

OCTOBER 2023

The Monthly Newsletter



Orchard Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
close to home

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



Commitment Sunday
November 12, 2023

**Bring your commitment card or
give online at:
www.orchardpark.org**

Dates to Know

October 1

- World Communion Sunday
- 8:30 a.m. Flu Shots (Office)
- IHN Housewares Drive
Materials Due

October 4

- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Supper & Study Series Final
Class (Lounge)

October 8

- Stewardship 2024 Campaign
Starts
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class
(Library)
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure
Screening (Office)

October 14

- Hear, Go, See, Program

October 15

- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class
(Library)

October 16

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
(Lounge & Online)

October 18

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
(Lounge)

October 22

- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class
(Library)
- Socks & Underwear Drive by
Young Families

October 29

- 10:00 a.m. New Members Join
- 11:15 a.m. Financial Landscape
Meeting (North Chapel)
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Trunk
or Treat (Outside & Inside)

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Dear Friends,

“Together, you are the body of Christ.” Paul proclaims these words in 1st Corinthians 12:27. His encouragement to this faith community is the theme for our 2023 stewardship campaign.

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church is a community rooted in Christ, generous with our time, talents and treasures to God and to others. Orchard Park, since its beginning, is the place where our faith is nurtured and strengthened weekly. Our worship and pastoral care, our Christian education and music ministries, and our mission, outreach, children’s and youth programs are flourishing. God is faithful and the future presents innumerable opportunities. Our stewardship continues to make these ministries and programs possible.

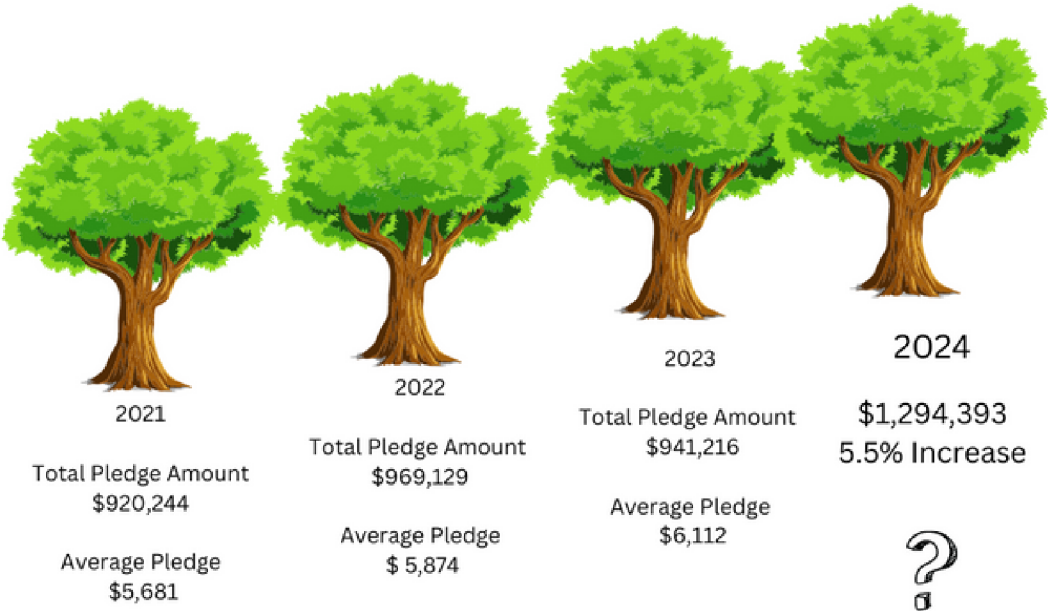
Our generosity expresses our thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness to us and our gratitude for his provisions in our lives and to those we minister to in Christ’s name. Our financial offerings express heartfelt confidence in using our gifts to share God’s love.

Commitment Sunday is November 12. Following the service there will be a fellowship gathering in the lounge celebrating your stewardship contributions and honoring two very special saints of Orchard Park, founding member Becky Atz and the legacy of Anne Porteous who went to her eternal home last year.

