



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

March 22, 2020

We will be joining each other in worship from our homes.

God's Word:

Rev. Bruce Vaandrager will share from **John 8:1-11**

This week, our sermon will be live streamed at 10:00 am at: <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>

We welcome **Rev. Bruce Vaandrager** to share with us today. Rev. Vaandrager has been an ordained minister in the CRC for over 20 years. He currently serves as Executive Director of Pastoral Services for Hope Network and is an advocate for awareness and inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness in churches.

Offering: **Missions—Mark & Kristen VanAndel.**

Responding: Please contact your elder, deacon, or one of the pastors with any prayer requests.

Today

Until 10 am 24/3 Prayer

10:00 am Worship from home

6:30 pm HSYG will meet via Google Hangouts — email Sammy (OPCyouthdirector@gmail.com) if you have not received an invitation!

For Your Personal and Family Prayers

We welcome, **Nora Amari**, daughter of **Arianna Jones**, to the OPC family! Congratulations to new grandparents, **Pastor James & Denise Jones**, as well! Nora was born very early, at 27 weeks, on **3/17** at 2 lbs. and 13 inches long. Nora is doing well but it is anticipated that she will be in the NICU for a few months—pray that she will grow well, become stronger, experience no complications, and for strength for all during this time.

Please see additional prayer requests on the prayer line.

Youth Ministry desires to support students (6th-12th grade) and their parents during this unique time.

1. **Every Sunday**, Sammy will produce an "Online Youth Group" appropriate for all students—available on OPC Facebook page and YouTube.
2. **Every Sunday night**, the HSYG leaders will be on *Google Hangouts* from 6:30-7:30 to chat, hang out & share prayer requests with students. An invite will be sent at Sat. night. If you have not received it, contact Sammy with an accurate email address. (Never been to youth group? That's OK! We welcome all OPC H.S. students to join us!)
3. **Sammy & the leaders are available to talk with students about anything during this time.** We can chat, text, face time, Skype, or even talk on the phone.

Dear Oakdale Park Church,
 We want to make sure you are aware of the support resources available to you through OPC. These have consistently been available, but in a time of uncertainty and challenge related to the COVID-19 situation, we thought it would be good to remind you of these resources and opportunities.

Counseling Services: As a member of OPC, each member of your household is able to access up to 3 free confidential counseling sessions at Pine Rest through the **Church Assistance Program (CAP)**. Visit: <https://www.pinerest.org/eap/employee-assistance-program-2/faith-based-organizations/>

A Note from Pine Rest Church Assistance Program (CAP) Counseling: Pine Rest continues to provide access to CAP services. We are working proactively to keep all of our services open and our patients and personnel safe. Please help us make this information available to all who may use our services. →

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All outpatient sessions will now be conducted via telehealth. Call **CAP (616-455-6210)** to arrange these services.

Oakdale Compassion Fund: This fund offers financial assistance to church members, regular attendees, and neighbors during times of financial hardship. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to help individuals through these financial hardships. If you experience a financial hardship- related to COVID-19 or otherwise - we want you to remember that this fund is available. Please reach out to your district Deacon with questions, or to make a request.

Opportunities for Service: Though large gatherings for worship are suspended, the ministry of OPC goes on. We encourage you to think of new opportunities that the current situation might afford you to serve in terms of your time and ability. How might God empower you in this unique moment to serve others? **Especially important, are there ways we can serve the neighborhood immediately surrounding Oakdale?**

Giving Options for Continued Tithing: Even without a large gathering on Sunday, our ministry staff is still working diligently to pastor us, and there are still monthly expenses for the church. We want to make sure you are aware of the opportunities to continue tithing*:

1. **Mail checks to OPC** - 961 Temple St. SE, GR, MI 49507
2. **Bring checks, in person, to the church office.** There is also a mail slot outside the building.
3. **Electronic Giving:** <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/give-online/> *You may designate which fund(s) you prefer.

In the end, we want you to know that we are there for you, and you are not alone. We also want to nudge you to consider how you might respond to the ways you can 'be the church' in the coming weeks. **OPC Deacons**

- **The Cinnamon Roll fundraiser is postponed.** Funds will be returned and fundraiser will resume later this year. ?s: Karen: karenruiscm@gmail.com or 616-822-6723
- OPC families **applying for assistance for Christian education** for the 20-21 school year must apply via: <https://forms.gle/YY5Lt4MBSTdPg3k1A> by **Fri., March 27, 2020.** Contact Jayne Ver Beek (jayneverbeek@gmail.com) w/?s.

