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# THE Outlook



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## Orphan Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | MORNING SERVICES



Our church will celebrate Orphan Sunday on November 4 during the morning services. His Heart and Hands Orphan Ministry is also celebrating 10 years of helping vulnerable children in our community and around the world!

We will be serving cake in the gym in between the services. Also stop by our table display or check your mailbox to see how you can get involved. Thanks for 10 years of prayer and support for this ministry.



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**November 4: World Renew-World Hunger | [www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger](http://www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger)**

World Renew invites you to participate in this year's World Hunger Campaign... UZIMA. "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:17) In communities where poverty is prevalent, people often struggle to grow enough food, lack access to clean water,

fight to rebuild after a disaster, and experience injustice. Together with your congregation, World Renew can equip those in need with the skills and knowledge required to move beyond these barriers. By creating stability, those in poverty can experience UZIMA—a sense of wholeness.

**November 11: Back to God Ministries International | [www.backtogod.net](http://www.backtogod.net)**

The deepest desire of Back to God Ministries International is to see the Gospel change the hearts and lives of people all around the globe. For over 75 years, Back to God Ministries International has used media to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the

media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, Back to God Ministries International partners with other churches in North America and around the world to announce God's good news.

**November 18: Chaplaincy and Care Ministry | [www.crcna.org/chaplaincy](http://www.crcna.org/chaplaincy)**

Chaplains are usually pastors with specialized training who serve in institutional settings, such as prisons, hospitals, hospice, long-term care, counseling centers, industrial and workplace and military installations. As specially trained ministers of the gospel, they seek to encourage others in their

relationship with Jesus Christ. They seek to minister to the whole person, addressing not only a person's spiritual needs, but also their physical and emotional needs. The Office of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry supports and develops chaplaincy.

**November 22 (Thanksgiving): World Renew | [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net)**

World Renew's mission is to engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. Serving worldwide as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the

Christian Reformed Church in North America, the aspects of World Renew's work are three-fold: Community Development, Disaster Response and Rehabilitation, and advocacy.

**November 25: OPCRC Food Pantry | [www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com)**

The OPCRC family believes God calls us to care for those who are hungry. The OPCRC food pantry receives donations from generous donors such as Operation Blessing, Hank's Farmstand, and OPCRC church members. The food pantry's current needs are volunteers to pick up food from Operation Blessing on Wednesday mornings and extra funds to purchase special food items such as meat, milk, or eggs. Please keep the volunteers

and the community members that visit our food pantry in your prayers. Pray for wisdom for the volunteers as they minister to everyone who comes through our doors. Pray that we would not only help meet the physical needs of the community members but also the spiritual needs as well. Pray that hearts would be open to the gospel and that lives would be transformed by the gospel.

## PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES FALL FAMILY FEST

On Thursday evening, October 18, Orland Park Christian Preschool hosted its annual Fall Family Fest. The three- and four-year-old preschool students were very excited to bring their parents, grandparents, and siblings to our church gym so they could share some of the fun things they have been learning since preschool began in September.

The evening started with an opening prayer and a performance of some favorite songs about Fall. As proud family members listened in delight, the children sang songs and recited poems about falling autumn leaves, floppy scarecrows, and silly acorns.

After this opening performance, everyone took turns going to three centers spread around the gym. One of the centers was a craft table where all the children could make a pumpkin-head scarecrow on a stick. The other craft center had materials to make a fall tree with leaves that spelled out each child's name. Hunting for candy treats in a pile of shredded paper was the activity for the third station. These activities provided fun for the whole family!

The evening closed with refreshments of warm apple cider, coffee, juice, and a variety of delicious cookies. These treats were supplied by the parents of the children in our 4-year-old class who are attending our preschool for the second year. A

big thank you to the preschool staff who attended (teachers Ruth Baas, Lisa Cavanaugh, Brenda Harms, Cindy Schipma, and Barb Vree) as well as Preschool Board members that were able to come out (Bryan Boersma, Phil Schaafsma Jr., and Beth Solle) and Matt and Joel Kamp for giving extra time and energy to set-up, serve, and clean-up for this event. Many comments of appreciation were received from preschool parents who enjoyed the activities with their children and the fellowship of meeting the families of their children's classmates.



Hunting for candy treats in the pool of shredded paper.



Each colored leaf on the Fall tree gets a letter to spell my name.

As always, the staff at Orland Park Christian Preschool greatly appreciates the support and prayers of our whole church family as we teach children in the name of the Lord our God, the Creator of all the beauty of Fall and the wonder-filled children we teach.



# Preschool News

## LEARNING ABOUT FIRE SAFETY WITH A TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION

**F**ire Safety Week: Our learning theme for the third week of October was fire safety. We were able to take field trips to the Orland Fire District Building #1 on October 17 and 18. The Fire Safety Educator did a wonderful job of teaching the children about safety around fire, helping them learn to "Stop! Drop! Cover your Face, and Roll!" if their clothes ever caught on fire, and to "Get Out and Stay Out!" if they notice smoke or if their smoke alarms start beeping. She used a police officer puppet and a fire fighter puppet to keep our attention and help us understand the importance of staying away from matches and lighters.

At the end of her talk, we were able to tour the bunkhouse where the firefighters eat, sleep, work out, and wait for calls to go help people. We were treated to climbing up in a huge fire engine and looking around at other emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire boats, and rescue trucks. One of the firefighters put on his turn-out gear, showing us how each piece keeps him safe. We learned that we do not have to be afraid of fire fighters. They are people who always want to help us and keep us safe. Our visit ended with the firefighters giving each child a free fire hat and a coloring book/calendar about fire safety.

We are grateful for the community support given by the Orland Fire Protection District to provide a fun and educational visit for the children of Orland Park Christian Preschool.



## Orland Park CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

### INTRODUCING THE NEW OPCRC CHURCH LOGO!

As you may have noticed, our newly approved church logo is now in use in our bulletin and the *Outlook* newsletter. We are so excited to unveil this new logo to you, a logo which reflects that Orland Park Christian Reformed Church is a church that is ***grounded in Christ and growing in Christ.***



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Chaz and Jaclyn Schutt welcomed baby **Josiah Steven Schutt** into their family on September 28. We congratulate them and their extended family on the safe arrival of this precious gift from God.

Congratulations to **Simon and Kadee (Wiegers) Summers** who were united in marriage on September 28 at Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church.

Bryan and Carrie Boersma were blessed with a baby girl, **Hannah Lynn Boersma**, on October 3. We congratulate them on this precious gift from God.

## THANKS FROM SELF-HELP JOBS PROGRAM

We would like to take this time to express our thankfulness for just some of our many blessings. We give thanks for:

A God who has plans for each of us - plans to help us prosper, not be harmed, and plans to give us hope and a future, something that we remind each of our clients to remember as they look for God's purposes and plans to unfold.

The bills are paid - through ministry shares and offerings and special gifts. Thank you so much!

The 31 people who have found employment so far in 2018!

For deacons who work tirelessly to be the hands and feet of Jesus to people in need - we salute you. Let us help you!

## Gifts of Hope

*-Jessica Clevering & Becky Vande Kamp*

**D**uring the Christmas season many follow the tradition of gift giving. Gifts are given for many reasons. One reason is to give HOPE to those who are in need or in a difficult season of their lives. Whether you are new to OPCRC or a longtime member, we would like to invite you to participate in the Gifts of Hope ministry. This ministry has been active for many years, providing Christmas gifts to people in several different circumstances.

**Starting on November 11**, look in the narthex for trees filled with gift tags. The tags will have a few gift ideas listed on it. We ask that you purchase one gift item for around \$30. The gifts need to be back by December 2.



The **RED** tags will have the names of Bethshan residents who have little or no family contact.

