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# Oak Leaves

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## 3 Ways to Celebrate Rally Sunday

### September 11, 2011

**A time to come together with your Faith Family**

**Worship...** begins at 9:30 AM

A worshipful time to ponder the community we want to be ...

A community of love, forgiveness, unity and not vengeance and fear.

**God's Great Get-2-Gether—Potluck Meal ...** immediately following worship

The purpose of God's Great Get-2-Gether is to show God how grateful we are for all the support we have in our faith community at Oak Grove.

How will this work? ... Everyone who will stay for the meal should bring a favorite dish to pass. You can bring your dish to the kitchen before worship and the Get-2-Gether Team will take care of the dish and have it out on the table when the meal begins. The meal will begin around 11 am, so bring your favorite salad, hot dish, vegetable, bread or dessert. Coffee, juice and water will be provided. The fun of potlucks is ... you might get lucky and have all desserts.

If possible, bring your hot dishes in a crock pot. The containers that you bring will also be the serving dishes. When the meal is over and all our socializing has come to an end, you can pick up your empty unwashed containers in the narthex.

**Speaker from Presbyterian Education Board ...** following potluck

Hosted by the Schools for Peace Committee the speaker will make a brief presentation on the organization and their work in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Since this is the organization through which we will be sponsoring a school, it is a perfect opportunity for you to find out about their mission and get answers to any questions you might have.

***Rally Sunday is a perfect opportunity for you to reconnect, reunite, and recognize your part in God's work...see you Rally Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 AM***

Deadline for the October Oak Leaves is - Sept 15 -  
Articles may be edited for space and/or content.

September

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### Rally Sunday help is needed ...

Please volunteer to help with one of the following shifts:

Set-up from 8 am – 10:30 am

Serving from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Clean-up from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

(See article above for more information)

**We also need larger coolers — can you loan us one?**

**Contact Carol at 952-888-4621**

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**2011 Per Capita is \$30.46**

**Singles Fellowship:** On Thursday, Sept. 15th we will go to the Mill City Museum. Meet at church at 9:30 AM to carpool to the light rail station. We will take a tour (cost \$8.00) and eat lunch in the area. Call Jane Jacobson at 612-867-9068 with questions.

**Singles Fellowship is a group of older adults who get together for support, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome.**

**Woodcutting Weekend**

**Sept 30, Oct 1 & 2**

Sign ups will be available in the narthex.

Oak Grove's **Fall Clean-up** is on October 29. 8:00 am to Noon.



**Citizenship Day**, September 17 is the beginning of Constitution Week, September 17 – 23. We will be ringing our church bell on September 17 at 4:00 pm to celebrate the citizenship and constitution of our country. Young, old and in-between are invited to take a turn at ringing our bell. This is sponsored by the John Prescott DAR. For more information, contact Dorothy Sorensen at 952-888-5762.

**Senior Driver Improvement Program Offered (4-Hour Refresher)**



**Date:** Monday, September 12 **Time:** 1 – 5 pm

**Location:** Oak Grove Presbyterian

The Driver Improvement course is open to the public; pre-registration is requested. A MN Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor teaches this class. By utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, participants will be provided the latest information about driver safety, new laws, and vehicle technology. This class has something for everyone! The fee for the four hour refresher course is \$20.00. For more information or to register, call TOLL FREE 1-888-234-1294.

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. First time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training and a four hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

**September Blood Drive**

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept 27

**Location:** Oak Grove's Gideon Pond Hall

**Time:** 1:00 pm till 7:00 pm

**Questions and/or sign-up:** contact Ted Kocher at 612-280-4832 or [tkocher59@gmail.com](mailto:tkocher59@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

September 11, 2001. No one will ever forget the day.

The tenth anniversary of this momentous day coincides with the traditional day for Rally Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day. The staff has been thinking about how to observe September 11 since last spring. After much deliberation we decided to use the day as both a remembrance and honoring of those who died and as a way to exhibit to the world what kind of community Christ calls us to be. We are called to be a community that witnesses to hope, to new beginnings, to love.

There will be one service at 9:30 (continuing the summer schedule) followed by a potluck lunch at 10:45, including a brief presentation by a speaker from our Schools for Peace Project, PEB.

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On September 18 we return to our normal schedule with two services and education for all ages in-between. On that day we will celebrate Heritage Sunday, honoring our long-time members (fifty years or more) and our members who are eighty years of age or more (recognizing some significant overlap in the groups). What a witness these folks are to the rest of us, lives not just of longevity, but of faithfulness and dedication. We look forward to this day to honor them!

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As the fall schedule gets underway let us take advantages of the many opportunities for learning and service and fellowship. Let us also seek to live balanced lives. A saint has been defined as "someone who is NOT filled with hurry, flurry and worry." I will never be a saint, but I hope to be a faithful follower of Jesus who is centered and spirit-led. I may need your help sometimes to remember this and I offer you mine.

To the glory of God!

Pastor Bill

**WORSHIP FOR:  
SEPTEMBER 4—25**  
—  
**Sunday Mornings**



**SEPTEMBER 4**

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
Beth Hart-Andersen

**SEPTEMBER 11**

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Rally Sunday**  
Sermon by  
Bill Chadwick

**SEPTEMBER 18**

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Heritage Sunday**  
Sermon by  
Bill Chadwick

**SEPTEMBER 25**

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
Jake Van Pernis

**OASIS**

Oasis for Youth is celebrating its first year anniversary by sharing the successes. The goals for the next twelve months are:

- continue the drop-in resource center and 24/7 hotline
- pilot an emergency overnight program
- collaborate with the Suburban Host Home Program
- support a scattered site housing program

It was a year of confirmation and commitment -- confirmation that the services we are providing are needed and the commitment that we have more to do.

Together we can address the needs of our homeless and precariously housed youth. We offer a huge thank you to Oak Grove for the wonderful partnership with us.

Oasis for Youth Leadership Team

**Save the date . . .**

We will celebrate

**Carol Osweiler's**

years of service and  
friendship to Oak Grove.  
Put October 30, 2011 on  
your calendars and plan  
to attend the gala event  
here at the church.

**New Member Classes coming soon** (plan to attend all 3 sessions):

- October 2      12:00-2:00p    Lunch and childcare will be provided.
- October 9      9:15-10:15a
- October 16     10:00a received by session with joining during the 10:45 service.

**Different nametags**

Have you ever seen someone at church who did not look familiar to you? YES?

Did you hesitate to talk with them thinking they may be long time members and you should know that? YES?



Starting in August, visitors who have not yet joined Oak Grove but have asked for permanent nametags will have different colored nametags.

Please welcome them and let them know how happy we are that they chose to worship with us.

*Evangelism Committee*

**Mission—Social Justice****Arizona Trip**

The Social Justice Committee is organizing a trip to the Arizona / Mexico border. The date would be a 4-5 day weekend in March or April, 2012.

It could include a trip across the border to the Comodor which serves undocumented migrants who have been returned to Nogales, Sonora. We would hear from Green Valley Samaritans who work to save lives in the Arizona desert.

We would like to hear from those people who might be interested in finding out more about the trip so we can do more detailed planning.

Please contact :

Doodee Backstrom 952-831-1922, Sandy Crum 952-888-2114 or Kris Jacobson 952-988-9695.

**OLIVE OIL UPDATE —**

You will notice a new look and price when you purchase olive oil from Oak Grove. Bottles that we sell will now be 16.8 ounces and will sell for \$14.00. Many of you will welcome that news since some were hesitant to buy the larger bottle. Za'atar will still be \$4.00/bag. The oil is fair trade, and certified as organic.



There will be a time in early September when you can taste the product. If you've never purchased the oil before, this will be a good time to try it.

**Schools for Peace**

The Mission Committee and Schools for Peace Task Force are very, very excited about our new school building partner, Presbyterian Education Board (PEB). We are looking forward to working with them to achieve our goal of building a school primarily for girls in Pakistan or Afghanistan. Since PEB works exclusively in Pakistan, we now know that is where our school building project will take place.