May we continue to grow Orchard Park with our gratitude and gifts, for---‘Together, you are the Body of Christ’.

His Grace and Peace be with you,
Mike Andrews, Elder, Stewardship Chair
Nancy McDonald, Deacon, Stewardship Committee
Jill Graff, Deacon, Stewardship Committee
John Lentz, Elder, Endowment

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TOGETHER WE WORSHIP



TOGETHER WE LEARN



Together we Serve



TOGETHER WE GIVE

Fill out a Pledge Card
or Give at

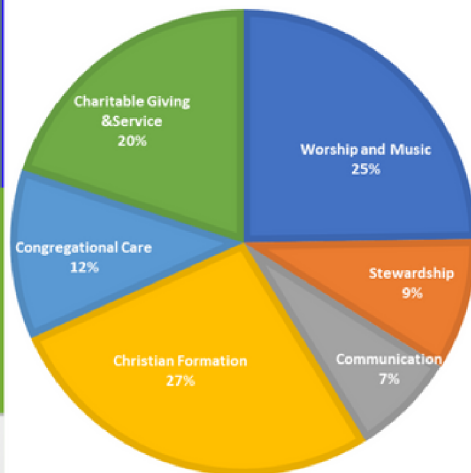
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Together we Grow



Giving and Growing

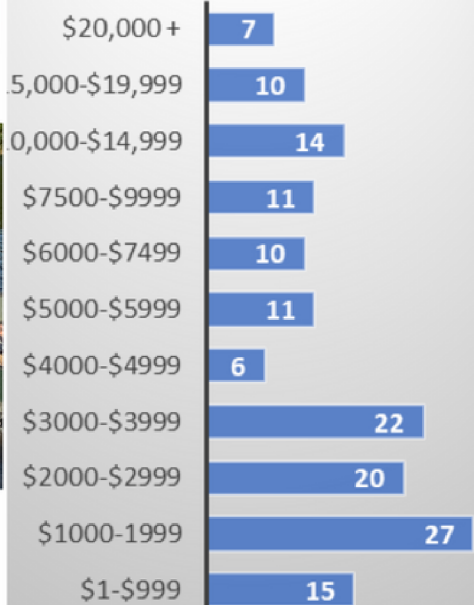
OPPC members responded with generosity during last year's stewardship campaign. This year, we can – and we will – do even better! We would love to see more pledges increase for 2024, and we challenge all members to move their stewardship and discipleship to the next level. Imagine the possibilities!



Together we Play



COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12
AT 10:00 A.M.



This chart reflects how we fund each ministry area.

Staff compensation/benefits and building and grounds related expenses are proportionately allocated to the ministries in which they support.

25% Worship, Music

9% Stewardship

7% Communication

27% Christian Formation

12% Congregational Care

20% Charitable Giving and Service

BECOME A MEMBER OF ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Thank you for worshipping with us! We would like to invite you to attend classes where you can learn more about Orchard Park. We hope you will consider joining our faith community by becoming a member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. We look forward growing in faith and serving God in meaningful ways. Please fill out the attached form and return it by October 23!



Welcome
to Our
Faith Community!

Learn More About
Orchard Park
Attend one or
more classes on
October 8, 15,
and 22 at
11:00 a.m.
in the Library

JOIN
October 29
at
10:00 a.m.!

QUESTIONS?
CALL

317-844-1107

www.orchardpark.org

MISSIONS



Help Support Family Promise

Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis is a homeless shelter for families with kids. We are renting and furnishing apartments around Indy to be used this year as emergency homeless shelters for families until they can find permanent housing, with 24 units in operation at any time!

How to help? To help with the housewares & Linens Drive: Apartment Shelter Program, use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AB28A02-housewares#/>

Deadline: October 1, 2023, for questions contact, Kim Harvey, at kharvey599@sbcglobal.net

After a family moves in, they work with our help to secure income, they take over the lease (if they choose), and they keep all the housewares, linens, and furniture for a fresh start! We then rent the next available unit, furnish it, and take the next family that calls for shelter in a constant cycle to house families independently and with dignity. Kids never really feel like they are in a shelter!

