



**Mission Statement:**

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

**May 24, 2020**

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

**God's Word:** **Rev. Reggie Smith** will bring a message, Hospitality During Social Distancing Times from Luke 10:25-37.

Oakdale Park Church will be streaming worship services at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday mornings**, until we can meet again, on the OPC YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/opcworship> or OPC website <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>. Through YouTube, you may also watch the service at a later time.

**Offering:**       **Missions: Jenny LeMahieu**

**Responding:** **Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.**

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** You will have the opportunity to connect with others immediately following worship. Join a coffee hour by clicking on one of the Google Hangout links, posted below the service stream on YouTube or the OPC website.

**Today**

10:00 am	Worship Service - virtual (links above)
10:45 am	Join us for online coffee hour! (info above)
1:00 pm	Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.

**For Your Personal & Family Prayers**

Pray for healing for **Emily Veenstra-Banning** as she is extremely tired, dehydrated, weak, nauseous, and in pain. Pray that she is able to find an effective treatment and begin to feel better.

Pray for **Aljean Holtrop** as she having difficulty with her vision and waits to see an eye specialist in Ann Arbor.

**Julie Veeneman** praises God for, “encouraging results from my most recent CT scan. More tests are needed for an area that will require a biopsy. We continue to lean into God’s presence. Join us.” Pray for more good results and continued health.

We thank the Lord that **Shanda Ruis** and **Naija & Niraj Flowers** are recovering and doing well.

We praise the Lord that **Nora Jones** is now at 6 lbs. Continue to pray for her growth and development as well as **Arianna, Pastor James**, and **Denise Jones**.

Pray for our graduates (and their parents/families) who would have had graduation ceremonies in the next couple of weeks. Pray that God would provide comfort in their losses and joy in the alternate celebrations occurring. Pray for them as they prepare for the next stages of their lives and use the gifts God has blessed each of them with to honor Him and reach out to others. We will be celebrating OPC graduates on Sun., May 31.

**Pray for encouragement and strength for friends:** Cyndi Grady, Marilyn Bazuin, Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van’t Hof, Diane DeHaan, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis

Pray for protection and strength for **missionaries** as they share the love and hope of Jesus in various parts of the world. Pray specifically for the missionaries supported by OPC: **Rev. James & Barbarita Lee (Mexico), Mark & Kristen Van Andel (Detroit), Jenny LeMahieu (Papua New Guinea), and Ken & Chris VanWeerdhuizen (JAARS in North Carolina).**

**Please visit the Prayer Line for additional prayer items.**

The **Christian Education Committee** started a **Pop-can Drive fundraiser**, and *then COVID happened!* We know that you are not able to return cans right now, so we ask that, if possible, you to **HOLD ON TO YOUR RETURNABLES** until June. We will be collecting cans once it is safe to do so. We appreciate your helping us with this effort!

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• **Men!** Bring your own breakfast and coffee

• and join us for a **virtual Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study** on **Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 am.**

• <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86347707659> Please

• join us—we’d love to catch up with you! \*\* Note

• that this will occur on the **FIRST Saturday** this month.\*\*

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**Please carefully review the Plans for Ministry and Commu-  
nal Worship from Council that was attached to the bulletin email. This information will also be added to our website.**



**2020 GRADUATES!** Please contact Marcy (adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org) or Sammy (OPCyouthdirector@gmail.com) **by TODAY (5/24)** if you or someone in your immediate family is graduating from **8th grade, 12th grade, or college**. Please include school, level completed, & degree awarded.

**OPC Office:** During this “Stay at Home” time, the Oakdale Park office is closed and staff are primarily working from home, with limited exceptions. The OPC voicemail is checked regularly—please leave phone messages at 616-452-5764 or email: adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org. For pastoral care concerns, please continue to contact Pastor James or your Elder.

## 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.

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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](http://www.oakdaleparkchurch.org) Hearing Loop System & Devices available - please speak with an usher.

