

OPPC April 2023 Newsletter



Holy Week

- 10:00 a.m. April 2nd, Palm Sunday, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service, Lounge
- 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. April 7th, Good Friday Service, North Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. April 9th, Easter Service
 - 11:00 a.m. Easter Brunch, Lounge



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

MISSION:

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, we will be participating in One Great Hour of Sharing. The mission committee is matching monetary donations of up to a total amount of \$3,000 to be given to this cause. We hope you will join us in raising money for this great cause that supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Earth Day Sunday

Earth day is April 22nd, and on April 23rd, we are celebrating. The 2023 theme is “Sowing Seeds-Prophetic Action to Climate-Changed Lands”. Throughout the year we will be exploring the current state of climate and its impact on our food system, while answering our biblical call to seek justice for all of God’s creation.

Dates to Know

April 2nd – Palm Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service, Sanctuary
 - One Great Hour of Sharing

April 6th – Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. Service, Lounge
- 8:00 p.m. Service, Lounge

April 7th – Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Service, North Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Service, North Chapel

April 9th – Easter

- 10:00 a.m. Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Brunch, Lounge

April 16th

- Chili Cook Off
 - 5:00 p.m. Pavilion

April 23rd

- Earth Day Sunday

ADULT EDUCATION:

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

We are embarking on the study of a person whose name is mentioned some 75 times in the Bible over the course of one of the most dramatic times in Jewish history. He was one of those go-to people that quietly and efficiently did their job and then some. He was known to Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and YHWH, among others. He was a part of organizing the Levites, moving the Tent of Meeting, taking a census of the people, and allocating the Promised Land. Come join us at 11:10 AM on Sunday mornings!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH:

Middle & High School Youth

No Middle School Grow on Sunday, April 2nd, or Sunday, April 9th.

No High School Youth Group
Thursday, April 6th.

Caravan Fundraiser

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased at the event. If you would like to participate by bringing a chili, you may sign up on our website under the youth section, youth enrichment, Chili Cook Off.



Caravan Fundraiser

OPPC Chili Cook Off

Dust off your secret family recipe and join in the fun! One entry per person. Raffle tickets will be sold and attendees will vote for their favorite chili. Recipes can be in the category of "meat" and "vegetarian." Questions? Contact Kristin Lehr at 317-443-1365.

Date: 04/16/2023 (Sun.)

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm EDT

Location: OPPC

Winter Review

OPPC had a busy winter. We applied to and were granted certification as an EARTH CARE CONGREGATION FOR 2023. We hosted many events and started our partnership with IBA. Please enjoy these photos and information from the winter season.



Earth Care Congregation:

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2024. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

This status speaks to the serious commitment that Orchard Park Presbyterian Church has made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

"Orchard Park Presbyterian Church is just one of the 305 churches in our denomination that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This congregation's activities and commitment brings hope to their community and indeed to the world. We believe that Orchard Park Presbyterian Church will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Children's Ministry:



Confirmation Retreat:



Food Backpack Program:



Lenten Series:



Worship:



Easter Egg Hunt:



Trivia Night:

