

AUGUST 2023

The Monthly Newsletter



Orchard Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP WITH US

Please join us for our **Outdoor Bluegrass Worship Service** under the big tent on the N. Parking Lot. Followed by a Potluck Lunch and Games. We hope you can join us!

Date: **August 20, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m. Service, 11:00 a.m. Potluck**

Location: **North Parking Lot, Under the Tent**

The Outreach Committee will be providing pulled pork and chicken for the main dish. If your last name begins with:

- A – L bring a side or salad.
- M – Z bring a side or dessert.

Dates to Know

August 6

- Backpack Blessing Sunday
- Church Directory Photos

August 9 -11

- OPPC Rummage Sale

August 20

- Bluegrass Sunday

August 12

- PYOCA Alumni Camp

August 26

- Deacon Retreat, 9:00 a.m.

August 27

- Day of Caring

August 28

- Preschool is back in session.



OPPC RUMMAGE SALE: SPONSORED BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Date: **August 9 – 11, 2023** (the 9th is for church members only)

Time: **Aug 9, 4 :00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | Aug 10, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Aug 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Location: **OPPC Pavilion**

Proceeds go to missions and supporting the youth of OPPC. Please tell your friends and family!

We are accepting donations for the rummage sale through Aug 5th, in the library at the church. On Sunday, Aug. 6th through Wednesday, Aug. 9th, items can be dropped off in the Pavilion.

- We appreciate all donations, but cannot accept mattresses, springs, sofa beds, large appliances or out of date car seats.

We will need help the week of the sale, Sunday Aug.6th through Friday, Aug.11th, setting up and manning the sale.

- Contact Barb Wood if interested in helping with the rummage sale at barbandlarry1412@gmail.com.

DAY OF CARING

Date: **August 27, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m. Service, 11:00 a.m. Service Events**

Location: **Multiple locations**

A day of Global and Local Mission Projects focusing on Water. **Sign Ups** are online (www.orchardpark.org) to sign up and view more information.

Deadline for signups is August 25.

- Build Water Purifiers with Fountains of Hope! Capacity is 50 people. Location is the Pavilion.
- Spend an afternoon rafting on the White River with Friends of the White River! Depart from Orchard Park at 11:00 a.m. Capacity is 28 people. Cost is \$30. The age limit is 10 and older. Location is the White River.
- Haiti Birthing Kits for mothers and midwives in Haiti. Capacity is 20 people. Location is Room 120 & 121.



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BACKPACK BLESSING



Sunday, August 6! While it's still feeling like summer, it is time for students and teachers to return to school. To send them off with our blessings, we invite anyone heading back to school to bring a backpack to worship and pray over backpacks, students, and teachers.

PRAYER CHAPEL REFRESHED

Later in August, we welcome all to come and see the Prayer Chapel (formerly the Children's Chapel; on Main Street just south of the Lounge). The intent of the space is not to be limited just to children, but open for anyone to use whenever the church is open. It is a place to pray, or sit in peace. It will have different items to help with prayer and meditation that you are welcome to use to guide your time. Be on the lookout for that date.



FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING CELEBRATION AT PYOCA

August 12, 2023, if you love Pyoca, this day is for you! We will be celebrating all things camp and all our outstanding alumni and supporters who make it all possible. Visitors will have lots of traditional camp activities to choose from throughout the day led by our fantastic program staff, plus a tasty lunch and fellowship to enjoy. [Register at pyoca.com](https://pyoca.com).



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood on Wednesdays for her weekly Wednesday Morning Bible Study.

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **ZOOM**

- Meeting ID: 860 6108 6452 | Pass-code: 191325



FINANCIAL UPDATE

This summer we are still very busy and doing many wonderful activities at OPPC. We hope you will continue to think of OPPC by helping support all of our financial needs.

