faith, and meet the needs of their families as well. Let's try it out, beginning on February 2, and let us know what you think!

SOUP, SOUP on a cold Day! Come and get your hot soup and baked goods to eat at church and take some home. Mark this on your calendar for **Sunday, February 16th**. All proceeds go to "Give A Christmas 2025". If you would like to make soup or baked goods, sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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, 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 Matteredan, Pastor Tony Schneck, Dave Greene, Devin Betz

For those who grieve: the Family and Friends of Vernon Pfaff, Marilyn Winkle, Kathy Hoffman, and Bob Powell

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

This week:

Sun., Jan. 19th: Sunday Service 9AM
Sun., Jan. 19th: Sunday School and Adult forum
Sun., Jan. 19th: Confirmation 6PM
Wed., Jan. 22nd: Scouts 6:30PM
Sat., Jan. 25th: Men's Breakfast

Next week:

Sun., Jan. 26th: Sunday Service 9AM
Sun., Jan. 26th: Sunday School and Adult forum

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Sun., Jan. 26th: Congregational Meeting after Service

Sun., Jan. 26th: Council Retreat @ Hosanna 1-4PM

Sun., Jan. 26th: Youth Group @ Unionville UMC
6:30PM

Wed., Jan. 29th: GNC @ Freedom Elementary
3:30PM

Wed., Jan. 29th: Scouts 6:30PM

Coming soon:

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Sunday Service 9AM

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Adult forum

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Confirmation 6PM

Wed., Feb. 5th: Confirmation 6PM

Sun., Feb. 9th: Sunday Service 9AM

Sun., Feb. 9th: Adult forum

Those Serving This Sunday (Jan 19th)

Leader: Abby Hunter

Reader: Vivian Leonberg

Acolyte: Eli Spencer

Ushers: Scarlet Spencer Emma Furbee

Altar: Sharon and Beth

Counters: Jenny Fessler and Cindy Sheridan

Audio/Video: Tauna

Those Serving Next Sunday Jan 26th)

Leader: Julie Slepecki

Reader: Diane Grunnagle

Acolyte: Vivian Rinaman

Ushers: Terry Snaidy and Jerry Patsiga

Altar: Vivian and Julie

Counters: Carmie Dambach and Brandon James

Audio/Video: Mike Hessler

2024 Year to Date Operations Report

(At end of Oct)

YTD Income Current: \$ 114,404

YTD Expenses: \$ 117,247

YTD Expenses over Income \$2,843