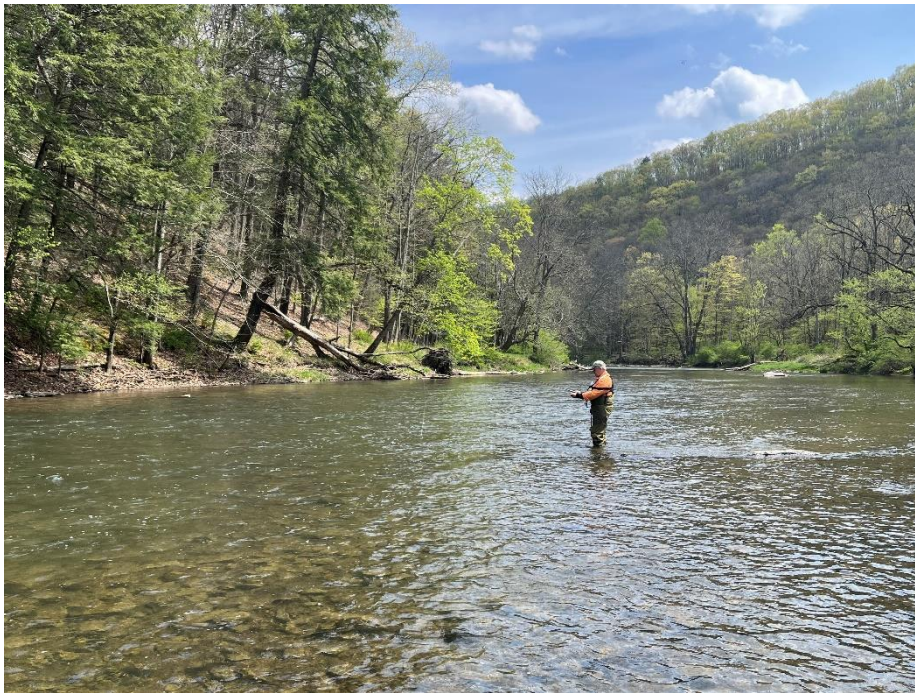


OPPC May 2023 Newsletter



Dates to Know

May 7th

- 11:00 a.m. New Member Class in the library
- 3:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Tea in the Pavilion
- 4:00 p.m. Young Families

May 16th

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Lounge

May 20th

- Building a Mental Health Community Workshop
 - Free; registration required.
 - 8:30 a.m. Doors Open
 - 9:00 a.m. Workshop Starts

May 21st

- 10:00 a.m. New members Joining during Service.
- 11:00 a.m. "If it ain't Baroque" Music Recital in the North Chapel, performed by OPPC musicians.

May 22nd

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting in the Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it."

—
John 1:5



Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, we raise awareness of mental health to help fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and PCUSA advocates for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.

Building a Mental Health Community



Join us for a workshop on building a community for mental health facilitated by licensed mental health professionals.

This workshop is open to all people, especially those working with or interested in helping youth aged twelve to twenty-four.

We will be focusing on suicide awareness, self care, and faith.

We encourage all who are wanting to learn how to build a better community for mental health to attend.

EVENT IS FREE!

REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER
VISIT
WWW.ORCHARDPARK.ORG

Saturday, May 20 2023,

9:00 a.m. to Noon

at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 E. 106th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46280

Presbyterian Women's Tea

The annual Orchard Park Presbyterian Women's Tea is May 7, 2023, starting at 3:00 p.m. To register for the PW Tea please click [here](#). The speaker for this year's tea is a Noblesville Indiana resident and author, Janet Hart Leonard. Janet is a weekly columnist for the Hamilton County Reporter and author of "When the Hart Speaks: Whimsy from the Little House on the Alley." PW tea is open to all person's children and adult that is interested.



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New Member Classes

The first class was held on Sunday, **April 30** in the Library and focused on what Presbyterians believe and the ministries we offer here at OPPC. The second class will be held on Sunday, **May 7 at 11:00 a.m.** in the library and will include a light reception and information on how you might find a home here at Orchard Park. We hope to welcome a new member class on **Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.** We will have a brief session meeting prior to the service to welcome you into the congregation. You do not need to attend all the classes, if you are interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood (shellywood@orchardpark.com).



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OPPC Vacation Bible School: June 5th-9th, Registration Open

Registration for Vacation Bible School is OPEN. To register visit our website, <https://orchardpark.org>. This year's theme is Hero Hotline. VBS is for children 4 years of age to completed 5th grade. Children completing 6th grade and older are welcome to be volunteers. Registration is \$30.00. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org.



Congratulations To Our Confirmands.



Evan Drake
Katie Fuhrmann
Alex Lisa
Krista Stickle

Mission Spotlight

Household food insecurity affected 12.5% of U.S. households with children in 2021. That equates to 5,000,000



children. Indiana ranks 12th in the U.S. for those most at risk of hunger. That means 1 in 7 children face hunger. Closer to home, Gleaners Food Bank estimates 24,270 people are food insecure. At risk children total 6,340. That is more children than in Boone, Hendricks, Hancock or Johnson counties. Even closer to home, the Carmel United Methodist Church (CUMC) Food Pantry experienced a 62% increase in people served

from 2021 (7,043) to 2022 (11,397). Thus far in 2023, the numbers are continuing to increase significantly. OPPC continues to partner with CUMC to help staff and stock its food pantry. Approximately 5,500 of mission monies are targeted to help with operating expenses. Additionally, OPPC supplies 20 dozen eggs to the food pantry each month. You can drop these off during open hours on Tuesday (1-7 pm.), Wednesdays (9 am – 1 pm) & Saturdays (9 am – 1 pm). Shoppers are so thankful for fresh fruits and vegetables. And if you have some extra time, volunteer at the food pantry. Help is needed and appreciated by shoppers and other volunteers alike. It is a very positive experience and only requires a couple of hours of your time. CUMC Food Pantry is located at 621 S. Rangeline Rd. in Carmel. Click on Food Pantry Hours at www.carmelumc.org for more information.

What a Year!

Thank you to our learning center preschool families, teachers, and staff for a wonderful year filled with learning and growth. We wish you all the best summer and see you next school year.

