



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

January 26, 2020

Welcome to worship at Oakdale!

We are glad you have come to worship with us!

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

Seminarian Lisa DeYoung will share, “**The Epiphanies of Joseph**” from Genesis 50:15-21.

Giving: Missions—Jenny LeMahieu

Ministry to children: Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers (thru age 2) downstairs during the service. Children (age 3 to 5th gr.) will be dismissed after the offering.

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

Today

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| 8:45 am | Bible Study |
| 9:40 am | Kids Choir Rehearsal |
| 12:30 pm | Kinyarwanda Service |
| 5:00 pm | HSYG/DIVE |
| 5:00 pm | Prayer Time (GEMS Rm) |

This Week at Oakdale

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
12-9 pm Oakdale Neighbors Tax Prep (Schedule thru 211)

Saturday:

9a—5p ON Tax training
10:00 am Kinyarwanda Choir

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:45 am Bible Study
9:40 am Kids Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am Worship Service
12-3 pm HSYG
12:30 pm Kinyarwanda Service

For Your Personal and Family Prayers

Pray for **Keith Ver Beek** who will need to have minor surgery in the next week or two to remove a kidney stone. Pray for an earlier surgery date and for relief from pain.

Pray for healing for **Tim Bergsma** who is suffering with tinnitus. Pray that his ENT apt. on 2/4 would bring needed answers.

Pray for **Doris Van't Hof** as her Parkinson's Disease symptoms worsen. Pray also for **Roger** and their daughter, **Linda Williams**,

Continue praying for healing and strength for those in our church family experiencing health challenges: **Marilyn Bazuin, Jessica Kuizema, Diane DeHaan, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, & Joanne Ruis.**

Updated church directories (addresses & phone #s only) will be distributed around January 31. Contact Marcy (adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org) by **01/27/20** if your contact info (phone #s, email, or street address) has changed.

Oakdale Opportunities

In three weeks, it will be Valentine's Day! And you know what's great about that? The day after is the best day of all: **The Annual Chili Cook-off** sponsored by the HSYG! Since love will be in the air and we all love a healthy dose of competition, plan to enter your favorite chili and then bring your family to discover their true **Chili-Love!** (**Event Details: Saturday, February 15 from 6-8 p.m. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/37rAMIQ>**)

Kid's Choir Parents, please plan to attend these rehearsal dates: TODAY (1/26), 2/2, & 2/9 (all at 9:40 am). We'll sing in church on Feb. 16! Watch your email for the song list.

Oakdale members and attendees: Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 9 at 9:00 am**. John Carman, Council President, will share updates about the search for an interim pastor for Oakdale Park Church and answer questions. Child-care will be available starting at 8:45 am.

Come for a **time of prayer** in the **GEMS Room TONIGHT 5-6 pm**, focused on the season of transition at Oakdale. There is much to pray for as we ask God for guidance, wisdom, and discernment in this new year and in the next steps of where God is leading us. We praise God for His continued faithfulness!

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2020 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps CRC leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. **It is crucial that as many people from OPC as possible participate.** Please visit: crcna.org/survey/3368 to answer the survey questions **by 2/28**. Paper copies are available at the Info Center!

Can you help? Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up after meals for our youth groups. The food is provided but we need willing hands for several upcoming dates **INCLUDING FEBRUARY 9**. Can you spare some time on a Sunday (4:15-6:30p)? Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kz9w1t> Thanks!

Join us for the **Friendship Lunch** on **Sun., Feb. 9** after worship—**bring your favorite soup, dessert, or side dish!**

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
worshipdirector@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 885-3815

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

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

Cathy Peless, Building Maintenance
janitor@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Cell: 265-8836 (new)

Marcy Emmelkamp, Administrative Assistant
adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org —Office: 452-5764

Council Email: oakdalecouncil@oakdaleparkchurch.org

John Carman, Council President Aaron Einfeld, Deacon Chair

Shannon Jammal-Hollemans, Council Vice President

Aaron Jonker, Council Clerk Dennis Stuart, Prayer Elder

Shepherding Elder Districts

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(241-5251)

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Save the Dates! The **Michigan Men's Weekend** retreat will be **May 15-17**. This dynamic retreat brings men from churches across West Michigan together, offers a cross-denominational, cross-cultural experience, and builds relationships and long-lasting friendships. Cost is \$135—some scholarship money available to help. See Pastor James with ?s.