Some features of PEB that are especially attractive to us: 1. PEB students are 70% Muslim and 30% Christian students, fostering an atmosphere of religious tolerance and cooperation in children from a young age. 2. PEB was established in the mid 1800's by Presbyterian missionaries and still has accountability to PCUSA. 3. PEB encourages sponsoring churches to develop an ongoing relationship with the schools and offerings opportunities to visit Pakistan and the PEB schools. 4. Friends of PEB, an organization supporting the efforts of PEB, is headquartered in St. Cloud, providing a local connection for our school building project.

On Rally Day, September 11, a representative of Friends of PEB will join us for our post-worship pot luck and share with us information about PEB and her personal experiences visiting the schools in Pakistan. We are also planning a Schools for Peace Harvest Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 8. For more detailed info we encourage you to visit the following websites: [www.peb.edu.pk](http://www.peb.edu.pk) and [www.friendsofpeb.org](http://www.friendsofpeb.org).

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**A Great Opportunity both to Serve and to Be Served!**

Have you ever had the opportunity to see children daily who always seem to be smiling, sometimes act mischievous, will yell out your name with a smile every time they see you, and who are always ready to give you a big hug? I have - in Minneapolis, where I both teach and tutor math after school and love it! On the other hand, have you ever heard one day that many of these same children, whom you have grown to love over the years, are either living in shelters or are actually homeless? I have. All of a sudden it finally makes sense that some of these kids tear down posters as they go to class or cry about something that seems insignificant to others. On any given month, there are 80 such children in my school alone who are put on a list that teachers are given of "homeless and highly mobile". It literally makes me cry.

The "Good News" is that finally we can do something about it. An organization called Episcopal Community services (ECS) has been serving our state since 1963 by providing "individualized, comprehensive services to families who are working to gain stability in employment, housing and family life". This fall, Oak Grove is going to join other Presbyterian churches and other faith communities in our state in this opportunity. We already have a small core group that wants to make a difference for one of these families.

How can you help? There are many ways: 1) Be one of 70 families who will donate \$50 dollars. 2) Join our leadership team that will begin meeting in September. 3) Attend the informational adult education classes on November 13. 4) Tutor children or help teach budgeting and life skills. 5) Participate in the training that ECS will provide for our church.

Watch for more details and information coming soon! Thanks for your interest and support. **Frank Bliss**

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**UPCOMING MISSION EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**CROP Hunger Walk 2011 coming Sunday, Oct 9**

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Walkers seek financial sponsors to support their effort walking. At Oak Grove, we usually have a group of walkers and other members who offer the financial support. Save this date on your calendar if you are interested in walking.

**Heifer Project events Saturday, Nov 19 and Sunday, Dec 4**

Heifer Project helps empower families to lift them out of poverty and hunger to self-reliance through gifts of livestock, seeds and trees and extensive training, which provide a multiplying source of food and income. At Oak Grove, we raise funds for Heifer through our International Potluck Dinner on Nov 19 and our Alternative Gift Market on Dec 4.

## From the Educator, Carol Osweiler . . .

Is the summer gone—where did it go? And now we are gearing up for the start of the church program year.

Mark your Calendars:

### Wednesday Night starts September 14 The Mid-Week Gathering

This is a great time for all of our faith family to “kick-back” and enjoy a meal out with friends. Friends start coming at 5:45 pm. The dining room empties out quickly at 6:30 pm so everyone can attend the class offerings. All educational classes are completed at 7:30 PM.

5:45 PM Dinner starts (see the menu insert) No reservations are required...

Everyone is an invited guest

6:30 PM Class locations will be posted in the narthex

Children’s Programs: Stars (preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Beacons (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Confirmation Program: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Sr. High: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Adult Education

7:30 PM Adult Choir

**Sunday Education Hour begins September 18 9:15-10:15 AM**

***Remember our nursery is open on Sundays from 8 am to 12 noon starting September 18***

**Education is for everyone.... Walking together on our Faith Journey**

**God’s Kingdom** Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

This year the children in God’s Kingdom will complete their class time at 10:15 and then with their class come to the Community Room for a sharing and snack time. Parents can pick up their child in the Community Room any time between 10:15 and 10:30 AM.