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 Kinyarwanda congregation
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Karen Bobo, Children's Ministry Director
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Sammy Beuker, Youth Ministry Director
OPCyouthdirector@gmail.com —Cell: 581-5014

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

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 (802-0301/633-7168)

VANDERS-Z Nate deVries
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 (350-1490)

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.

Community Opportunities

GR Public Schools (GRPS) is opening a total of 7 nutrition service “grab and go” meal sites. The sites will be open daily, Mon. through Fri. from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. **The free meals will be a breakfast/lunch combo and are available for all students aged 18 years and younger and those ages 18-26 with an active IEP for disability services.**

The meals are not limited to GRPS students, and students do not need to be present to pick up meals. The free meals are for anyone—you do NOT need to be free or reduced eligible.

Meal Site locations:

- * New Faith Temple—1701 Kalamazoo Ave SE GR
- * San Juan Diego Academy—1650 Godfrey SW, Wyoming
- * Creston Plaza Apts—1080 Creston Plaza NE, GR
- * Campau Commons—821 Division Ave S, GR
- * Hope Academy—240 Brown St. SE, GR
- * Sibley Elementary— 943 Sibley St. NW, GR
- * Ottawa Hills HS—2055 Rosewood SE, GR

Here are some ways we can serve our community.

Mel Trotter Ministries is in need of professional volunteers to help with essential services: security, medical, and food services. If you have church members that are looking to help serve and already work in the medical field, security, or food industry, please contact Dawn at dawnvanhorn@meltrotter.org or 616-588-8723. We're also in great need of alcohol-based hand sanitizer—what we have in stock is not alcohol-based. Contact Jeff at jefferydashner@meltrotter.org or 616-588-8786 to donate. Please also pray for our guests! Thank you!

Kids Food Basket has a priority to nourish our children and community and, **because hunger does not stop**, we are committed to continuing to pack and distribute nourishing food in a safe, healthy and responsible way. Many of our partner schools will be open for 2 hours for breakfast and/or lunch. We will be providing the Sack Supper that students rely upon. We need volunteers and donations! www.kidsfoodbasket.org/emergencyresponse/or text **KFB** to **56651** to donate.

- **Kings Choraliars concert (3/29)** has been **cancelled**.
- **Rehoboth Christian Choir concert (3/31)** is **cancelled**.

At-home Encouragement Project

Due to the contact restrictions, many of our ‘shut-ins’ are unable to have physical contact with friends and family right now. Please remember to pray for these friends and/or send cards & notes to let them know you're thinking of them!

Bill(& Lee) VanderKodde 2111 Raybrook SE #3000 GR 49546
 Roger & Doris Van't Hof 2121 Raybrook SE #344 GR 49546
 Harold & Jessica Kuizema 2121 Raybrook SE #165 GR 49546
 John Pastoor 1700 Leonard NE #302-2 Grand Rapids 49505
 Luann Pastoor 1657 Kalamazoo SE Grand Rapids 49507
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 Sid Lautenbach 2000—32nd St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508
 John & Joan Nidefski 2619 Kalamazoo SE GR 49507
 Alexis Cogger 929 N. Gaylord Ave. Ludington, MI 49431
 Cyndi Grady 2349 Timberbrook SE #51 Grand Rapids 49546

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

As Holy Week nears, create a worship space—a table or corner of a room where you can be intentional about spending time with God this week. For now, decorate it with purple or black cloth, a cross, and other symbols. Then on Easter morning, decorate this space with flowers, butterflies, white or gold cloth, etc. Discuss what these symbols mean. This space can continue as a worship area even after Easter is finished.

Admin/Fiscal Report as of 02-29-20:			
The Administrative Committee is very grateful for your contributions to the following funds:			
Actual Receipts	FY 20 YTD	FY 19 YTD	Difference
Oakdale Ministries	\$338,134	\$305,890	\$ 32,244
Benevolence	\$15,719	\$16,471	\$(752)
Christian Education	\$19,232	\$20,224	\$(992)
Missions	\$11,115	\$10,903	\$212
Nehemiah	\$5,540	\$5,174	\$236

In March, pray for Mark & Kristen VanAndel.