



Mission Statement:
God's life-changing, never-giving-up,
all-inclusive love transforms us into a
multicultural community
of hope.

December 1, 2019

Welcome to worship at Oakdale!
We are glad that you have come to worship with us!

Today, we enter the season of Advent, a time to reflect and prepare for our celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus. The theme for this 1st Sunday of Advent is Hope.

Today we worship God through:

God's Word: 10:15 am Worship Service:

Pastor Aaron Winkle will share, “**A Light Has Dawned**” from Isaiah 9:2-7 .

Giving: Oakdale Ministry

Ministry to children: Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers (thru age 2) downstairs during the entire service. Kids are dismissed for Children's Worship (age 3—Kind.) and Kingdom Kids (1st—5th gr.) after the offering.

Responding: Prayer team members will be available to pray with you after the worship service.

Today

8:45 am Bible Study
9:40 am Kids Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Kent Community Service
12:30 pm Kinyarwanda Service
4-8 pm Kinyarwanda Celebration

No HSYG

This Week at Oakdale

- Monday:**
5:00 pm Oakdale Support & AA Meeting
7:00 pm Admin
- Tuesday:**
6:00 am Lectio Divina (If coming, text Jayne 947-4198)
- Wednesday:**
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Kids Clubs
7:00 pm Lifetree
- Thursday:**
11:00 am CLEAR
- Saturday:**
8—10 am Pancake Breakfast
8:30—11am Craft Sale
10:00 am Kinyarwanda Choir (MH)
- Sun, Dec. 8, 2019**
8:45 am Bible Study
9:40 am Kids' Choir rehearsal
10:15 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Kinyarwanda Service
2:00 pm Kent County Jail
5:00 pm HSYG/DIVE

For Your Personal and Family Prayers

Pray for **Alice Menninga-Richards** who was hospitalized this week due to shortness of breath, chest pains, and irregular lab results. Pray for peace, strength, and moments of joy for Alice and her family through this long recovery journey.

Continue to pray for healing and strength for our friends: **Linda Carman, Jess Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Marilyn Bazuin, Diane DeHaan, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, & Joanne Ruis.**

Directory Update for Penny & A.J. Coger
1855 Prairie Parkway, Apt. 5 Wyoming, MI 49519

Oakdale Opportunities

Come to the **Pancake Breakfast** on **Saturday, Dec. 7**, sponsored by the Christian Ed. Committee (CEC). Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee, & juice, served from **8:00-10:00 AM**. Donations will support tuition at Christian schools. We hope to see you there!

Plan to do some Christmas shopping at our Annual Craft Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30—11 am! If you or a friend would like to sell some items, we have some tables available. Contact Nicole (coleewilliams@gmail.com) to reserve.

You are invited to attend the **Annual Community Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday, December 11** at **6:00 pm**. This is a meaningful way to celebrate the birth of Christ with our OPC family and community. There are many opportunities to help before, during, and after the event. Sign up at the Info Center.

Missionary Care Packages: The holidays can be a time when connections with family are especially missed. The Mission Committee has asked several small groups to prepare care packages for our missionary families. Remembering them and giving gifts of encouragement is part of caring for our missionaries. **See Howard VanDam or Cathie VanderSteen if you would like to contribute something to these care packages.**

- Kids Choir:** Heidi Krosschell: heidilynnekro@gmail.com
- **Age 3—3rd gr.:** Rehearsals: **Today** (9:40a), **12/8** (9:40a), **12/15** (9:40a), **SAT, 12/21 (9:45)**, & **12/22** (program).
 - **4th-8th graders:** Please let Heidi know If you would like to read or sing in a choir for the 12/22 Advent program.

Christmas cards for our shut-ins: This is a chance to send greetings to friends who cannot join us often for worship. There are **10 gift bags for cards** (Lobby) for our friends: **Bill & Lee VanderKodde, Luann Pastoor, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Harold & Jess Kuizema, John Pastoor, Mark & Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, Alice Menninga-Richards, Alexis Coger, & John & Joan Nidefski.** Please bring all cards **by Dec. 22**.

We are looking for a few friendly faces to add to our team of Greeters on Sunday morning! If you are interested, contact Tom or Deb Van Duinen (616-819-9509).

Oakdale Park Church

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Ministry Staff

The Lead Pastor position is currently vacant.

Contact your Elder, Deacon, or Church Office with concerns.

