



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

Loving God. Loving Others. Right Here.

September 6, 2020

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

God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **The Kingdom is Here** from **Matthew 4:12-5:1**

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: 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.

This Week at Oakdale

Tuesday:
 6:00-7:00 am Prayer Time; Call 701-802-5015 Code 234826#

Thursday: CLEAR (small group meeting)

Sunday, September 13: Online worship

10:00 am Worship (English)
 11:15 am Virtual coffee hour
 11:30 am Meet the Pastor (A-COGER)
 1:00 pm Worship (Kinyarwanda)
 5:30-7 pm HSYG

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Pray for **Rose Marshall** as there were complications with her cataract surgery back in June and she is still dealing with inflammation and pain in the back of her eye. Pray that she may have healing and peace as this experience has been stressful.

Pray for **Marilyn Ashley** as she was in the hospital this past week with abdominal pain. Pray that the doctors will be able to discern what is going on.

Continue to pray for the **Brown and Veeneman family** as they grieve the loss of Julie and will be missing her greatly.

Baby Nora Jones is home from the hospital after MANY months of care there. Praises that she can be home with her mom, **Arianna**, and grandparents, **Pastor James and Denise**. Pray that Nora's health may continue to improve.

Praises that **Aljean Holtrop's** eye appointment went well. Pray that the exercises and medications she was given will work well.

Praises that the evacuation order was lifted for **Pastor John and Linda Rozeboom's** son and daughter-in-law, **Dan and Nesha** and their kids. They are dealing with smoke effects now, before they can move back but are very grateful they have no fire damage.

Continue to pray for full healing for **Jess Hannink** from the Lyme Disease. Praises and prayers of thanksgiving that the joint pain is diminishing and that she is improving each day!

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Mary Browneye, 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.

Oakdale Opportunities

With joy and thanksgiving we wish to remind Oakdale of **Jessica Kuizema's** 93rd birthday this coming Sunday, Sept 6th. Jessica has been an active member of Oakdale for 71 years.

She has been under Hospice care for over 18 months and has done better than expected under their care. She also has been in COVID lockdown at DeVos Center at the Holland Home since March. Please pray for her during this time. The family knows she would appreciate cards to remind her that the Oakdale family is thinking about her, loves her, and cares for her.

It would be wonderful to "flood" her mailbox with birthday greetings and encouragement cards this week. If you would be able to join in helping her celebrate, please send a card to her at the below address.

Jessica Kuizema
 2121 Raybrook St. SE #165
 Grand Rapids, MI. 49546

High School Youth Group starts next week! We will meet 5:30-7 in the Church courtyard. Masks are required. Please bring a camp chair.

Think back to your high school years. What adults in your life made an impact? **Youth Ministry** is still in need of adult men & women to participate in the lives of students. **Dive** needs 2 men & 2 women. **HSYG** needs 1 woman & 2 men. We are also seeking adults to form relationships with students **OUTSIDE** of a traditional youth group format. Contact Sammy for more information at opcyoungdirector@gmail.com.

Please submit all announcements for the 9/13 bulletin to adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org by 9am on 9/10.
 Thanks!

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*Oakdale family compassion requests, please contact your district deacon.

Oakdale Opportunities Continued

Oakdale's Children's Ministry season will look a lot different this year because of the pandemic. We want to continue to love on your kids. We desire that they continue to grow in their personal faith and relationship with God during this time apart. It is also important that they feel connected to and cared for by Oakdale Park Church through meaningful relationships.

Children's Ministry has adapted this ministry season and created **Faithline Nine61**. We are working on gathering Faithline Nine61 Friends. These Oakdale Park Church adults will be matched with your children 1st grade through 5th grade who have attended any of Oakdale's programming, preferably based on current relationships. They will support your child going through this uncertain time. Faithline Friends will contact the child they are matched with by phone calls, mailing notes, and distanced visits. To learn more about the FaithLine Nine61 Ministry and sign up your child(ren), go to <http://bit.ly/FaithLineNine61>

We also are in need to at least 27 volunteers to be **FaithLine Nine61 Friends** who will be appropriately matched with 2 children, preferably based on current relationships. FaithLine Friends will be encouraged to call, mail notes, have distanced visits, support 2 children going through this uncertain time, and check in via other ways. Adults who would like to get involved in supporting the FaithLine Nine61 Ministry can get more information at <http://bit.ly/FaithLineNine61Volunteer> and should contact Karen Bobo (childrendirector@oakdaleparkchurch.org) with any questions or to get involved.

WORSHIP NEWS: Pastor Dave is kicking off a sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount this Sunday. We will be hosting one Google Hangout Room (the first link listed) for Fellowship after each service, and one Google Hangout Room (the second link listed every week) for discussing the sermon. Feel free to hop into either room after the service. Let Pastor Shannon (616.432.1720 or sjammalhollemans@gmail.com) know if you have questions.

In September, please pray for Jenny LeMahieu
(Papau, New Guinea)

Oakdale Opportunities Continued

Meet the Pastor! You are invited to meet Pastor Dave Sieplinga, Oakdale's interim pastor, over ice cream bars on a Sunday morning after worship this fall. We'll meet, grouped by last name, at 11:30 a.m. on the plaza outside church. We will have the opportunity to hear from Pastor Dave and ask him questions. Pastor Dave will also be asking us some questions.

You are invited to join one of these events based on your last name. Please wear a mask and maintain an appropriate distance from others. We will have a microphone and speaker outside so that everyone can hear from Pastor Dave.

Sept 13 A-COGER
September 20 COK-FOSTER
September 27 FUENTES-JAGER
October 4 JONES-MOORE
October 11 NAUTA-SMITH
October 18 SPICER-VANDERPLOEG
October 25 VANDERSTEEN-Z

Call the Church Office (616) 452-5764 or email adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org with any questions.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):
The Practice of Sabbath: In Wendell Berry and the Given Life, author Ragan Sutterfield quotes Berry: "[Sabbath] is not a break so that we might become renewed and refreshed for more work, but is rather a time when we live in the simple reality that we are creatures whose lives are given by God." How might this insight change how you celebrate sabbath?