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Outlook



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VBS Coming in June!

GET READY TO ROAR!

This summer's Vacation Bible School, Roar!, is June 10-14 from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Registration: Online registration for your child, Pre-K (potty-trained, please)-6th grade, runs from May 17-June 7.

Volunteers: We need YOU! VBS is still looking for volunteers. Stop by the VBS table and see how you can help! Also, if you have already signed up to volunteer, please pick up your t-shirt.

Donations: VBS still needs your help through the donations of supplies. Stop by the VBS table and sign up to bring in a supply needed to make VBS week happen. Donations need to be returned Sunday, June 2, and perishable items by Sunday, June 9.

Pray: Please continue to pray for the VBS program - the volunteers, the children, the families represented and the committee. Thank you for partnering with us to make this a successful week.

VBS Committee: Kim Hospes, Sue Damstra, Laura Visser, Nicole Stoub, Kristie Voss, and Deb Doorn



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May 5 (Gems Sunday): Gems Local | www.gemsgc.org

This offering goes directly to our GEMS club here at Orland Park Church. Girls are active, imaginative, and unique. They are passionate! And GEMS offers them the perfect place to learn and grow as they discover who God created them to be. Clubs are offered in local churches and Christian organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Their mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

May 12: World Renew | www.worldrenew.net

World Renew, formerly the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), is the relief and development organization of the Christian Reformed Church. It responds on your behalf to the needs of people around the world who are suffering from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

May 19: Gems National | www.gemsgc.org

GEMS Girls' Club is an international relationship-building program created especially for girls. The mission of GEMS is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Their vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others.

May 26: Journey Pregnancy & Life Hub | journeyhub.com

Journey Pregnancy & Life Hub is an organization serving young women and families through free pregnancy support, baby, mom and apparel items. Their mission is to care for the whole person; by guiding them on a safe journey to Family, Purpose, & Wholeness. Services they provide include counseling, emotional care, baby supplies through 4 years old, pregnancy and family needs, on-going mentoring, life coaching, and life skills. Their 'hub' is in Mokena, IL and is an inviting place to enjoy coffee, goodies, and company.

JUNE OUTLOOK SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the May issue of the Outlook are due on **Sunday, May 19**. Please send to Denise Vander Plaats at denise@opcrc.org or drop off in the church office.

Do you have a son or daughter that will graduate from college this year? If you'd like their name included in the Outlook, please email the information to Denise Vander Plaats at denise@opcrc.org. Please include the name of their college or university and their degree. Also, you may include new address information which we will update in our system. Thank you!

PASS HIKE 4 LIFE

Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs (PASS) would like to have you "save the date" of Saturday, June 8, 2019, for their annual Hike4LIFE fundraising event! As in previous years, the event will be held on the grounds of Peace Community Church in Frankfort from 7am-1pm. We will have an untimed 5K "Candy Fun Run" at 8am and a Hike at 9am. Run or hike with your family! There will be many activities for kids and youth! For more info, please go to our website at www.helppass.org or contact Allison Alons at 708/614-9777 ext. 121.

CPO BANQUET

Chicagoland Prison
Outreach Banquet will
be held on May 21,
2019, to celebrate their
25th anniversary. It will
be held at the Serbian
Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at
6:30 and dinner will be
served at 7:00. Please
RSVP by May 1 to cpoministries@sbcglobal.
net or to Noreen at the
office 708-331-3301.

Preschool News

BIBLE TIME IS THE BEST TIME OF DAY!

Part the end of the school year, it is typical for us to ask the children at Orland Park Christian Preschool to answer the following question: "What did you like best about preschool this year? What was your favorite thing to learn about?" Not always, but enough times to bring joy to the teachers, we hear the answer "Bible Time!" How heartwarming it is to know that the mission of sharing God's Word at Orland Park Christian Preschool is one of the children's favorite things!

From the first day of school in September until the last day of school in May, the preschool children hear a story from God's Word. Often the teacher will hold up the Bible to the page where the story is found and tell the children who God told to write that part of the Bible, making sure the children understand that we can know the story is true. It really happened just like the Bible says.

Each one of the teachers on our staff takes turns telling the Bible stories. We share two Bible stories a week, starting with the creation of God's world in September, sharing the story of God's work in the lives of His chosen people from the Old Testament throughout the Fall, and telling the details of the birth of God's Son Jesus in December. After Christmas, we tell the stories of the life of Jesus, His miracles, His parables, and His passion during Holy Week, ending with His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection. We end the year with Jesus' ascension into heaven and His promise to always be with us through the Holy Spirit.

To capture the attention of young children and teach them the importance of the stories for their own lives, we always use visuals to tell the details of the stories and we often involve the children physically in the stories. Please enjoy a few photos from our most recent Bible stories that show examples of how the children get involved as each story is told.

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Giving like the poor widow who gave of two small coins



Fun visuals for the parable "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man."



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Preschool News

'BIBLE TIME' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3



"Jesus loves you, Kayce."



Waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King!"



Jesus showed His love for His disciples when He washed their feet.

It is our sincere prayer that the seeds of God's Word are being planted in the hearts of the young children that we teach and that the message of God's love is being shared with the families of the children. One tool we use to share our Bible time with parents and grandparents is our private Facebook page. Each week we post photos and descriptions of our Bible stories as they are being told.

Please pray with us that God's Word will make a big impact on the children at Orland Park Christian Preschool and their families.





