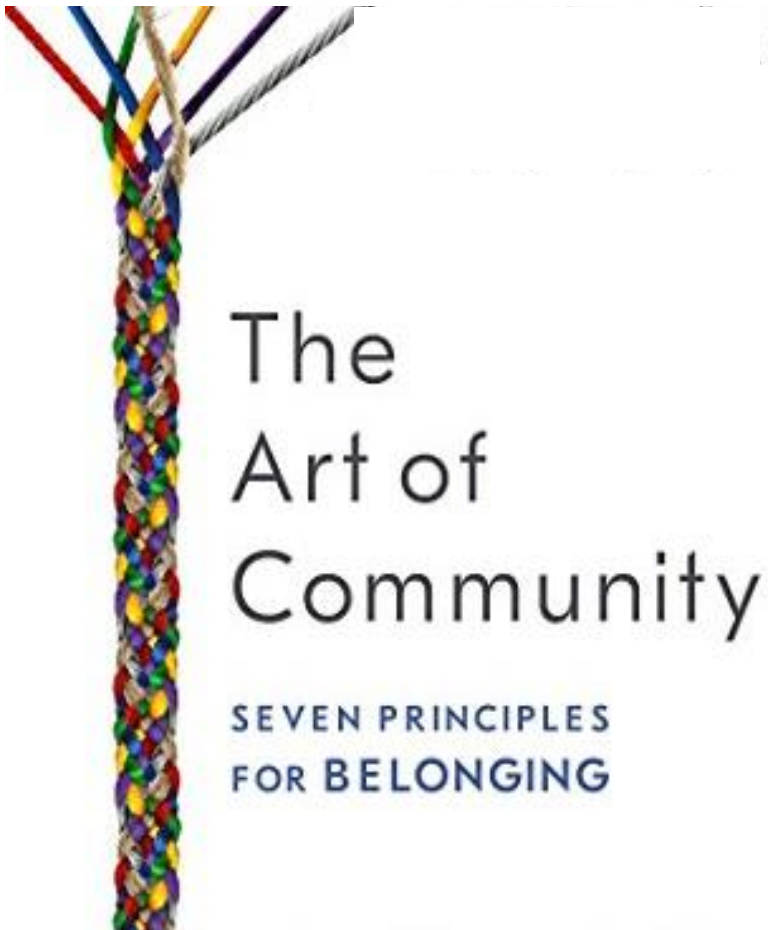


# OPPC June 2023 Newsletter



## Summer is The Art of Community

**Sunday June 25:** The Art of Community: The Stories Principle- Show and Tell!

Using our summer theme, The Art of Community, the Deacons are hosting a pitch in lunch; main course will be provided, and congregational members are invited to bring a side to share (but please come regardless). Everyone is asked to bring a personal item with them that prompts a story from one's life. We will share with one another our items and our stories. This gathering will be held in the Lounge following worship.

## Dates to Know

### June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Middle School Messy Game Night
  - 7:00 p.m. Youth Rooms

### June 4<sup>th</sup>

- Grad Sunday
- The Daniel Plan Series Starts
  - 9:00 a.m. North Chapel
- Our American Community Series Starts
  - 11:00 p.m. North Chapel

### June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

- Vacation Bible School

### June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

- Youth OPPC & Cru
  - 7:00 p.m. at Anchor's Away

### June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,

- 7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study
  - Lounge & Zoom

### June 11<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 a.m. Opening of Kid Zone
  - Room 118 & 119

### June 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

- Youth Caravan
  - Pine Mountain Settlement School

### June 15<sup>th</sup>

- Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study Starts
  - 9:45 a.m. Zoom

### June 19<sup>th</sup>

- Book Review Circle
- Ya-Ya's
  - 7:00 p.m. at Fat Dans

### June 21<sup>st</sup>

- Pyoca Fan the Flame Day of Giving

### June 25<sup>th</sup>

- Caravan Sunday
- 11:00 a.m. The art of Community: Stores Principle – Show and Tell
  - Main Street

