

Newsletter of the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

October 2025 Issue



The Grapevine



Christ's
Table Is
Open

Join us for
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025
10:30am

"PASTOR'S CORNER"

One Table, One Body: World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday of October, Christians across the globe gather for World Communion Sunday. It is a day when the church remembers that we belong not only to a congregation or denomination, but to a worldwide body of believers. Whether bread is baked in a stone oven in Africa, tortillas are broken in Latin America, rice cakes are shared in Asia, or a loaf is passed here in our own sanctuary, the table of Christ stretches wide enough to hold us all.

World Communion Sunday was born out of a vision for unity during times of deep division. It began in the 1930s, when Presbyterian churches in the United States sought to remind themselves and the world that no war, no border, and no cultural difference could sever the bond of love in Christ. Today, it continues to remind us that the church is bigger than our local setting. When we take the bread and share the cup, we declare that Christ is Lord of every nation, every people, and every heart.

In a time when our world feels fragmented—by politics, by race, by wealth, by ideology—the Lord's Table is a radical act of unity. Here, we do not earn a seat by status or merit. We are welcomed not as strangers, but as family and children of God. At the Table, walls fall, differences blur, and grace is the common language spoken.

This year as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, let us come with open hearts, remembering our sisters and brothers who gather in places of danger, scarcity, or joy. Let us pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation. And let us give thanks that in Christ we are one body, sharing one bread, and lifted by one hope.

Pastor Hughes



Network of Religious Communities
"Works for Humanity"

Motivated by the sacred texts and traditions of our unique faith communities, the **Network of Religious Communities, Inc.**, in recognizing a multiplicity of religious beliefs, respects the right to be and to celebrate who we are within our particular religious traditions. Because our humanity is deeper than our divisions, the NRC promotes dialogue, facilitates the sharing of spiritual activities and resources, and works for justice and peace.

World Communion Sunday

The **Network of Religious Communities Tour of Faith & Culture** makes a stop at OPPC on **World Communion Sunday** for the **10:30 Service**. We hope that folks from other faith traditions will join us at Christ's open table to experience this special Sunday that Christians around the world celebrate the memory of Christ's last supper with his disciples.

We will also have our super popular "Breads & Spreads" table afterwards in the Reception Room where you will have the opportunity to visit with our guests.

Worship Notes

Fall has officially arrived in Western New York! On October 5, we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. We will join with churches around the globe in sharing Holy Communion as we remember that we are all part of the same body of Christ and that all are welcome at Christ's Table.

On October 19, we will hold our **Service of Remembrance**. Please join us at the 10:30 service as we light candles and pray with gratitude, remembering All Saints and giving thanks for these departed souls.

Service of Remembrance 2024



Looking forward to seeing you in church!

Calling all ELDERS AND DEACONS

whether currently serving or not! Join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 9am** for a transformative Leadership Retreat focused on shaping the future of OPPC. This important gathering will explore strategic visioning, spiritual leadership, and the next chapter of our church's mission. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, reflect, and lead with purpose. Please call the church office if you plan to attend at 716-662-9348.

Welcome to our new members!



Cheryl & Clyde (Mac) McCampbell

Brenda & Joe Foley

Be sure to give them a warm OPPC welcome when you see them!

Adult Education: Sermon Discussion



Each Sunday we will view a recording of the previous week's sermon, then we will discuss it. The discussions are not cumulative, so each session is self-contained; come when you can, don't worry about missing any. We'll start by discussing the sermon from the prior Sunday but we can take requests as well. Classes will be held in The Meeting Place at 9:15am and run about forty-five minutes. Dave Brummer will be facilitating the discussions.

Contact Dave dgbrummer@gmail.com if there are any questions. Hope to see you there!

Families with kids of all ages please join us for the Fall Edition of...

Family, Faith & Food Sunday, October 19

9:30 – Fellowship Hall

Breakfast, Table conversation & Sandwich Making!

PLEASE RSVP via Constant Contact so we have enough food!

MISSION MATTERS



The Mission Ministry Team allocated **\$2,000 to the Congo Leadership Initiative** for 2025. OPPC has been sponsoring the organization, co-founded by OPPC college student Nate Houghton in 2010, which has educated and invested in tens of thousands of Congolese youth who have gone on to found hundreds of companies, win elections to public offices and develop innovative strategies to serve their communities.

The team allocated **\$2,500 to the Warm the Children** program through the Rotary Club of Hamburg whose goal is to provide new, warm winter clothing to children of underserved families. OPPC's own Liz Angelbeck is the coordinator of the program and has seen first hand the difference NEW clothing makes in the lives of local kids.



The team rounded out the giving in September by allocating up to **\$500 to Churches in Action (CIA)** for re-homing cleaning kits which include cleaning supplies, bucket/mod/broom, iron/ironing board etc. Thank you to Meredith and Jim Wilson for shopping and dropping off the kits.

The Mission and Christian Education Ministry Teams are collaborating on signing up 30 people - ages 5 and up! - to participate in the **Mobile Pack Event for Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, October 18 from Noon til 2pm.**

Last year we had a dozen folks from OPPC head up to The Well in Getzville to be a part of packing nutrient-rich food that is sent around the world to feed hungry kids. We have almost 20 people signed up thus far and are looking to hit that goal of 30 people total. Car pooling will be available from OPPC the day of so if you are interested in attending (do you know that even 5-year-olds can pack these meals?), this is a great opportunity for families to do service together!! **Please send an email to Lindab@oppchurch.org to register.** If you are interested in sponsoring the event please use the "Donate" button on the OPPC website and put "Feed My Starving Children" in the note section.