**Middle School** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Sr. High** 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Adult** see adult education page for class listings

**Visitors to our church are welcome to attend our education classes. For more information or to register your child for any of the programs please contact the Youth Director, Jake Van Pernis or Carol Osweiler, Director of Christian Education, 952-888-4621.**

**Mid-Week Gathering** is a great time to share a meal with your friends and spend an hour discussing your faith.

**Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

**September 14 “What is new in our Libraries?”**

A presentation will take place in the *Chapel* for Adult books and a presentation will take place in the *Children’s Library* for children’s books.

**September 21 & 28**

**Video Series: Saving Jesus**

**Chapel**

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left? Join the conversation with Diana Butler Bass, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and Amy-Jill Levine.

**Sunday Adult Education Hour****9:15-10:15 a.m.**

Welcome to the Fall Adult Education Classes. The Adult Ed Committee is excited about what will be happening in the Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs. We are always looking for new ideas and topics that would help our church family grow in their discipleship; share your thoughts and ideas with Priscilla Pearson or Laurie Decknatel, co-chairs of the Adult Ed Committee.

**Sunday, September 18** Gideon Pond Hall

This Sunday in worship we will be Celebrating our Heritage, Living Legacies of Longtime Members. During the education hour, the Adult Education Committee will host an informal gathering with many of our long-time members. It will be a perfect time for our members to learn why Oak Grove has for so long been loved by so many. The History Committee will have items on display and will also have a limited number of copies of the book With Many Voices (a history of OGPC written in 1980) available for purchase.

**Sunday, September 25** Gideon Pond Hall

1<sup>st</sup> session of "Jesus Through the Eyes of Luke". There will be 6 weeks of sessions from Luke facilitated by Rev. Beth Hart-Andersen and Rev. Bill Chadwick. Plan to attend one or all of these sessions.

**Sunday, October 2** Gideon Pond Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> session of "Jesus Through the Eyes of Luke". Facilitated by Rev. Bill Chadwick.

**A Trip Back in Time**

Imagine a place and time when women and men of different races enjoyed equal status, where friendship, kinship, and shared cultural traditions governed daily life, where marriage across racial lines was not only the norm, but also a key to success in business.

The place is Minnesota, and the time is the 17th and 18th centuries.

You are invited to a presentation by historian and storyteller Mary Wingerd, author of the fascinating book, *North Country: The Making of Minnesota*. This book makes early Minnesota people come alive!

Join us at 2 pm on Sunday, September 18th here at Oak Grove for a trip back in time. This event is jointly sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society, the Bloomington Historical Society, and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. This event is free and open to all.

**Presbyterian Women News**

CIRCLE NEWS – Two of our circles begin meeting again in September - Goodrich-Nord Circle meets Wednesday, September 14, at 9:15 am at the church. Call Joan Stanko, 952-888-7577.

Ruth Circle meets Thursday, September 8, at 9:15 am at Gideon Pond Activity Room at Presbyterian Homes. Call Ethel Furuli, 952-844-0435. Evening Star Circle doesn't meet until Tuesday, October 4. Call Mary Jones, 952-831-7655.

NEXT COORDINATING TEAM MEETING - will be held Saturday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 9:00. All women who are members of the church are welcome to attend.

FALL GATHERING – Mark your calendars now for the PW Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 15 at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake. Registration deadline is October 6. More details will follow in the October Oak Leaves.

Through July 31 <sup>st</sup>	2011		Act vs Budg	2010
	Actuals	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actuals
<b>Income YTD</b>	\$382,728	\$367,387	\$15,341	\$350,788
<b>Expense YTD</b>	\$382,106	\$394,382	\$12,276	\$351,008
<b>Income – Exp</b>	\$ 622	(\$26,995)	\$27,617	(\$220)

**Financial Summary:**

- Five weeks in July were a blessing for us!
- Went back into the black and well ahead of budget

**Volunteer Wanted: New Church Treasurer**

Sue Greimel has done an outstanding job as Oak Grove's volunteer church treasurer for many years. She's starting medical school this fall and to make room for new challenges in her life, she must release some of the old. We are sorry to announce she is retiring as church treasurer at the end of 2011.

