

OPPC February 2023 Newsletter



Dates to Know

February 5th

- Scout Sunday
- 11:15 a.m. Caravan Parent Meeting (Youth Rooms)

February 6th

- 7:00 p.m. PW Miriam Circle (Lounge)

February 12th

- Camp & Youth Sunday
- Registration opens for Caravan & Camp Pyoca

February 22nd

- Ash Wednesday
- 12:00 p.m. Service (North Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Service (Sanctuary)

February 25th

- 7:00 p.m. Middle School Party Hour (Youth Rooms)

Camp & Youth Sunday: February 12th

On Sunday, February 12th, we will celebrate Camp Sunday. While we are looking forward to Camp Pyoca in the summer and encourage campers who have attended before to wear their Pyoca swag, feel free to wear any t-shirt from any camp you have attended!

Children and youth will be our worship leaders for the day. Following worship, we will have camp games in the Pavilion (replacing Sprout and Middle School Sunday School).

Games will be played and smores will be eaten from 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; grown up kids are also invited!



WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Services will be at 12:00 p.m. in the North Chapel and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



MISSION:

Share the Light Christmas Gift Market



Thank you to all that participated in the Christmas Gift Market, over \$14,000 was donated to various causes with approximately 90% contributed to charities with an international focus (Haiti missions, Fountains of Hope, Presbyterian Mission) and 10% to charities with a local focus (Clothesline Ministry, Blessings Box, Youth Caravan).

Blessings Box

The Blessings Box needs your help. We are looking for ready-to-eat items with easy to open lids and boxes - stuff that doesn't require cooking or mixing with other items. Individual servings items are also taken. Non-sugary cereals, crackers, pop up cans of fruit, Vienna sausages, tuna and SpaghettiOs, raisins, individual snacks, etc. are popular.



Gift Cards



We are asking for gift card donations in the amounts of \$50, or \$25, so we can continue to help our community when they call, or stop by, asking for assistance. These gift cards can be from GetGo or any other Gas retailer, Kroger, Walmart, etc.. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org. Thank you so much for continuing to help those in our community.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

PW Miriam Circle



We are meeting on **February 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in the coffee lounge at church. Jolien has the lesson, Lynne has refreshments, and Kim has devotions. We are on chapter 5 of the study "Celebrating Sabbath".

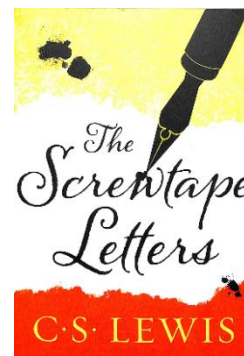
We will be sending Valentine's boxes to 44 college aged young adults as decided by the group. I will bring the boxes, labels, and some packing tape- more packing tape would be appreciated. Mary is bringing Valentines' cards; Kim and Audrey are bringing hot chocolate; Beverly J and Cathy are

bringing popcorn; Lynne is bringing gum; and Martha, Liz, Betty, Marian, Therese, Jolien, Barb, and I are bringing candy. If you are not signed up or need to change, please bring whatever is easy for you. Hope to see you all on February 6th.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is back, every Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. on ZOOM. We will be studying CS Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. Zoom link is listed on the calendar. You can find the calendar on our webpage. Join Us. Contact Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood for information and to get the ZOOM link.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

On February 5th, we will start our overview of the origins of Music and its impact on sacred music. We will look at the music of Mesopotamia, ancient Egypt, and the musical instruments of the Old and New Testaments. We will look briefly of how music has been used and adapted to meet the needs of the last 2,000 years with a focus on sacred music trends of the last 500 years. This is an overview and barely scrapes the surface of a vital and essential element of our worship and our musical heritage.

Mind the Gap

Gathers on Sundays at 11:10 a.m. in Room 115. Each week is its own discussion of a current issue. While topics will be sent a couple days before the class begins, no preparation is required. Please join us! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org.

Young Families

Young Families Meet on Sunday, February 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will gather in the Pavilion for some Super Bowl themed games and have dinner together in the Lounge at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org.

On Sunday, February 19th, Young Families will meet from in Room 115 for adults and Room 126 for children. Our gathering goes from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be in our groups and then we will gather in the Lounge for dinner together.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH:

On the flip side: a 4-week study from the prophets & gospels on justice



When Jesus was on earth, he wasn't exactly known for telling people what they wanted to hear. Jesus' message was unlike any message people had ever heard before. He didn't give shallow motivational speeches or feel-good sermons. He didn't recycle the same messages other religious leaders were teaching. He flipped people's ideas about God, the world, and themselves completely upside down – usually in uncomfortable ways. And that's always how God's words have worked!

In this four-week series, we'll compare Jesus' words in the Gospels with the words of the Old Testament prophets to see how God's words have always challenged our understanding of what's wrong or right, good, or bad, and just or unjust. We'll talk about how, both then and now, God flips our assumptions about who God values, our definition of righteousness, our understanding of what's good enough, and our definition of justice.

Caravan Fundraiser

The Youth need your help to fund their annual trip for Caravan. This June, they will be going to Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan Kentucky. If you would like to help support this amazing trip with these incredible youth, please consider donating. Donations can be made in Cash or Check. If Check, please put Caravan in the memo line.

- \$35 = meals for a day for 1 student.
- \$65 = 1 tank of gas for 1 van.
- \$200 = fun day celebration costs for 2 students.
- \$750 = scholarship for 1 student



Middle School Party Hour

February 25th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friends Welcome! To sign up please contact Dr. Kristin Lehr at klehr@orchardpark.org.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

During the month of February, our theme is “How To;” How to live like Jesus teaches us. We will talk about how to make a difference, how to love our enemies, how to give and how to pray. These lessons occur during Children’s Church.

Children’s Church and Sprout

Sprout meets from 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; we are continuing with music and add in art or recreation for the month of February.

Will NOT meet on Sunday, February 12 as it is Camp Sunday and children will be leaders in worship and participants in Camp games following worship; childcare will still be available for our youngest kiddos.

Our 3rd-5th Grade Fellowship.

Meets on Sunday, February 12th from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; please join us for food and fellowship!

Scout Sunday: February 5th



Did you know that OPPC is a charter organization for Scouts? Yes, we are! On Sunday, February 5th, members from Pack 124 will be with us to share about their mission and ministry and offer our fellowship / coffee hour time following worship. Please join us to welcome them and all the positive impact they have in our community!