## Adult Summer Enrichments

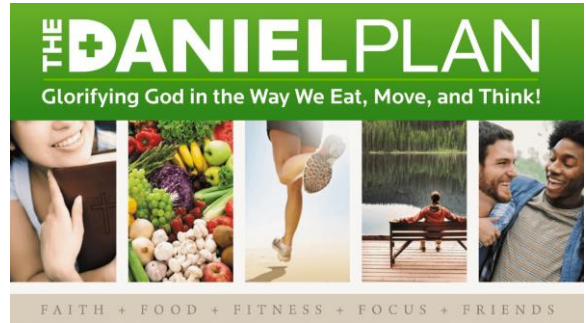
### **The Daniel Plan**

Dates: **Sundays 6/4 - 7/9**

Time: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: North Chapel

Contact: Karla Gaston: karlagaston@att.net



A healthy lifestyle helps you to take care of yourself and then care for others. Rick Warren has developed a 40-day plan that has 6 elements to work toward this goal. The elements are Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. We will be doing a study of each element over a six-week period this Summer. Please consider joining us for learning, sharing and fellowship. Hosted by Karla Gaston, if you have any questions, please feel free to email Karla at karlagaston@att.net.

### **Our American Community**



Dates: **Sundays 6/4 - 10/1**

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: North Chapel

Contact: Tom Kapostasy: tkapostasy@outlook.com

Citizens have a responsibility to understand their society and participate in its political process. Let's set aside specific partisan issues and attempt to understand our current condition, what divides us and what could reengage us. Let's discuss the core chapters of a half dozen key books in five months. Our challenges are great, but our understanding of people, communities and politics is better than ever. Americans have much in common. There are common sense steps that can improve our political process and produce better results for all of us.

### **Summer Bible Study: Book of Revelation**

Dates: **Wednesdays in June, starting June 7, 2023**

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lounge & Zoom

Contact: Rev Dr. Shelly Wood: shellywood@orchardpark.org

All are welcome, childcare available! A summer study on the Book of Revelation. Contact Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood if interested in participating. Facilitators will be Rev. Wood and guest speaker Scott Toussaint.

## WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Dates: **Thursdays, starting June 15, 2023**

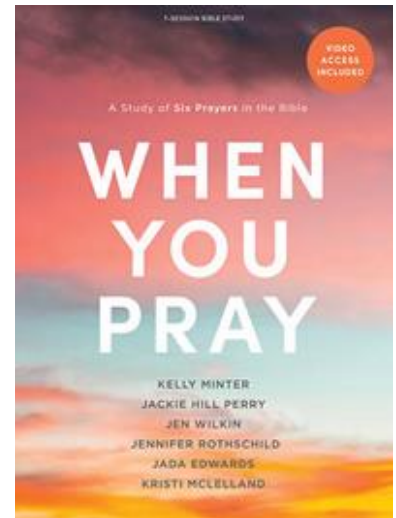
Time: 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Contact: LeAnn Pope: lpop714@gmail.com

Studying the book “*When You Pray*”. It’s a study of six prayers in the Bible, where each week’s study is written by a different author.

Email lpop714@gmail.com for a zoom invitation and information about getting the book. From the back of the book: “Prayer is a gift—an invitation to talk with God. But prayer can also be a challenge. Do you have trouble thinking of words to say, fear some emotions are too intense to express to God, or reach the end of a day only to realize you haven’t prayed at all? You’re not alone. Thankfully, in God’s Word we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray. In this 7-session study, beloved Bible teachers Kelly Minter, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, and Kristi McLelland will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You’ll find that when you pray, your faith is strengthened, and your heart is united to Jesus.”



