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Preschool Gives Back

**CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE BLESSING OF
SHARING THROUGH A FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**

The children at Orland Park Christian Preschool are learning that it is a blessing to be able to share with others! During December, the children and their families responded generously to the opportunity to donate food and toys for the needy here in Orland Park.

We talked with the children about the fact that in our homes, we have toys to play with and enough food to eat every day. However, there are people who live around us that don't have enough food to eat each day. Preschoolers and their families responded by bringing non-perishable food to school to give to needy families through the food pantry at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church. Each child helped to carry a few items of food from our preschool hall to the food pantry down by the church office. Mrs. Dori Summers, coordinator of the food pantry, graciously welcomed us, thanked us, and showed us where the food would be kept until people came to pick it up on Wednesday afternoons. She also led us in a very



Preschool children with the donations for the Orland CRC Food Pantry.

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January 5: Southside Pregnancy Center | www.southsidepregnancy.org

Mission: Southside Pregnancy Center strengthens families by offering hope and help to those affected by unplanned pregnancy and preserves life and purity for generations to come. The inception of the Southside Pregnancy Center in 1984 was the result of a handful of people from southwest area churches recognizing the great need to assist women in crisis pregnancies. The founders

were motivated by the Christian example of giving practical help for mothers in need by providing life-affirming helps. At Southside Pregnancy Center, their vision is a society where the gospel of Jesus Christ reigns, resulting in lifestyle changes that transform culture to recognize the sanctity of human life, reinforce the biblical family unit, and reject abortion.

January 12: Youth Unlimited | www.youthunlimited.org

Mission: Youth Unlimited helps churches challenge youth to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and transform this world for Him. Youth Unlimited is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry with the focus of assisting the Church and its many local congregations with their ministry to our youth. They strongly believe that the local church is the

tool God longs to use to reveal Himself to this world. They know that taking the call of ministering to youth today is not easy or for the faint of heart. Therefore, they are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ!

January 19: Cary Christian Center - www.carychristiancenter.org

Mission: Cary Christian Center seeks to actively proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to enable individuals to reach their full potential in Christ. Cary Christian Center works to break the cycles of poverty through relationships one person at a time. Through various ministries, they seek to build serious and significant relationships that are based on biblical principles

with individuals by becoming involved in their lives. These ministries include the Thrift Store, Dental Ministry, The Village Ministry (an after school and summer program for children), Parent/Child Ministry (provides parents with skills they need to nurture their families), and a Volunteer program which is organized to serve community members who need serious home repairs.

January 26: Cadets (National)

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community. Founded in 1952, the

Corps has more than 600 clubs throughout North America. The organization uses the title "Calvinist" to honor the Protestant reformer, John Calvin, who devoted his life to the religious education of God's children.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Preschool registration time is almost here! Our annual preschool open houses with the opportunity to register for 2020 fall classes will be held on January 26 from 1-3 p.m. and January 28 from 9-11 a.m. On Sunday afternoon, January 26, the school will be open and families are welcome to take a tour of the classrooms and meet the teachers. On Tuesday morning, January 28, families of future preschool children are welcome to come in to school while it is in session, take a tour, see the current classes in action, and meet the teachers. There will be an opportunity on both days to enter a drawing for one free month's tuition with a paid registration. After January 28, registration will be open until classes fill.

Orland Park Christian Preschool offers sessions for 4-year-old children three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday.) The morning session, held from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m., has a tuition cost of \$168/month and the extended day session, held from

8-45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. costs \$240/month. The preschool also offers class sessions for 3-year-old children two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday.) This session, held in the mornings from 8:45-11:30 a.m., costs \$132/month. The board of our preschool is

committed to making this program affordable and available to all families regardless of church affiliation. Our mission is to

provide a clean, safe, and happy Christian atmosphere for children where the love of Christ is modeled and shared. We will assist parents in helping their children grow spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Orland Park Christian Preschool is an excellent choice for your child's first school experience, providing a quality Christian learning environment for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2020. Please spread the news about Orland Park Christian Preschool to your family, friends, and neighbors who have young children.



Orland Park Christian
Preschool

"Preschool Food and Toy Drive" continued from page 1...

special moment of prayer thanking God for us and the food we were giving, and asking God to bless the people who would be receiving the food. We learned that Mrs. Dori prays with the people who receive the food and shares God's Word with them. That's just as important as the food on the shelves!