This has created a new and exciting opportunity for someone to answer God's call to serve Oak Grove. We are seeking a new church treasurer to help us steward our financial resources wisely.

We would like to find and identify a new volunteer yet this fall so that individual can work with Sue during the crucial budgeting and year-end closing times. The time commitment throughout the year varies. Some responsibilities include:

- Sign checks & approve check requests once a week
- Initiate the bi-monthly payroll transfer
- Work closely with the Financial Secretary to prepare monthly financial reports
- Work closely with all church staff and the Budget & Finance Committee to prepare year-end financial reports
- Attend meetings of the Budget & Finance Committee and the Endowment Subcommittee
- Deliver financial report to Session at its monthly meeting

If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact Karen Alonzi, chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, at 952-829-5429 or email Karen@par3it.com. We're eager to hear from you!

**September Birthdays**

**(If you don't see your birthday, we don't have that information or you requested that it not appear.)**

**\*Important birthday \*\* Significant birthday**

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|--|--|
| 1 Margaret Bach** (94 yr young)  | 19 Robert Sands  |
| 2 Storm Holloway* (17 yr old)  | 20 Beverly Bliss   |
| 3 Angeline Licudine; LeeRoy Zeiszler   | 21 Larry Klueh; Katherine Propsom* (13 yr old)                                   |
| 5 Pierce Flanagan  | 22 Michelle Boateng* (20 yr old)   |
| 6 Lee Helms; Barbara Hornnes   | 23 Mary Crampton; Anne Greimel; Kathryn Grussing;<br>Eliza Schuchman* (2 yr old) |
| 7 Robert Bruder; Linda Cochrane  | 24 Kenneth Hanson** (91 yr young); Caitlin Lucie                                 |
| 10 Robert Crum, Fred Fretheim** (94 yr young)  | 25 Doris Engfer; Betty Lou Walker  |
| 12 Alexander Lewis* (8 yr old)   | 26 Larissa Schafer   |
| 13 Jackson Marrone* (10 yr old), Michael McNutt* (19 yr<br>old)                                | 27 William Cross; Judy Harder  |
| 14 Eric Duvall   | 28 Tom Dredge; Michael Weisner   |
| 15 Anna Benz* (12 yr old); Michael Benz* (12 yr old);<br>Mike Lewis; Inez Pond** (86 yr young) | 29 Herman Brihn; Carol Frechette; Bonnie Grussing;<br>Jody Milton                |
| 16 Jack Carlson  | 30 Ruth Ann Metzger  |
| 17 Clara Nammeh; Sida Souvannasane   |  |



# Congregational News & Other Events

## Condolences to the families of:

**Edith St. Martin Brown**, aunt of Bev Noble, Kay Lancette, Ann Traeder and Lynda Mielke.

**Eleanor Conrad**, on her death at the age of 92.

**Family of Matt**, 16-yr old who was killed in a car accident. Matt's family are friends of the Milton family.

**Bob Nelson**, Lou Traeder's brother, on his death July 24.



*Thank yous*

Dear Oak Grovers,

We would like to thank you for the thoughts & prayers over these past weeks. We'll certainly update you as we know more, but presently, here it is:

Brad continues to be a frequent visitor at The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and we anticipate a year or more wait before his cardio upgrade might take place. He's doing well and enjoying all the family time he can get.

Kathy's mom received an ALS diagnosis (on top of 30+ years of MS), and is at their local care center in Iowa after 3 weeks of inpatient care. She still has a bit of speech ability, but no longer has use of her limbs at all. We recognize the road ahead is not an easy one, but her faith and spirit have remained really a delight so far.