The **GREEN** tags will have the name of students who attend Friendship Class. Gifts will be distributed during the annual Friendship Christmas party.

The **BLUE** tags will have the names of individuals who have a family member who is an inmate in Cook County Jail. Names are provided by Chicagoland Prison Outreach.

The **ORANGE** tags will represent children being cared for by Lydia Home, local children in need through the Safe Families ministry and local homeless shelters.

The **PURPLE** tags will have the name of individuals connected with Christ Cares, Scott Reese's ministry that reaches out to the homeless in the Chicago area.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love with others and to give hope to someone in need this Christmas.

# STEWARDSHIP SHORTS

## CALLED TO SERVE

*So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' – Luke 17:10*

**S**ome time ago a volunteer at a nonprofit organization gave us a tour through the building where he works five days a week. At one point someone in our group asked him what motivated him to volunteer. He answered, "I was diagnosed with cancer, and now that I am in remission I want to use whatever time I have left doing something worthwhile."

He is one of thousands of volunteers in many organizations who use their time, talents, and resources to join in building God's kingdom here on earth. They don't ask for recognition or remuneration. They do it out of gratitude. If asked, they might well answer by saying, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." To them, to volunteer, go on a mission trip, or get involved in their community is the natural thing to do.

Of course, not everyone is able to volunteer. Many of us have fulltime jobs and busy families. Some of us are confined to our homes, unable to get involved. But we can pray for and encourage people who volunteer, and we can support them financially if we are able. And for those of us who have never considered volunteering, perhaps now is a good time to reconsider and do what the Lord invites us to do.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for all who volunteer and who aren't concerned about getting credit for it. Help each one of us to look for opportunities to take part in building your kingdom. Amen.

*Taken from the Today devotional by Rev. Arthur Schoonveld*



## GEMS PROGRAM IS OFF TO A GREAT START

What a great start to our new GEMS season! We have 31 girls joining us this year and 12 counselors. This year's GEMS theme is "Be a Blessing." The theme verse is 2 Corinthians 9:8: "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." We are learning that we are blessed because God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and that in response we should speak blessings and show blessings to others.

Each GEMS evening begins with a large group meeting. We spend time reciting verses and singing songs. The girls listen and participate in a lesson on our theme, Be a Blessing. Some nights after our group meeting we have a craft night. Other nights we have our small group nights. On these nights the girls get to spend time with their grade level counselors. We also will be spending some evenings doing service for others. Our first service evening will include serving at All God's People, creating Blessing Bags for those without homes, filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and making blankets for the Will County Children's Advocacy Center.

We are so thankful for the girls attending GEMS and the families they represent. Please continue to pray for these girls and counselors as we learn together how to Be a Blessing.

# Orland Park Church Family News



## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Arlene and Bob Hoekstra and Laurie and Marty Douma** as they mourn the loss of Arlene and Laurie's sister-in-law, Myra Evers, who passed away on October 8.

**John and Tanya Loerop's daughter, Caylee Joy**, passed away on October 8 as she was being held in the arms of her family. We extend our deepest sympathy to John and Tanya and their children, to grandma Betty Loerop, to Steve and Kellie Loerop, and to the rest of the members of the extended family. Pray for the family in this time of sorrow.

We extend our sympathy to **Jim and Carol Vroom** as they mourn the loss of Jim's mother, Shirley Vroom, who passed away on October 18 at the age of 92.

**Bernice Schaver's** son, Dave Schaver, passed away October 19 at the age of 51 after a battle with brain cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bernice, to **Dave's sister Kim (Gary) Hooker**, and to all the members of the extended family. May the Lord grant his loving comfort.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bryan and Peggy Mollema** as they mourn the loss of Bryan's aunt, Carol Porter Elzinga.