SUMMER MENS' BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to a summer men's Bible study beginning June 3. The group will be studying "The Truth Project" and will meet on Monday nights at 6:30 for fellowship and 7:00 for the study. Come as you are. Please sign up at the information center. Contact Kent Hook at 708-623-5080 or email khook@trnty.edu with any questions.

THE MEN OF A-CHORD PRESENT THEIR "NIGHT OF SONG"

The Men of A-Chord is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song". The concert will be on Saturday May 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. The concert this year will include the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison, MI, and the Singing Crusaders of Kalamazoo, MI. Each choir will sing numbers separately and a number of songs together as a mass chorus. There will be plenty of audience participation as well with favorites you love to sing!

Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free-will offering will be taken. For information please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

Book Review: "The White Umbrella"

AUTHORED BY MARY FRANCES BOWLEY

A book review by Grace Kamp

"The White Umbrella" tells the stories of victims of the dark underworld of human sex-trafficking and of volunteers and caregivers who try to cover them with the love of Jesus. The title was carefully chosen to represent the theme of the book: "White" means free from moral impurity or innocent, and "Umbrella" represents the covering of God's love and care for and by His people.

Author Mary Frances Bowley points out that human trafficking, sex trade, and sexual slavery are not just in other countries but are present right here in the United States. The FBI reports that there are as many as 100,000 children ages 9-19 who are involved in sex trafficking. Some of these children are runways, some are abandoned, and some come from "good" homes. Sadly in our country, sex trafficking is Americans kidnapping and exploiting their own people. Bowley goes on to drive the point home by saying that sex trafficking is happening right in your own state and even in your own town.

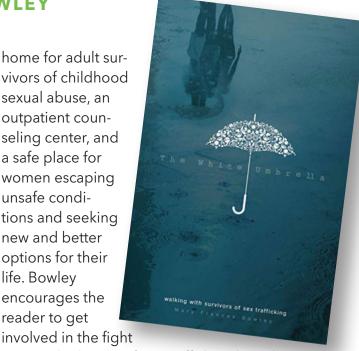
In response to this, Bowley joined with 40 other women to start a non-profit program called "Wellspring Living," named after the story of Jesus promising living water to the Samaritan woman at the well. The Atlanta-based organization serves as a recovery

home for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, an outpatient counseling center, and a safe place for women escaping unsafe conditions and seeking new and better options for their life. Bowley encourages the reader to get

against the horror of sex-trafficking by volunteering at a similar program in their community.

This book is an encouragement in showing how we as Christians can help share the love of Jesus with the victims of sex-trafficking.

*Note: If you enjoy reading and would like to write a short book review of a selection from our library, please let the library staff know or email Judy Kamp at judy@opcrc.org.





FRIDAY, MAY 17: 8 AM-2 PM SATURDAY, MAY 18: 8 AM-12 PM

DONATIONS WELCOME! DROP-OFF: MAY 15: 7-9 PM

MAY 16: 3-6 PM

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Orland Park Church Family News



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Louise Hummel as she mourns the loss of her father, Harry Van Setten, who passed away at the age of 92.

We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Greendyke as she mourns the loss of her sister, Eleanor Bruinuis.

Al Siegers passed away on April 9, and we express our deepest sympathy to his son, Ken (Barb) Siegers, and grandchildren Amanda, and Josh (Sabrina) Siegers.

Jessie Alderden passed away on April 15 at the age of 99. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

THANK YOU, OPCRC!

I would like to thank the congregation for the heartfelt expressions of sympathy, both in person and through many cards, in the sharing of my loss in the passing of my brother, Brandt, in Denver, Colorado. To know by his testimony and life lived that he was a child of God is such a blessing. -Joanna DeRuiter

Dear Pastor Roeda and the Orland Park Church, thank you for your phone call while I was in the hospital. It brightened my day and lifted my spirit. To the members of OPCRC, thank you for your prayers and thoughtful cards of encouragement. It was so nice to feel a piece of home.

-In Christian love, Eloise Overzet

CONGRATULATIONS

Evan and Kim Tinklenberg were blessed with a baby boy, Isaac Emmett. He was born about a month early but is doing well.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Dorothy Baas Delphine Kallas Terry Vander Laan

Jim Boerema Ray Kerkstra Marv Vis

Dan Davis Bob Piersma Herm Werkman Len Donofrio George Schaaf Judy Yonker

Bob Hofstra Karen Schultz
Louise Hofstra Bob Van Lonkhuyzen

To request prayer or give thanks for answered prayers, please send your request by email to prayer@opcrc.org or contact the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Louise Van Lonkhuyzen 98 years | May 1

Mary Lou Bos 82 years | May 3

Camille Dykstra 81 years | May 13

Carolyn Van Hal 87 years | May 18

Bettie Triezenberg 83 years | May 24

Fred De Ruiter 85 years | May 29

Fred Huizinga 83 years | May 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chris and Cheryl Novak May 1 | 15 years

Robert and Carol Ettema May 6 | 59 years

Bret and Amanda Matthuis May 17 | 5 years

John and Carol DeBoer May 21 | 54 years

Jim and Lynell Dykstra May 21 | 25 years

Chaz and Jaclyn Schutt May 21 | 5 years

Harold and Elsie Van Drie May 25 | 63 years

Dan and Kathy Davis May 26 | 35 years

Rich and Carol Brouwer May 29 | 55 years

John and Tania Voss May 30 | 10 years