Writing with grateful hearts,  
Kathy Howell & Brad Norman

## Choir Projector and Screen installed on August 3 & 4

After months of planning, Audio Logic Systems, our video vendor, installed both the screen and projector in the sanctuary so that choir members and others on the chancel can view all materials being projected on the main two screens. In addition, plans are underway, to enable the console tech group to project separate images for the choir only, such as a front view of Bill preaching, time with the children, etc. This project has been anticipated for a few years and it's completion will enhance the choir's enjoyment of the Sunday services starting in the fall. Thanks to all who participated in this effort.

## River Rendezvous Returns

**Saturday September 24, 2011**

**9 am—4 pm**

**401 E 104th St.**

Join us this year for River Rendezvous, one of the finest living history events in the entire Midwest. More than 50 historic reenactors will be situated throughout the beautiful, 40-acre Pond Dakota Mission Park. Among the hands-on demonstrations and authentic reenactments you will see and participate in are:

Tomahawk and Atlatl Throwing	Blacksmithing
Candle and Rope Making	Logging
Woodcraft	Cooking
Lakota Life Spinning and Weaving	Silversmith
Bow Making Voyageurs	Trappers Maple Sugaring
Settlers Cabin Flint	Knapping
Ojibwe Seasonal Life	Felt and Paper Making
Wild Ricing	Ice Harvesting
Horn and Antler Craft	Historic Pottery
Frontier Firearms	Tin Work
Coopering	Birchbark Canoe Construction
Frontier Medicine	19th Century Medicine Show
And much more...	

Tours of the 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House run throughout the day. Cost is \$6, children under 4 are free. Food is available for purchase and there is free parking. More info at 952-563-8693 or [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword River Rendezvous.

## Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who sponsored me at the Lake-to-Lake Bike Tour for Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Through your generous donations, I was able to raise \$2,591. I look forward to your support at next year's bike tour. Again, I say Thank You!

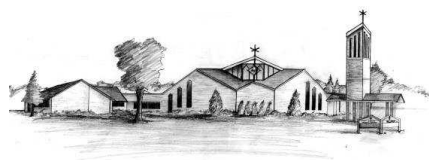
Don Alman

Thank you for your prayers for Karen Linscott. Recent test results indicate that she is cancer free.

Lou Traeder

## PILATES CLASSES

The next 5-week Pilates session begins at noon on Tuesday, September 6. Only mat classes are offered at this time. Cost for the 5 weeks of classes is \$45. Come join us for a relaxing good workout. Call or e-mail Beth Angerhofer at church (952-888-4621 or [bangerhofer@oakgrv.org](mailto:bangerhofer@oakgrv.org)) to sign up or ask questions.



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### Music is in the Air



Autumn is just around the corner. . .time to think about how you might be involved at Oak Grove this year. I'd like to extend an invitation to join one of our music ensembles.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Open to all ages, we rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 in the choir room. You don't need to audition for this group; we have no paid soloists; we're open to all! Sitting in the congregation, it might appear that we are a big enough group, and indeed, we are fortunate to have so many loyal singers. However, we always have room for new members. The nice thing about a large group is that it's easy to blend in, there are lots of people to help and answer questions, you don't have to feel like you're in the spotlight, and hopefully, you'll find making music with a group is emotionally uplifting! **The first choir rehearsal is Wed., Sept. 7th at 7:30 p.m.**

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Nancy Hauser leads this wonderful group of players. They rehearse on Monday evenings from 7 – 8 and play in worship about once a month! Some music reading ability is helpful!

**ORCHESTRA:** Open to all ages - beginners and more experienced players also. We play a few times a year and rehearse on Saturday mornings prior to those scheduled Sundays.

**WELLSPRING:** If you're interested in singing a variety of music in a smaller group setting, please contact Judy Cooper. You do not have to be a member of Chancel Choir to sing in this group.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND HANDCHIMES:** Open to all. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings as a part of the Logos program.

**GUITAR GROUP:** I've become aware of quite a number of guitar players and would like us to get together to rehearse and play in worship and at special events. Watch for more details. Contact Judy Cooper if you're interested.

If you have any questions about these groups or any of the music programs in general, please contact Judy Cooper. E-mail is [jcooper@oakgrv.org](mailto:jcooper@oakgrv.org) and phone is 952-835-3783.