## 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.

Jessie Alderden	Bob Hofstra	George Schaaf	Terry Vander Laan
Jim Boerema	Owen Huizenga	Al Siegers	Jim Venhuizen
Pat Bruinius	Jim Kallas	Andy Soulian	Marv Vis
Richard Dykstra	Rich Oost	Geurt Van Hal	
Lou Haan	George Reddel	Renee Vander Laan	

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Andrew Buikema**

97 years  
November 2

**Marilyn Wiltjer**

82 years  
November 8

**Andy Bosma**

81 years  
November 11

**Harold Van Drie**

90 years  
November 15

**Ruth Engh**

82 years  
November 20

**Etta Haan**

80 years  
November 22

**Gerald De Horn**

84 years  
November 28

**Chester Piersma**

81 years  
November 28

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## THANK YOU, OPCRC!

Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recent trip to Mayo Clinic. I would appreciate your continued prayers.

*-Renee Vanderlaan*

Thank you to everyone for your cards, prayers and words of sympathy after the passing of Ted's father. Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated! We will miss Dad, but we also rejoice knowing He is with the Lord and he has been freed from his suffering here on earth. Praise the Lord for His promises and His faithfulness.

*-Ted and Judy VanderWall*

Dear friends and pastors at Orland Park CRC,  
It has been a very difficult past five months, but "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." Also, a special thank you to Rich Vander Velde and Pastor Dan for their visits, phone calls, and prayers. You are all deeply appreciated by us.

*-Hank and Mary Lou Bos*

To the members of OPCRC:

I want to thank you for all of the caring and outpouring of love over the last few months. It is a mark of a good church when the members care deeply about each other. I am on the road to recovery. At the end of November I will find out if the treatments were successful. Right now I'm working on a walking program for the circulation on my legs. Once again thank you for the prayers, cards, and conversations at church.

*-Jim Kallas*

The autumn season is a time of transition and change, but we're also reminded that we serve a God who is unchanging. His overwhelming love for the world is the same today as it was when he sent his son to the earth some 2000 years ago. The recent gifts from the people of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church are helping Luke Society directors introduce more people to that amazing love through spiritual and physical health. We are grateful your support and look forward to continued partnership in growing Christ's Kingdom.

*-The Luke Society*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Brian & Tara Assink**

November 8

15 years

**Chuck & Debra Verhagen**

November 11

35 years

**Joanne & Stephen Kenny**

November 12

30 years

**Pete & Dorothy Greendyke**

November 18

58 years

**Tim & Tracy Leo**

November 19

35 years

**George & Lois Lindemulder**

November 21

56 years

**Louis & Erling Ouwerkerk**

November 21

56 years

**Garry & Jeanne Stob**

November 23

45 years

**Rudy & Evelyn Disabato**

November 26

63 years

**Hank & Bev Jacobs**

November 30

45 years

# NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <p>Submissions for the December issue of the <i>Outlook</i>, to be published on December 2, are due on <b>Sunday, November 18</b>. Please send to Denise Vander Plaats at <a href="mailto:denise@opcrc.org">denise@opcrc.org</a> or drop off in the office.</p> </div>				<b>1</b> Coffee time with Pastor Derek 9:00 am Oasis 12:30 pm Education Committee 7:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Life Line Screening 8:00 am-5:00 pm
<b>4</b> <b>ORPHAN SUNDAY</b> Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am Youth Group Live Mafia Night 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> Women in the Word 9:30 am Men's BSF 7:00 pm Women in the Word 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast - 6:30 Coffee Break 9:30 am Wife of Noble Character 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Helping Hands Auction (gym) 5:30 pm
<b>11</b> Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am God's Posse Topic Night 7:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm Admin Elders 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast - 6:30 Coffee Break 9:30 am Wife of Noble Character 6:30 pm Cadets & GEMS 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Oasis 12:30 pm Car Ministry 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am College Lunch 12:00 pm Youth Group LOFT 7:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm Admin Elders 7:00 pm Council 7:30 pm Shepherding Elders/Deacons 8:00 pm	<b>21</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast - 6:30	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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