## We have many opportunities to pray together!

### Tuesday morning prayer (6:00-7:00 am)

All are invited to a time of prayer and intercession for Oakdale, using a conference call. To join, call: 701-802-5015 and then enter this Access Code: **234826#** Please announce yourself when connected. Questions? Call Cindy (616) 421-5874.

**The prayer team is available to pray with you** by phone—text or call to set up a time to pray with **Cindy Plantenga** (616-421-5874), **Gen Riekema** (616-204-0918), **Jayne Ver Beek** (616-947-4198), **Lisa DeYoung** (616-818-8512) **Deanna Stout** (616-206-4860) or **Cal DeVries** (616-245-3863). Elders and Pastoral staff are also available to pray with you.

**Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired** is seeking housing (rooms for rent) for two (individual) participants. Each of these men lives independently, despite visual impairments, and is seeking housing with access to a bus line. Please call Cheri at 616-458-1187 ext. 331 if you can help.

**Covenant Furniture Ministry** - Covenant CRC of Cutlerville has had a diaconal outreach to the needy in the Grand Rapids area for 18 years. Our donations have decreased by 67% recently but emergency needs continue. We are asking for your help. Do you have household items you no longer need? We need bedroom, living room and kitchen furniture. We also provide towels, bedding, & kitchen items (cooking, baking, dishes, glasses silverware, appliances, etc.). To donate, please call Bob at 616-706-7854 to arrange for pickup or delivery.

**Safe Church Webinar** - On **Wed. May 27 at 12 pm EST**, Safe Church is hosting a webinar with Chuck DeGroat, author of *When Narcissism Comes to Church: Healing Your Community From Emotional and Spiritual Abuse*. The webinar will take place via Zoom and Facebook Live. Learn more at [network.crcna.org/safe-church/safe-church-webinar-chuck-degroat-author-when-narcissism-comes-church](http://network.crcna.org/safe-church/safe-church-webinar-chuck-degroat-author-when-narcissism-comes-church)

**World Renew Disaster Relief** is connecting with government officials and other organizations to plan a response to flooding from the breach of the dams on the Tittabawassee River in Midland, MI this week. Please pray for the flood victims, for churches located in the flood zone, and for those organizing a response during the pandemic. Please check [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) for updates on how you can help.

## Resources

**Struggling to afford food, rent, or childcare during COVID-19?** 2-1-1 can help! Call, text, or email to get referrals to resources in Kent County. Visit: <https://www.hwmuw.org/211>.

**Food Pantries:** <http://accessofwestmichigan.org/covid-19>

**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). Find info at: <https://bit.ly/2Yq7I1Q> Call 616-455-6210 to arrange a telehealth visit.

### The following employers are currently hiring:

- **Amazon:** [www.amazon.com/jobs](http://www.amazon.com/jobs)
- **Kent County:** <http://www.accesskent.com/jobs>
- **Praxis Pkg:** [www.specializedstaffing.com/praxis-3](http://www.specializedstaffing.com/praxis-3)
- **Hex Armor:** PPE assembly <https://bit.ly/2KkeJ6t>
- **Aldi:** <https://bit.ly/3boZYv1>
- **SpartanNash:** <https://bit.ly/2RUpsxx>
- **Meijer:** <https://bit.ly/2ytlnDP>

### In May, pray for Jenny LeMahieu (Papua, New Guinea)

Jenny serves with Wycliffe & Resonate assisting translators with workshops and activities that promote the use and understanding of Scripture as it is translated into the local languages. Prayer requests:

- Pray that God will lead and guide on when she and Joshua can re-schedule their wedding ceremony. This was originally scheduled for April but needed to be delayed.
- Pray that workshops and other connections can be safely resumed.



Jenny & Joshua

### At-Home Faith Formation Tip ([crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)):

Although mealtime often serves as a reminder to pray, we can get into ruts about what to pray about. Mealtime placemats like these downloadable versions from Flame Creative Children's Ministry ([tinyurl.com/FlamePlacemats](http://tinyurl.com/FlamePlacemats)) provide prompts for young children. What might you include on a place mat for older children....or yourself?