The families of our children also donated toys through our preschool to the Orland Township Holiday Toy Drive. People from the township office came and picked up the toys which will be available to families who need assistance in order to give their children Christmas presents. We thank God for the opportunity to share with others. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach the importance of giving to young children.

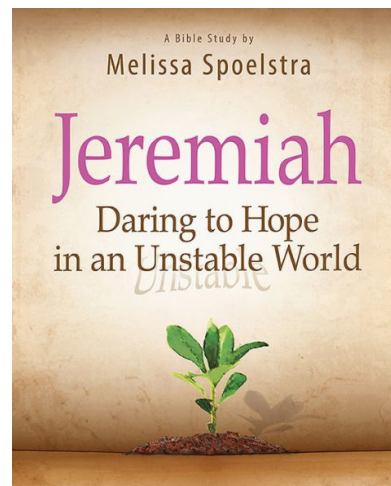




WOMEN'S COMEDY NIGHT AT ORLAND PARK CRC SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

We all could use a break from the winter blues! Come join us on Saturday, February 1, at 7:00 pm for a night out to enjoy some comedy! Christian stand-up comedian Tracy DeGraaf will entertain us with laugh-out-loud stories. Tracy says, "Laughter is a gift from God. It's a balm, a buffer, a wonderful escape from life's problems. My mission is encouraging people with humor and truth by providing them a reprieve from the stresses of life through comedy."

More information regarding tickets will be coming soon! Watch upcoming church bulletins for more details.



NEW STUDY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORD BEGINS THIS JANUARY

Women in the Word will begin on January 20 with a new 7-week study on "Jeremiah, Daring to Hope in an Unstable World." The morning session is 9:30-11:00 am and evening is 7:00-8:30 pm.

Childcare will be available for the morning session only. Please sign up at the information center if you would like to attend.

PASS OFFERS HOPE & HEALING PROGRAM:

Are you able to identify with depression, miscarriage, regret, abortion, divorce, abuse, loneliness, low self-worth, or loss of a loved one? PASS is offering small group sessions for any man or woman who is struggling with unspoken or unresolved hurt. The next 12-week group session will be held February 3 - April 27. Please contact Susan Wilson, PASS Director of Operations, at susan@passhelps.org or 708-614-9777 ext. 120.

Orland Park Church Family News



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to John and Gail Daane, as they mourn the loss of their daughter, Jan Overzet, who passed away on December 15.

We extend our sympathy to Jackie Van Ryn and Butch Bruinius as they mourn the loss of their sister-in-law, Bonnie Prince Hartog, who passed away on December 12, in Florida.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these people in prayer who are recovering from recent hospitalizations, who are shut-ins, or who are dealing with other health problems.

Jim Boerema	Liam Du Bois	Steve Roeda	Bob Van Lonkhuyzen
John Boss	Bob Hofstra	George Schaaf	Terry Vander Laan
Wayne Decker	Arlene Hoekstra	Bill Schaafsma	Shirley Vander Velde
Mel Dokter	Ruth Huisenga	Karen Schultz	Marv Vis
Len Donofrio	Joyce Ipema	Geurt Van Hal	Louetta Voss
Doris Doorn	Betty Loerop	Carol Van Kuiken	

To request prayer or give thanks for answered prayers, please send your request by email to prayer@opcrc.org or contact the church office at (708) 532-4900.

ADULT SERVE HOME BUILD: INFORMATIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 12

On Sunday, January 12, at 4:30 pm there will be an informational meeting in the music room for those attending the Meridian, Mississippi, home build.

If you're still unsure about serving in Meridian and you'd like to know more about this trip, you are welcome to come to the meeting or talk to any committee member. Application packets, medical info sheets, and more information can be found on the Adult Serve bulletin board by the gym. Completed applications can be placed in Dori Summers's mailbox or turned into the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Henny Bos

90 years

January 4

Bob Hoekstra

87 years

January 6

George Reddel

93 years

January 13

Louise Hofstra

95 years

January 16

Chuck Vander Velde

81 years

January 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Len & Pat Bruinius

January 2 | 55 years

Jon & Allison Van Dyk

January 2 | 10 years

Don & Mignon Fink

January 14 | 59 years

Jeff & Dawn Winkle

January 16 | 10 years

George & Jackie Van Ryn

January 31 | 62 years

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THANK YOU, OPCRC!