## Children & Youth

**Monday – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>: OPPC Vacation Bible School**



This year’s theme is Hero Hotline. VBS is for children 4 years of age to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Each year during our OPPC VBS, we sponsor a Mission. This year, we are collecting items for Outreach.** Outreach Mission Statement  
*Equipping and empowering homeless teens and young adults to achieve stability and life transformation.*

We believe that true transformation occurs in the context of relationships. Building relationships help youth and young adults transform their perceptions of themselves so they can make use of opportunities available to them. By connecting youth to services and building relationships, youth increase their social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual health and capacities, propelling youth towards stability and life transformation.

### Outreach, Inc. Greatest Needs list

These are the items that are of greatest need based on feedback from our young people. This list is updated weekly, and both new and gently used items are accepted.

Backpacks  
Rain ponchos  
Men's boxer briefs - size small  
Tents  
Travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and body lotion  
Women's deodorant

Men’s deodorant  
Blankets  
Baby wipes  
Individually wrapped toothbrushes  
Cans of individual sized food items with pop tabs- tuna, chicken, Chef-Boyardee.

**OUTREACH**  
END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

## Sunday, June 11

Opening of Kid Zone! The congregation is invited to come to the Kids Zone (Rooms 118-119) to see the new play place we have for our children and the preschool. Children are invited to enjoy time to play, and snacks will be provided! Please join us!



## Youth and Young Adult Ministry



The OPPC Youth Outreach position allows Kristin to partner with organizations in the community currently serving students. She has been involved with CRU at Clay Middle School this past year and will be expanding her role with CRU at Carmel Middle School and Carmel High School in the fall. Summer CRU is a great way for our OPPC students (regardless of school) to come together this summer and meet more kids while having the familiarity of OPPC students and Kristin. We encourage students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall through rising high school students to join us this summer. This is completely free, and all students and friends are welcome.

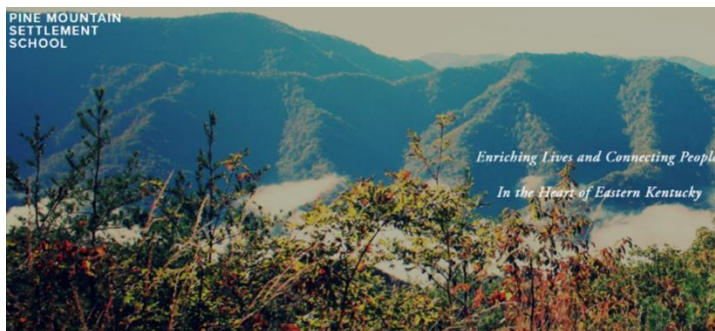
Join Youth Outreach Director Kristin Lehr on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Anchor's Away  
13240 Old Meridian St.  
Carmel, IN 46032

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Middle School Social

**Friday, June 2** Middle School Messy Game Night. (Bring a towel and a water bottle-you will get dirty) Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Youth Room



## High School

Caravan **Sunday – Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Caravan **Sunday, June 25**

The youth are going to the PINE MOUNTAIN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL located in the heart of Kentucky. The Pine Mountain Settlement School takes a holistic approach to the stewardship of our natural, agricultural, human, and built environments through community development, environmental education, sustainability, cultures, and heritages. They are looking forward to experiencing how God will work in and transform their lives during this amazing adventure of fellowship, mission, and growth.

## Ya-Ya's (Young Adults 18-22)

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, dinner at Fat Dan's 7:00 p.m. Contact is Youth Outreach Director Kristin Lehr



## Mission Spotlight

### Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: *PYOCA Fan the Flame Day of Giving*



Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center will host its inaugural ***Fan the Flame*** Day of Giving on Wednesday **June 21**. For over 70 years, Pyoca has kept the fire of faith burning. Generations of children, youth, and adults have come to camp to explore, grow, rest, and play. That fire didn't happen by accident. God's faithfulness has guided us. Beautiful servants, staff and volunteers, have blessed us. We invite you to make a gift to ***Fan the Flame*** at Pyoca! Join us by supporting the Pyoca Day of Giving on Wednesday June 21: together we can keep the fires burning. Be sure to follow Pyoca social media for more information leading up to the day and on June 21. Will you support Pyoca on its first Day of Giving by making a

gift in support of this very important ministry? Visit [Pyoca.org](http://Pyoca.org) on June 21 to make your gift or make your gift today.

