



**February 28, 2021**

*We will be worshipping together online and in-person.*

This week those who's last names are between HOLMAN-SMITH (plus those on the initial invite list who received letters), are invited for in-person worship. Those not in this group (or do not feel comfortable worshipping in person) are encouraged to join us online at our Livestream.

**God's Word:** God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **Remember Who You Were** from **Deuteronomy 10:12-22.**

**Offering:** Oakdale Ministry

**Worship Materials:** Go to <http://bit.ly/Feb28WorshipMaterials> for coloring pages, Bible verse and more fun activities to go along with today's sermon.

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

### **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.  
2:00-4:00 pm HSYG at Garfield Park  
5:30-7:00 pm DIVE

### **This Week At Oakdale**

#### **Monday**

7:00 pm Admin. Meeting

#### **Tuesday**

6:00-7:00 am Tuesday Prayer Time  
<http://bit.ly/OPCTuesdayPrayer>

#### **Wednesday**

9:00-10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Time  
<http://bit.ly/OPCWednesdayPrayer>

#### **Thursday**

11:00 am CLEAR (small groups)

### **Sunday, March 7:**

10:00 am Online Worship (In-Person for ALLEN-HOLLEMANS + the initial invite list)  
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service  
5:30-7:00 pm HSYG

### **For Your Personal & Family Prayers**

Please pray for **Baby Nora Jones** as she has been in the hospital since Sunday when she was admitted due to non-stop vomiting. She had a CT this week and had an NG tube put back in. The doctors have discovered that she has air within her bowel wall. Please pray for Nora, as well as for Arianna, Denise and Pastor James in this difficult time as Nora will likely be in the hospital for another 7-10 days for observation.

Continue to pray for **Cathie VanderSteen** as she recovers from her eye surgery. Pray for improved vision and full healing.

**Dave Holtrop** has a CT scan tomorrow in preparation for his upcoming kidney surgery, planned for March 17th. Please pray that this procedure goes well and that the results needed to be seen can clearly be seen. Please pray also that him and Aljean may have peace in the waiting.

**Peggy Moore** is continuing to deal with health challenges. Please pray for healing and for strength and energy during this time.

Please continue to pray for healing for **Ryan Brown's** broken right femur. Ryan will be in his harness until March 10. Please continue to pray for patience and a full recovery.

**Sara VandenToorn** was able to get a steroid injection in her spine after her intense back pain. She will be having a follow-up appointment on March 1 so please pray that the injection quickly brings a relief from her pain. Praises that she has been able to get help with all the transportation needs for her family. Sara shared, "Thank you for all your prayers! I feel so blessed to have such an amazing church family!"

Praises for the positive update on the **VanWeerdhuizens** that was shared by Deb Jager during Sunday's service and for your gifts to the ministries they work for. Praises for Ken's healing and that he has regained his mobility after an accident last year. Continue to pray for them and their work with JAARS and Wycliffe.

Please pray for **Pastor James'** family as his cousin has passed away. Pray for peace in his extended family during this time.

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

### **Oakdale Opportunities**

#### **Youth Ministry Schedule**

This Sunday, **HSYG** will meet from 2-4 at Garfield park. It's the Great Amazing (Justice) Race! We are going to meet by the playground off of Madison. It will be wet and muddy, so be prepared.

**DIVE** will also be meeting this Sunday from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Youth Room.

#### **Announcement from Oakdale's Council**

Dear Church, every year, the Congregation selects a new group of Elders and Deacons to replace the members of Council who are ending their terms of service. Please prayerfully consider nominating members who you believe would serve well in these roles. Nominations forms were mailed out last week but if you need a new form or have questions, you can reach out to Aaron Einfeld, the Council President.

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In March please pray Mark & Kristen VanAndel

## Oakdale Announcements and Opportunities

### From the OPC Discernment Team

Oakdale family, We have been meeting weekly this month to review the information that we have gathered from the congregational survey and from interviews with staff members. We have also spent dedicated time in prayer together as a team, asking God's wisdom and guidance in this discernment process. We are gathering helpful perspectives about the strengths of our Oakdale ministries and community, as well as areas that we can grow in. All of this information is going to be very useful as we search for the next pastor. Please continue to pray for wisdom in the areas that the Oakdale Council has asked us to discern: ministry priorities in the next chapter of OPC ministry, staff structure, job description for next pastor, council governance model, and commitment to being an anti-racist church. We will keep you posted on any additional information gathering opportunities that may be needed. We are grateful for your support and prayers.

### From Pastor Bill and Lyn VandenBosch

Dear congregation, a time of traveling in the lands of the Bible can be a wonderful experience in growing our walk in faith as followers of Jesus Christ. We invite you to travel with us on one of two opportunities to gain insight into God's Word this fall. From September 16-28 we will be leading a pilgrimage in the steps of the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey as recorded in the Book of Acts. From October 18-30 we will travel in the light of Jesus as we follow the Gospel record of his life in the Holy Land. If you are interested in receiving more information on either of these faith building pilgrimages, please contact us at 616-826-1927 or [inthelightofjesus@gmail.com](mailto:inthelightofjesus@gmail.com). If you would like a printed brochure about either of these opportunities, please contact **Pastor James** at the church office.

**At-Home Faith Formation**—"The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Cornel West said, 'Justice is what love looks like in public.' How might you share the love of Jesus by practicing justice in public this week in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your city? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)"

## In-Person Worship Schedule

**Oakdale Park Church is excited to welcome our congregation back to in-person worship!** For the past two weeks, we have invited a small list of folks who have trouble accessing online services to worship in-person on Sunday mornings. Because the number of people in that group has been so small each week, and the COVID rates have significantly declined in Kent County, we are inviting members back to in-person worship by last name.

**Those with trouble accessing the services online, who have already been invited back, are welcome back every week.** Oakdale's worship will continue to stream live online for those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship. Please also note that we will not be having nursery or children's programming so please plan accordingly if needed.

**February 21:** STOUT-WISNESKI plus those initially invited.

**February 28:** HOLMAN-SMITH plus those initially invited

**March 7:** ALLEN-HOLLEMANS plus those initially invited

**March 14:** STOUT-WISNESKI plus those initially invited

**March 21:** HOLMAN-SMITH plus those initially invited

**March 28:** ALLEN-HOLLEMANS plus those initially invited

**April 1:** Maundy Thursday: EVERYONE

**April 4:** Easter Sunday: EVERYONE (We are considering having two services, more details to come.)

Please re-read Oakdale's reopening protocols for safety on the church website (<https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/covid-19-reopening-information/>)

Please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Shannon if you have any questions.

### Council Usher Schedule

March 7: Harland Holman, Jayne VerBeek, Mandy Vander Meyden, & Peggy Moore

March 14: Ralph Mason, Aaron Einfeld, Noah Menerey, & Zac Baker