To the members of OPCRC, thank you for your thoughtful help in celebrating Louise Hofstra's transition to her new residence in Omaha, Nebraska, near her daughter. Your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, visits, rides to church, moving furniture, and her farewell celebration helped our family see God's hand and heart in action.

New address: Louise Hofstra
C/O Brickford of Omaha, Blondo
11308 Blondo St.
Omaha, NE 68164
Phone: 402-4 93-4056

-Sincerely and thank you, Bob and Betty Hofstra

Thank you to all who sent cards and phone calls. A wonderful visit by Pastor Dan and Steve and Donna Workman. Praise be to God for so many blessings.

-Marilyn De Boer Bosma

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date! Iron Sharpens Iron will be back this year on February 22. The keynote speakers this year are Eric Ludy and Stephen Michael Newby.

Pastor Eric Ludy is the bestselling author of over twenty books with well over a million copies in print. He is the senior pastor of The Church at Ellerslie. His weekly sermons are heard by tens of thousands of people across the globe, and his short films on the Christian life have been viewed by millions.

Stephen Michael Newby is a worship leader, vocalist, songwriter, composer, and publisher of many different musical styles and traditions.

Men ages 13 and up are invited to this equipping conference. Visit focalpointministries.net for info.



CONGRATS!

Jeff and Dawn Winkle welcomed a baby boy, **Miles Elliot**, into their family on December 9. We congratulate them on this new, wonderful addition to their family. Give thanks for this precious gift from God.

DORDT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN WHEATON

The Dordt University Chamber Orchestra from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, at the Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Directed by Mrs. Susan De Jong, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire from the Baroque era to the 21st century. The program highlights include the music of J.S. Bach for flute and strings and several beloved hymn tunes. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

A Year in Review 2019

Baptisms: 14

Harper Elizabeth Baas	Greta Junjing Loerop
Robert Joel Buikema	Karis Noel Nydam
Noah Wayne De Young	Sadie Elizabeth Prins
Josephine Rae Demana	Judah David Smit
Ariey Beth Derouin	Liana Belle Staal
Liam Thomas Du Bois	Charlotte Ruth Ha-Neul
Colton Ray Kizzee	Workman
Evie Sichang Loerop	

Marriages: 11

Mark & Jorrie (Schutt) Balmes	Bryan & Samantha (Bruinius) Soto
Clarence & Kathy (Knauer) Boonstra	Curtis & Emily (Kamp) Van Grouw
Andy & Brittany (Rotman) Boss	Trent & Kacie (Stoll) Vande Kamp
Dylan & Anica (Pausma) Gooch	James & Emily (Groelsema) Vos
Dan & Kellie (Walker) Hannapel	Nathan & Lauren (Kuipers) Voss
Ryan & Jillian (Visser) Kuyvenhoven	

New Members: 25

Kathy Boonstra	Aimee Rhea
Brittany Boss	David Rhea
Betsy Crince	Clarence Sturwold
Christian Crince	Pearl Sturwold
Lawrence Dryfhout	Larry Van Kuiken
Linda Dryfhout	Louise Van Kuiken
Donald Fink	Charles Vander Velde
Mignon Fink	Shirley Vander Velde
Jeff Lampos	Barbara Weber
Kathy Lampos	Ralph Weber
Eros Perez	Marilyn Wnuk
Doris Post	Sandra Zakse
John Post	

Professions of Faith: 15

Matthew Belstra	John Dieck, Jr.
Alyssa Boersma	Emma Huizenga
Ryley Bulthuis	Jessica Hultman
Hannah Clevering	Joseph Kamp
Niklaas de Koning	Robert Schaaf
Nathan Deckinga	Jacob Schaafsma
Matthew Dieck	Grant Van Buren
	Abigail Van Wyk

Deaths: 9

Jessie Alderden	Albert Siegers
Louis Haan	Robert Staal
Marvin Hooker	Louise Van Lonkhuyzen
Christopher Kuyvenhoven	Evelyn Ruth Voss
Richard Oost	