



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

Oakdale Park Church
 Loving God. Loving Others. Right Here.

July 19, 2020

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

God's Word: Pastor Shannon Jammal-Hollemans will bring a message, **Sabbath: Justice** from Isaiah 56:1-8.

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: We share together (from home) in the joyful feast of our Lord, remembering the forgiveness of sins that we receive through Jesus Christ.

Offering: Oakdale Ministry

This supports the ongoing monthly expenses of our church. You may give electronically at <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/give-online/> or by mail: 961 Temple St. SE, GR, MI 49507.

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)
 11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
 6:00 pm Mission 130 Kick-off (see Sammy for details)

This Week at Oakdale

AT HOME VBS: July 20—24—new Videos released daily.

Monday: 9:00a—12:00p Mission 130

Tuesday: 6 am Prayer (call 701-802-5015, code 234826#)
 9:00a—12:00p Mission 130

Wednesday: 9:00a—12:00p Mission 130

Thursday: 11:00 am CLEAR (small group mtg, no lunch)

Sunday, July 26: Online worship

10:00 am Worship (English)
 1:00 pm Worship (Kinyarwanda)

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Luann Pastoor had out-patient surgery this week. Pray for a smooth recovery and minimal pain.

Denise Jones is continuing to have issues with her heart's rhythm. She has started medication that should help - pray that it would be effective and have no side effects.

Continue to pray for **Julie Veeneman** as she consults with doctors about test results and health-related issues.

Pray that **Dave Holtrop** will heal from his infection and that **Aljean** will be able to get an appt. at U of M Eye Center soon.

Continue to pray for health and strength for **Nora Jones and Carina-Mae Hannink** - and also for their families.

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Marilyn (& Duke) Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill (& Lee) VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

Pastor Claude requests prayer regarding the ongoing Banyamulege genocide in DR Congo and the terrible heartache and pain surrounding this for all of the families affected. **Pray for an end to the ongoing violence everywhere in our world.**

VBS will be Monday – Friday this week. Pray that MANY will be reached and blessed with messages from God's Word.

Pray for the middle school students involved in **Mission 130** from Monday-Wednesday this week. This time will focus on student's personal spiritual lives and practices. Time will also be spent serving in and exploring our Oakdale neighborhood.

Oakdale Opportunities

Despite the uncertainty of our future months, Youth Ministry is faithfully trying to prepare for a 20/21 ministry season. Part of the preparation is the recruiting of men and women to walk alongside Middle and High School students as they engage with God and each other during youth group and in life. Our students are funny, insightful, creative, curious and fun. Wondering if you could be part of the team? **High School is looking for 1-2 males and 1 female and Middle School is looking for 2-3 males and 2-3 females.** Call/email Sammy for a ministry job description or questions.

As we prepare for Fall, there will be other volunteer positions posted in coming weeks. Please prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve.

Please submit all announcements for the 7/26 bulletin by **Thursday, 7/23 at 8 am.** Thank you!

Ester Kamaliza (foster daughter of Pastor Claude & Florence) and her husband, Moses, are preparing for the birth of twins, mid-August. Pray that the babies, Andy and Abby, are able to receive the benefit from every day that Ester can carry them towards full term. Ester has been unable to work for several weeks but the pregnancy has gone well. Their two older brothers, James & Elijah, are ready for them. **Let's bless this family with a diaper shower!** You can drop off a gift at church (on Mon, Tues, or Thurs, this week) or their home, or send a gift certificate for Target, Meijer, Walmart, or Aldi to: 869 Beech St SW Wyoming 49509. Phone: 616 259-2592. Email: kamalizaester@yahoo.com.

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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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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.

Sabbath Devotional

(distributed, by email, on Friday, July 17)

A Taste of God's Goodness

"While Christians around the world gather to celebrate Sunday, and they do this in a myriad of ways, and even while some bemoan the demise of Sunday laws reminiscent of the Constantinian era, there is no doubt that there is a renewal of Sunday--of Sunday as the day of resurrection, of Sunday as the beginning of a new creation, and of Sunday as the foretaste of the final consummation." (page 150)

Resurrection, new creation, and the coming of the Kingdom of God are all things for which to praise God! God is good, and Sundays are a day that we as Christians are invited to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). The act of praise gives us a taste of God's goodness. We don't always feel like we are experiencing that goodness. We don't always want to praise God. But practicing praise every week, like a discipline, is a way to remember that God is good.

Some Sundays all we want to do is cry. Some Sundays, we just want to sleep all day. Some Sundays, we'd rather not be reminded that we are part of something bigger (the Church). But every Sunday, we have a standing invitation from God to start the week anew. We are part of a community of folks who are united by the good, good God that we serve. No matter where we are or how we feel, God is always good. Pray that you would remember that.

Question to Ponder: What are some tangible ways that you are experiencing God's goodness right now?

Adapted from the book, A Brief History of Sunday: From the New Testament to the New Creation by Justo L. Gonzalez. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids. 2017.

If you would like to receive Sabbath devotionals each weekday this summer, **subscribe at: <https://opcsabbath.weebly.com>**

In July, please pray for Mark & Kristen Van Anandel.

Community Announcements

From Back to God Hour Ministries International:

- **"Finding Strength and Support in Scripture"** - This four-part Bible study podcast series and ebook can help you or someone you love draw power from God's Word to grow in your faith when dealing with dementia, anxiety, depression, and chronic illness or pain. Visit: groundworkonline.com/findingstrength.
- **Justice and Righteousness** - It seems that on earth, justice cannot keep up with evil and corruption. Study Micah 6:8 and Romans 3:21-22 with us to see why righteousness is intricately connected to justice in God's eyes and learn what this means for how we live faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. Listen now at <https://bit.ly/2OxNojc> and subscribe to Groundwork for future episodes.

Join **Safe Church Ministry** for a webinar entitled, **"Why the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Study Matters: Implications for Serving Those that Have Experienced Trauma & Adversity"** on **Wed., July 29 at 12 pm EDT**. This event will be led by Tara Boer, Safe Church Coordinator of Classes lakota & Heartland **via Zoom** at <https://crcna.zoom.us/j/97045620205> **Password:** RHRRSng2K2FT-L0tYY2N2WE9wdGtIQ09 **OR Meeting ID:** 970 4562 0205; **Password:** 541830

The **Office of Social Justice** is pleased to present the **Do Justice podcast**. What better to listen to in the summer than a brand new podcast? We're starting conversations on justice with fantastic guests. Listen and subscribe on your favorite platform today: **<https://anchor.fm/do-justice>**

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

In *Liturgy of the Ordinary* (IVP 2016), Tish Warren writes, "As Christians, we wake each morning as those who are baptized. We are united with Christ and the approval of the Father is spoken over us. We are marked from our first waking moment by an identity that is given to us by grace: an identity that is deeper and more real than any other identity we will don that day." How might you live out that truth this week?