Community Opportunities

Do you want to be encouraged in your leadership? **Fri. Feb 21, 8:30am-4pm at Plymouth Heights CRC**. Join us for a 1-day seminar with **Ruth Haley Barton "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership"** as we explore how you can experience God's care for your own soul and how God wants to strengthen and equip you for the challenges you face, all while protecting and preserving the core of who God has made you to be. We'll dig into rich and restoring spiritual practices that will feed your soul. You will leave encouraged, empowered, and equipped to lead. Cost \$25 (by Jan 31) or \$40 after. Visit: <https://bit.ly/36jjsxS> or see Jayne VerBeek.

It's time for a fascinating training on how Broad-based Organizing works! On **Feb. 18 from 7-9 p.m at Westminster Church** (47 Jefferson SE), choose from 2 sessions: an introductory look at what happens when institutions join together, OR a deeper dive into analyzing and strengthening our institutions. Join a growing number of groups diligently organizing with Industrial Areas Foundation and The Micah Center—all are invited. Please RSVP to Sue (616) 295-8381 and indicate if you will need childcare to attend.

Short-Term Missions - Are you looking for a robust volunteer experience but don't want to be away from home for months? Consider volunteering for up to 3 weeks with **World Renew Disaster Response Services** repairing homes for disaster survivors who are still waiting for help. Make new friends from across the country and make a real difference. Contact Diana at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 800-848-5818 to find your fit.

The musical ensemble, **Mariachi Agape**, will be leading the worship service at **5:00 p.m.** on February 2, at Woodlawn CRC (in the Calvin University Chapel). Please join us!

| | THIS WEEK January 26 | NEXT WEEK February 2 |
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| OFFERING | Missions— Jenny LeMahieu | Oakdale Ministry |
| OFFERTORY PRAYER | Tracy Anderson | Aaron Einfeld |
| LOBBY DUTY | John Carman Jayne Ver Beek | Shannon Hollemans Aaron Einfeld |
| GREETERS | Peggy Moore Paul & Wanda Nederveld | Lou & Sue Ellis Emma Jones |
| INFO CTR. | Cora Lee | Vera Spicer |
| CRAWLER/ WALKER NURSERY | Maria Bultsma Denise Jones JC Bultsma Zoe Hoekstra Mikayla Evenhouse | Brandon Emmelkamp Megan Swem Jasmine Burse Ian Emmelkamp Annika Emmelkamp |
| NURS. ASST. | Lauren Delatorre | Laura Visker |
| COFFEE PREP. | Doug & Cindy Plantenga | Cal DeVries Dianne DeVries |

Calvin Symposium on Worship is Jan. 30—Feb. 1 at Calvin University. Visit: worship.calvin.edu/symposium

Mission Spotlight

Jenny LeMahieu serves with Resonate Global Missions and Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea (PNG). From Jenny: I serve as a Scripture Use Facilitator with the Scripture Access team. My role is to support and encourage the translators as they are working in their communities. With over 830 languages, PNG is the most culturally diverse country in the world. While our organization works in over 150 languages throughout the country, well over 200 language groups still wait to hear and know God's Word in a language they understand clearly. Jenny was recently engaged to Joshua Gela and they are looking forward to their wedding in April 2020. Joshua works as the maintenance controller with their branch aviation department. They look forward to seeing how God will use them to reach those still waiting to hear God's Word clearly in PNG.

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

"Pausing with children to read and to wonder about meanings in words and in illustrations of Bible stories is a spiritual practice," writes Elizabeth Caldwell in *I Wonder: Engaging a*