



May 9, 2021

We will be worshipping together online and in-person (initial invite list).

God's Word: God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **What's Wrong. What's Right. Who Wins.** from John 16:1-15.

Offering: Oakdale Ministry

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.
5:30-7:00 pm HSYG (at Church)

This Week At Oakdale

Monday

6:30 pm Council Meeting
8:00 pm Elder/Deacon 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)

Saturday

6:00 pm Men's Outdoor Cookout

Sunday, May 16:

10:00 am Online Worship (the initial invite list)
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service
5:30-7:00 pm HSYG

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Emma Jones** and her daughter **Patrice** and **their whole family** in the loss of their dear 16-year-old granddaughter, daughter and precious child of God, **Janiah**. We mourn with this family and pray for our faithful God to comfort and be near to them during this difficult time.

Please keep **Verna Haverhals** in your prayers as she had a hospital stay earlier this week and underwent some tests. She is home now but pray that the adjustments in her medication will help the issue.

Robert Moore had surgery on Tuesday to put a port in for dialysis. He is still in the hospital but will be leaving for the nursing home soon.

Praise that **Aljean Holtrop's** appointment went well; she will follow up in a few months.

Please continue to pray for **Judy Cook, Colleen Hill's mother**, who fell a couple weeks ago. She has made progress with her heart but is now being treated for pneumonia. Pray that she may have quick healing.

Praise that **Marcy Emmelkamp** is home recovering well from her procedure.

Congratulations to **Emily Veenstra Banning** (and Andrew) for graduating from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary! We celebrate all that God will continue to do in their life and ministry.

Pastor James's sister's family has tested positive for Covid recently. Please pray for their symptoms to be mild and for them to heal quickly.

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.

Going forward the Prayer Line emails will be sent out on Tuesdays and there will not be a regularly scheduled prayer line email on Thursdays unless there are major updates that need to be shared.

Please send any prayer requests to be included on the prayer line to Lisa DeYoung at lisady75@gmail.com. You may also leave a voicemail or text at (616) 818-8512. Lisa will only include items that she has been given permission to share.

In-Person Worship—Council Usher Schedule

Please arrive to assist by 9:30 am

May 9 *Chris Burgess, Emma Jones, Sue Ellis, Noah Menerey

May 16 *Aaron Einfeld, Cathie VanderSteen, Nate deVries, Peggy Moore

May 23 *Mandy VanderMeyden, Harland Holman. Gen Riekena, Ralph Mason

Update from the Discernment Team

"We are nearing the end of the first phase of the discernment process which has included gathering and evaluating input from the congregation and staff members related to the council mandates. We are creating a report to submit to council by the end of May with insights gathered in these areas: the priorities and strengths of OPC; ministry areas that need attention; recommendations for staff structure to effectively carry out the ministry priorities; job description recommendations; and suggestions on how to enhance being an anti-racist church. The Lord willing, Phase 2 will begin sometime in June which will consist of the search process for the next pastor. We are so grateful for your prayers and support over the past several months. Please continue to remember this work in your prayers. We are humbled and amazed at how God has been, is presently, and will continue to be at work through his people at Oakdale Park Church." - *The Discernment Team*

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Oakdale Opportunities

Celebration of Graduates

We will be celebrating our Oakdale Graduates on **Sunday, June 6**. If you have a member of your family that has graduated 8th Grade, 12th Grade, Higher Education, or any other kind of certificate program, we want to honor their hard work. Please contact the office **by the end of May** so that we can include them.

Oakdale Men's Retreat

Men's ministry will be grilling and having a fire at The Visser's house on Saturday May 15 at 6:00pm. **Please email George Visser (george.servis@gmail.com) by May 13 if you can make it so we have a headcount for food.** The address is 2636 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Oakdale Growing in Faith

This summer, we as a church community will be focusing on growing together! Swing by church after the conclusion of worship Sunday morning to pick up a special gift--Cherokee Trail of Tears beans with instructions for how to grow them. **We will be around for half an hour following the conclusion of the service.** More information will be shared during the service.

Oakdale Organizing

It's time to share with one another what God has taught us in the past year and our hopes for the future of Oakdale Park Church. Join us for a story-sharing event on either **Saturday, June 26 at 10am or Tuesday, June 29 at 8pm at church.** Each event will last 90 minutes. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Ask Pastor Shannon.

GRILU Applications

GRILU is a faith-based leadership program for high school Juniors and Seniors. Every year, Oakdale hosts a site. It is a transformative year for participants, learning about how God created them and how they can serve God as their unique selves. *Applications will be available soon and there are limited spots on the team.* Interested in this opportunity for your student? **Contact Sammy today!**

In May, please pray for Jenny LeMahieu-Gela & Josh Gela

OPC YM Update

We're almost to the end of the ministry season. Thank you to parents, students & leaders for navigating a challenging year. Our goals this year was to provide a stable church community, some fun, and challenge the students in their faith. And while we weren't perfect by any means, I think we met our goals. And I know God was with us.

Here's our end-of-year schedule:

5/9: HSYG only (5:30-7)

5/16: HSYG Final Night (Messy Game Night!)

5/23 DIVE Final Night (messy Game Night--5:30-7 p.m.)

Christian Education Fundraiser

The Christian Education Committee would like to remind everyone of the fundraising opportunity that is always available through Eagle TRIP (Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program). When you buy gift cards through Eagle TRIP a percentage of each gift card goes directly into the Oakdale Park Christian Education Committee account for our children receiving assistance for Christian Education tuition at several schools in our community.

This can be done through the **Raise Right app** which makes ordering simple for both physical gift cards and for some retailers, e-gift cards. There is even a "deliver to your home" option for several retailers. Also, for the next few weeks there are several smaller denomination cards that are great for graduation and end of year teacher gifts.

We are encouraging you to support this fundraiser this year through the Raise right app. Once set up, it makes ordering the cards very simple. If interested in ordering TRIP or need more info on getting the Raise Right app set up, please contact **Heather Menerey** (menerey.family@gmail.com or 616-901-5044) or **Lauren Delatorre** (laurendelatorre@yahoo.com) If you are more comfortable ordering TRIP without the app, please contact Heather Menerey to set up an order **before May 26**. She will be able to put in a physical order and arrange the delivery. A list of vendors can be found at <https://www.grcs.org/admissions/tuition-affordability/eagle-trip>.