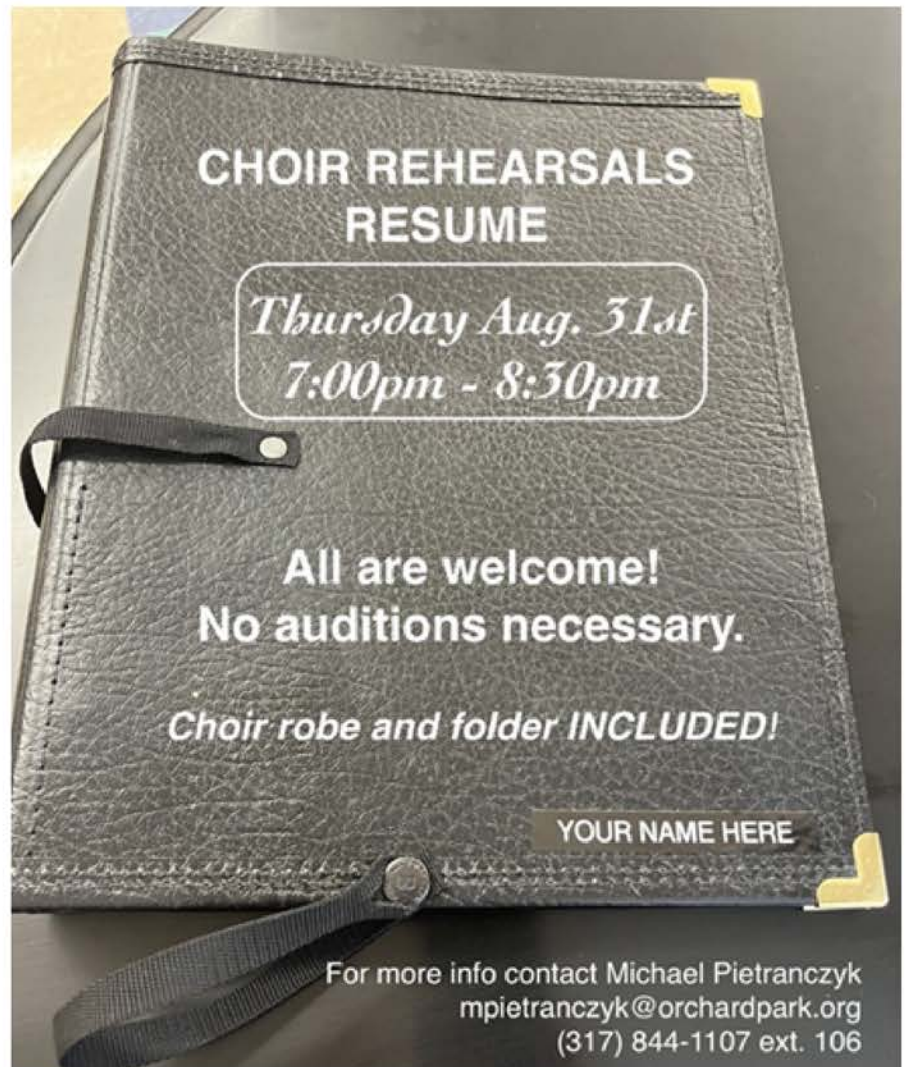
2023 Operations Fund Results thru June

Year-To-Date (YTD) Total Operating Revenue	\$ 587,760
YTD Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 620,220</u>
Net Operations (Deficit)	\$ (32,460)

If you have any questions regarding OPPC finances, or how you can help financially, please don't hesitate to contact Bari Faudree or Terry Brookie.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are interested in learning more about or joining the choir, contact Mike Pietranczyk at mpietranczyk@orchardpark.org



PYOCA REVIEW

Our annual trip to Camp PYOCA was a huge success! We had students attend in elementary (Camp Friendly), Middle school and High School (affectionately named SWAG.... summer with awesome God). The theme of the week was "Fruit of the Spirit." The whole camp centered around Paul's letter to the people of Galatia, and we studied the word and learned stories in the Old and New Testament about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We also played a silly song ALL WEEK to help reinforce the fruit. In addition to Chapel time, we had canoe wars, high ropes, hikes to Baldy, tie dying, bracelet making, nightly campfires and more. It was a lot of fun, relationship building (with self, others, and God), and time spent in nature. We enjoyed a phone free week with no meltdowns (a miracle in itself). SWAG enjoyed some time off site spelunking and canoeing down the river. A huge thank you to all the adults and students who served in various roles as counselors, organizers, medical team and more. God is so good! ...until next year our beloved PYOCA.

