

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Please keep **Nora Jones** in prayer as well as **Arianna and Denise** as they bring Nora in to have a biopsy on the mass on her liver. This will be happening on Friday and there is a chance she will need surgery.

Robert Moore (Rerun) had two seizures over the weekend. He is unsure of the cause. Pray for answers and no more seizures.

Pray for **Janet Cok** as she has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Pray for her and her family as they adjust to this diagnosis.

Give praise that **Jayne VerBeek's mother** is doing better after her fall. She is now at a rehab facility to heal from the fractures in her pelvis.

In September, please pray for **Ken & Chris VanWeerdhuizen** (Wycliffe/JAARS)

Pray for strength and encouragement for our friends: *Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, John & Luann Pastoor, Lee VanderKodde, Jean Hoskins, Carl Welmers, John & Joan Nidefski, Betty Diemer and Alexis Coger. **Consider sending one or more of them a note of encouragement.***

Invitation to Prayer

There is much to pray for at Oakdale and in our community and world today. Beyond your personal prayer times, you are invited to join on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please let Jayne VerBeek or Cindy Plantenga know if you are planning to come.

Oakdale Announcements & Opportunities

Oakdale Park Church - Women's Book Club

Oakdale Park Church's Women's Book Club (est.2002) will start meeting again this fall after a year off. We will meet at Oakdale, in the narthex or outdoors. Books and dates will be communicated here in the bulletin each month. Our first meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21** to discuss **The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley**. Contact Rachel (adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org) or Deb VanDuinen (dvanduin1@gmail.com) if you want information about the other books and dates that are scheduled.

Oakdale Young Adults

Calling all young adults here at or from Oakdale. A gathering is being organized for you to meet Pastor Pete on **Thursday, September 23 at 7:30 pm**. The gathering will take place at the Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation (GRCCT) in the Loft area (1530 Madison Ave SE.). This is also an Art Prize venue so come a few minutes early and enjoy the art. Drinks and food will be provided. This is for **young adults college age and older**. If you have any questions, contact Karen Ruis (616) 822-6723 or Ruth Van Dam (616) 634-3850.

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Youth Ministry

- All students in 6-12th grade are invited to meet Pastor Peter, his wife, Julie, and their two sons with a **pizza party on Friday, September 24 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** This event will be a fun, relaxed event. For planning purposes, could you RSVP your students so I know how much pizza to buy? Send Sammy a quick email or text to RSVP (opcyouthdirector@gmail.com)
- Do you have an extra bean bag laying around your house that you just don't want anymore? Youth Ministry wants it to make our small group rooms cozy spaces.
- We want to be able to provide food and snacks for High Schoolers while they are here at HSYG. If this is an area you think you are able to serve, sign up online or talk to Sammy to help out or to bring in a treat to fill our HS tummies with yumminess.
- **HSYG Starts this Sunday (9/19)**. The Welcome Back BBQ will be **5:30-7:30** outside on the Plaza (weather dependent).
- The kickoff to **Middle School Youth Group is this Wednesday (9/22) from 6:30-8 pm**. MSYG is a new group combining the best of GEMS/Cadets and DIVE. Come find out what this new thing is.
- Pre-registration makes everyone's lives easier! Parents and guardians, please fill out the registration form for each of your Middle School & High School students before they attend youth programming next week. You can fill out the registration form at <https://bit.ly/YMRegistration2021> If you have any questions, talk to Sammy (opcyouthdirector@gmail.com)

Seniors of Oakdale

Senior Citizens of Oakdale are invited to an informal coffee time meet and greet with Pastor Peter TeWinkle on **Friday, Sept 24 at 10 AM** at Oakdale Park Church in the courtyard (weather permitting, the alternate plan will be to meet in the foyer). Bring your lawn chair. Questions feel free to call Karen Ruis 616-822-6723

Women's Opportunity:

Are you interested in a Day Getaway filled with fun, fellowship & food plus time to fill ourselves with hope and encouragement? We will hear from different speakers on the topic of Hope including Crystal Woodman Miller who is a Columbine survivor. On Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9am - 3:30pm Moms In Prayer is sponsoring Awaken Hope in Holland, MI. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch, speakers and a book called Start with Praise. Scholarships are available and carpooling. Contact Cindy Plantenga 616 421 5874 or cplantenga@gmail.com.

West Michigan Community Organizing Launch, October 28 at 7pm:

For over 2 years, Oakdale has been building relationships with other institutions to create a powerful broad-based organization in West Michigan that will act together on the pressures our families face. Join us on Oct. 28 for our special Launch event as we aim to double our number of committed institutions to at least 20! Oakdale was selected as the ideally located host for this big day. Please come represent as we enter our next phase of deciding which issues we will take on together. Register here: bit.ly/OrgLaunchMI Questions? Ask Pastor James, Sue E, Matt W., Jazmyne F., or Jayne V.

Oakdale Park Church Ministry Team

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FUE-JAG Ruth Van Dam (634-3850)

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Moore (821-1976)

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Cathie VanderSteen (295-8381)

Rick Hannink (723-1621)



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

Oakdale Announcements

Today

10:00 am Worship Service

1:00 pm Victory Fellowship at Oakdale—streamed on YouTube.

5:30-7:30 pm HSYG Welcome Back BBQ at Oakdale

This Week At Oakdale

Monday

6:30 pm

Elder Meeting

8:00 pm

Deacon Meeting Tuesday

Tuesday

6:00 am

Prayer Time

7:00 pm

Women's Book Club

Wednesday

9:00am

Prayer Time

10:00 am

IAF Core Team

6:30-8:00 pm

MSYG

Thursday

11:00 am

CLEAR (small groups)

7:30 pm

Young Adults Meeting

Friday

10:00 am

Coffee with Seniors

6:30 pm

Pizza with Pastor Peter & the
Youth Group

Saturday

10:00 am

Council Open House Mtg.

5:00 pm

Discernment Team Dinner

Sunday

10:00 am

Worship

1:00 pm

Victory Fellowship

In Person Worship Updates

The Oakdale Park Church COVID Task Force met on September 9 to provide the following updated COVID protocol which has been approved by the Administrative Team.

1. All attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times during indoor Sunday morning worship. Face coverings may only be removed when people are leading in worship.
2. Our nursery will be closed until the Kent County positivity rate drops to 5% or less.
3. We encourage online worship for those who have easy access to it.
4. We highly recommend that face coverings be worn by high school and middle school young people and their leaders when they meet indoors.

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