Pastor James Jones, Pastor of Congregational Care and Outreach
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Pastor John Rozeboom, Ministry Administrator
johnrozeboom@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 560-3698

Pastor Claude Ngendahayo, Pastor of Kinyarwandan congregation
bishopmaseka@gmail.com—Cell: 432-8231

Maurice Townsend, Worship Director
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Karen Bobo, Children's Ministry Director
childrendirector@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 560-7341

Sammy Beuker, Youth Ministry Director
OPCyouthdirector@gmail.com—Cell: 581-5014

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janitor@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 265-8836 (new)

Marcy Emmelkamp, Administrative Assistant
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Council Email: oakdalecouncil@oakdaleparkchurch.org

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Community Requests Compassion Deacon..... Tracy Anderson
Secondary Compassion Deacon..... Emma Jones

*Oakdale family compassion requests, please contact your district deacon. Sermon podcasts at: www.oakdaleparkchurch.org Hearing Loop System & Devices available - please speak with an usher.

In order to protect the health of our young ones in the nursery, as well as their families, the Nursery Committee conducts a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all toys and surfaces 1x/month. This is especially important during this time of year when colds and flu are prevalent. If you are willing to give 1½ hours on a Saturday to help our families that use the nursery, contact Amy de Vries (729-2254).

GIFT CARD SALE to benefit the OPC CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (OPCEC): Do you buy groceries? gas? go out to eat? Give gift cards? **Support the OPCEC by purchasing gift cards!** You receive the full-face value of the gift card, but a % of each sale supports tuition costs to attend area Christian schools. Forms are at the Info Ctr. for you to order gift cards to local and national stores and companies. **ORDERS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 8.** You will receive the gift cards **no later than Dec 22nd**, just in time for gift-giving and anytime use. Contact Lauren Delatorre, Heather Menerey, or Joan Chee: joanchee@yahoo.com or (616) 334-9439.

Community Opportunities

Treetops Collective: How can our community do a better job of welcoming refugees? Our mission is to connect women and teen girls to people & opportunities so they & their families can flourish for generations. That's where you come in! We need cross-cultural partners, volunteer drivers, & child-care to rally around New Americans in the **Sister Circles** program. Passionate about being a friend and ally? We need you! Please attend an info meeting: **Mon, 12/2 @ 6pm, Tues, 12/10 @ 6pm, Fri, 1/3 @10am, Thurs, 1/9 @ 1pm, Tues, 1/21 @ 5pm.** **RSVP to:** siobhan@treetopscollective.org for details. Visit: <http://treetops.collective.org> for program info. Or contact Laura Hofman-Watrous: 206-491-7906 from OPC.

Jim Wallis, Sojourners, will be speaking at the Fine Arts Ctr., Calvin Univ. on **12/3 at 7 pm.** <https://calvin.edu/calendar/event.html?id=8a0cb358-e513-4c56-8891-0254b9468d2b>

At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):

During Advent, we light the candle of Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future. How can you be a messenger of hope this week? Wonder and talk about that with someone this week.

	THIS WEEK December 1	NEXT WEEK December 8
OFFERING	Oakdale Ministry	Ministry Partner— Volunteers in Service
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Tracy Anderson	Aaron Einfeld
LOBBY DUTY	Bridget Goodin Marcus Krosschell	Aaron Jonker Greg DeWeerd
GREETERS	John & Linda Carman Terrence Ankrum	Peggy Moore Paul & Wanda Nederveld
INFO CTR.	Tom Van Duinen	Vera Spicer
CRAWLER NURSERY	Cathie VanderSteen Sue Ellis Annika Emmelkamp	Amy deVries Kristin Visser Lilly Kate deVries
WALKER NURSERY	Lindsay Sicilia Brandon Emmelkamp Ian Emmelkamp Carly Sicilia	George Visser Lauren Delatorre Luke deVries Hannah deVries
NURS. ASST.	Aaron Winkle	Aljean Holtrop
COFFEE PREP.	Don & Mars VandenBos	Dianne DeVries

In December, please pray for Celebration Fellowship.

Christmas Concert: Take some time during the Christmas season to reflect and immerse yourself in the amazement of God's love with the **King's Choraliers** at **LaGrave CRC** on **Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 pm.** We will be celebrating Christ's birth through the music of this 30+ voice male chorus. Special musical guests will be *Bella Voce*, a 35-voice women's choir from EGR H.S. Free-will offering will be taken.

Help elderly and low income families receive important tax credits and refunds by becoming an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer through the VITA/TCE program. Volunteers thru Oakdale Neighbors prepare tax returns on Thursdays (shifts between 12 and 9 pm) at OPC in February, March & April. Contact: Doug Plantenga at taxes@oakdaleneighbors.org