## OPPC Financial Update

Thanks to everyone who has contributed gifts and maintained their pledges to support the operations of OPPC thus far. April YTD Financial Summary is as follows:

- *Total April YTD Operating Revenues are **\$72K below 2023 Budget.***
- *Our April YTD Operating Results (Income less expenses) are \$84K behind in comparison to last year's April YTD Operating Results*

We need your help in supporting OPPC and closing this current operating financial gap. Please continue to think of OPPC and maintain your pledges. Please contact Mary Leffler (Business Administrator) or Bari Faudree (Treasurer) if you have questions or how you may be able to assist for the remainder of the year.

## The Book Review Circle

Meets the third Monday of the month at church and on zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle by Jennifer Ryan. At our June meeting we will select our books for the upcoming year.

## Congratulations To Our Graduates

1. **Mitchell Kelley**, graduating from Herron High School, Attending Bowling Green University, Studying Computer Science.

2. **Natasha Howard**, Graduating from Fishers High School (Cum Laude), Attending Indiana University, Studying International Law.

3. **Lucy Strahm**, graduating from Westfield High School, Attending Indiana University/Indiana Studying Art Therapy.

4. **Charlie Baker**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending Indiana University, Studying sports management and marketing.

5. **Dylan Meeks**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending University of Wisconsin, Madison, Studying genetics.



6. **Anna Harvey**, graduating from Westfield High School, Attending University of Cincinnati, studying marketing.
7. **Kate Sullivan**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending Indiana University, Studying environmental science.
8. **Abby Burnham**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending Miami of Ohio, Studying Pre-Law.
9. **Henry Burnham**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending Hope College studying Accounting and Economics.
10. **Luke Ahrbecker**, graduating from Carmel High School, Attending Indiana University studying chemistry.
11. **Taylor Switzer**, Graduating from Fishers High School, Attending Indiana State University Studying biology with a concentration in organismal and conservation.

### New Members

Please help us in welcoming our new members to OPPC. The names correspond to the photos from left to right, Elyse Barajas, Ron & Melissa Byram, Ellison Escocio, Patricia (Pat) Ertel, Henry Kramer, Brian & Jenn with Cade and Eli Otto, Donna Page.



## What a Year!

Thank you to the Orchard Park Band and Choir for a great year.

## Congratulations to Fred Lindsay!

It is with great pleasure that Cheryl and Robin announce that Dad, Fred Lindsey, has been accepted for the Indy Honor Flight program (Honor Flight 39). This program provides a chartered flight that transports 84 Veterans and their Guardians/Helpers, along with photographers, medical volunteers, and guides to Washington, D.C. to visit the various memorials honoring their service. Dad and his "Guardian," Cheryl's flight was on May 20. The Indy Honor Flight provided everything needed for the trip. It was a busy, busy day with the group visiting as many memorials as time permits.



## YOU ARE INVITED

Albert Chen & Stephanie Kim would like to invite you to a special event in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. A dance troupe from National University of Taiwan Arts will perform at the Palladium on **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. As one of the sponsors, we'd love to see the Palladium filled with our friends, family, and colleagues. There is no cost to attend, but you do need a ticket which you may reserve here: [thecenterpresents.org](http://thecenterpresents.org).

# 2023 Taiwanese Heritage Week Asian Pacific Heritage Month

**Wednesday**  
**June 7**  
**7 – 9 p.m.**  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**The Palladium**  
1 Carter Green, Carmel, IN  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
Get ticket at  
[thecenterpresents.org](http://thecenterpresents.org)



## Dance & Music Show



國立臺灣藝術大學  
National Taiwan University of Arts