Clothes Line Ministry

OPPC has a Clothesline Ministry providing clothing to at-risk Carmel Clay Elementary and Middle School students. The Clothesline Ministry expanded its reach this year to include all Carmel Clay Elementary and Middle Schools. The Clothesline Ministry has filled 19 requests for clothing since the beginning of the fall 2023 school year?

In order to fill more requests, we need your help. Please bring new and gently used clothing appropriate for elementary and middle school students and fill up the grocery cart on Main Street. The cart is right beside a table which has handouts and a clothesline of clothing items needed including pants, shorts, long sleeve & short sleeve shirts, along with new socks and underwear. We will collect donations through the end of October.

According to Cradles to Crayons, "lack of clothing" accounts for 3 of the top 10 reasons kids miss schools. And 2 in 5 American kids are unable to adequately dress themselves every day. Carmel is no exception. OPPC is here to help those in need with your generous contributions. School social workers, teachers, at-risk students, and parents struggling to make ends meet thank you.



Young Families Sock & Underwear Drive for Carmel Clay Schools

The young families group will be packing new socks and new underwear for Carmel Clay School Students on October 22.



EVENTS

Hear, Go, See, Returns!

If you want to HEAR someone new or GO and SEE something different, this is the adult fellowship group for you! Join us October 14, 2023, for the Indiana Landmarks Wabash, IN rehabilitation tour of 6 properties dating from 1849 – 1972. Lunch will follow. Not all buildings are handicap accessible.

The tour is rain or shine and will take most of the day. Carpools will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 SHARP. Tickets are purchased at indianalandmarks.org/tours-events: \$12.00 Members, \$15.00 non-members, \$20.00 day of tour. Sign-up on Main Street Questions: call, Robin Pemberton, 317-753-7180.



Trunk or Treat 2023

Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Location: Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. 1605 E 106th st. Indianapolis, IN 46280

Questions: Email, oppc@orchardpark.org

All are welcome and invited to our Annual Trunk or Treat. Come as you are! Dressed in costumes or everyday wear, we will be glad to celebrate the season of fall with you! Allergy friendly treat alternatives will be available upon request. The event is rain or shine, inside & outside. We will have trick or treating, games & activities, and food. A fan favorite will be returning this year, we will have multiple bounce houses to accommodate all ages. If you would like to make a donation of candy or volunteer to help our, contact Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org.



ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO:

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church's
Annual Fall Celebration Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 2023 : 4:00p.m. to
5:30p.m. 1605 E 106th St. Indianapolis, IN 46280

FREE | Trick or Treating | Rain or Shine
Outside & Inside | Games & Activities | Food

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YOUTH

Middle School Small Group

Monday- October 2 and October 16 6-7:30 pm (middle school rooms) Calling all 6-8 graders!

No Sunday school for middle school October 8 or 15- Happy Fall Break!

No high school Youth Group Wednesday, October 11- Happy Fall Break!

Youth Caravan 2024 Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting Youth Missions at Orchard Park! To order, go to oppc's website.

Purchase an outdoor nativity that lasts for years to come. These nativities can be enjoyed by the neighborhood while supporting youth mission work.

Orders are available for purchase from September 20th to October 8th, 2023.

Nativity scenes are made in Michigan and are \$130. Four piece silhouette style display is made from all-weather white plastic board that never needs painting. Assembles easily using only a Philips head screwdriver. All hardware, yard stakes and instructions are included. Measures 48" tall to top of star x 50" wide. The box weighs 12 pounds and is 32" x 20" x 2".

After purchase you will receive an email confirmation as well as pickup information. Pick up times are at Orchard Park the week of Thanksgiving.

Because this supports the mission of OPPC's high school youth ministries, no refunds will be given. Again, thank you for supporting our students as they prepare to serve next summer in the mission field.



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