THE GENESIS CENTER

OPPC serves the evening meal at **The Genesis Center** the third Friday of every month. The next time we serve is **Friday, October 17.** Meet at the Center at 3:40 and we are done serving more than 175 meals at 6pm. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend!



The September Sandwich Sunday saw **80 sandwiches** going to **St. Luke's Mission of Mercy** to feed those who show up hungry during the day. Thanks to Liz and John Angelbeck for making the delivery. **Please mark your calendars for the next Sandwich Sunday on October 19.**

Great Lakes Beach Sweep



The **2025 Great Lakes Beach Sweep** saw nine volunteers from OPPC scrambling to find trash which turns out to be a really good thing! OPPC youth have been participating in this International event for more than two decades. It is an opportunity for youth to take care of God's beautiful creation. Thank you to Pastor Mario, Deb Galloway and Mrs. B for chaperoning.



Welcome Back Food Drive

Thank you to those who participated in the **Welcome Back Food Drive!** We collected about 20 bags to help stock the pantry. **BIG THANKS** to Judy Pilley for sorting and stocking the pantry! South Davis Elementary and Mother's Day Out have pledged to host a food drive for the Blessing Box this fall.

If you know of any company, business or organization that might like to come alongside the Mission Ministry Team to help "Stock the Box"; please reach out to Linda Babcock at lindab@oppchurch.org



Church School

We are off to a great year of Church School for Littles and Bigs and Pray & Play! All the kiddos are learning about the spiritual practice of Hospitality and how to welcome people. The Littles decorated cookies for St. Luke's and the Pray & Play Littles made Kids Care Kits which include a washcloth, bar of soap, pair of socks, toothbrush/paste, cool bandaids and a wide-toothed comb. We are grateful to the following volunteers for living into their baptism vows to nurture all the kids here at OPPC:

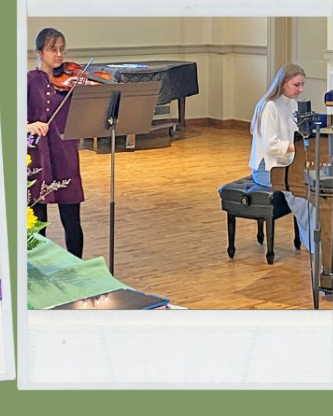
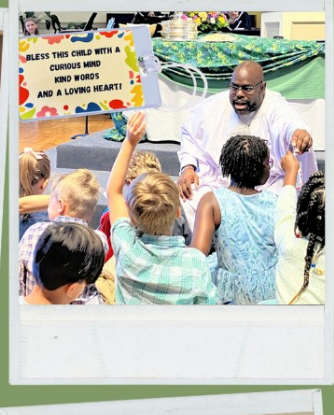
Littles - Lynn Morgan & Jennifer Noah

Bigs - Alexandra Anderson, Pastor Mario Eugene, Kurt Graulich and Dan Kowalik

Pray & Play - Kaitlyn Woodard (Lead Teacher); Dorcas Eugene, Sydney Grabau, Amy Kilpatrick, Sarah McBride, Christie Putnam, Lisa Quinn



A Joyful Welcome Back Sunday!




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>September 28</u> 8:30a Worship 9:15a Adult Education-TMP 9:30a Church School 10:30a Worship 3p Girl Scouts-UC	<u>September 29</u> 5p Kids Cooking Class-FH 6:30p Ministry Team Leader Meet-TMP 7p Session-TMP 7p OP Chorale-S	<u>September 30</u> 9a TWT	<u>October 1</u> 10a Friendship Circle-IIR 10a Staff Meeting-CR 10a Mission Workshop-TMP 6p Bell Choir-S 6:30p Disciple Bible Study-CR 7p Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room	<u>October 2</u> 6p Quaker Quilters BOD-RR 7p Quaker Quilters-RR 7:30p AI Anon-IIR	<u>October 3</u> 10:30a Music with Miss Sarah-UC 4p Co-Op Chicken BBQ 5:30p Alcoholics Anonymous-IIR	<u>October 4</u> 9a Retreat for Leadership
<u>October 5</u> World Communion Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:15a Adult Education-TMP 9:30a Church School 10:30a Worship—Tour of Faiths and Cultures	<u>October 6</u> 1p PWCT-TMP 7p OP Chorale-S 7p Theology on Tap-Fathey Beer Co. 7p Co-Op Board-TMP 7p Mission MT-CR	<u>October 7</u> 9a TWT 9a Terrie Murray-CR 9:30a COM-TMP 7p Advent Chorale-S	<u>October 8</u> 9a Co-Op Picture Day 10a Staff Meeting-CR 10a Mission Workshop-TMP 6p Bell Choir-S 6:30p Disciple Bible Study-CR 7p Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room	<u>October 9</u> 9am Co-Op Picture Day 3p Fox Run Service 7:30p AI Anon-IIR	<u>October 10</u> 10:30a Music with Miss Sarah-UC 5:30p Alcoholics Anonymous-IIR	<u>October 11</u> 10:15a Daisy Troop-Ed Wing
<u>October 12</u> 8:30a Worship 9:15a Adult Education-TMP 10:30a Worship 3p Girl Scouts-UC	<u>October 13</u> <i>Indigenous Peoples Day—Office Closed</i>	<u>October 14</u> 9a TWT 5p Kids Cooking Class-FH 7p Advent Chorale-S 6:30p A&F MT-CR	<u>October 15</u> 10a Staff Meeting-CR 10a Mission Workshop-TMP 6p Bell Choir-S 6:30p Disciple Bible Study-CR 7p Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room	<u>October 16</u> 7p Property MT-CR 7:30p AI Anon-IIR	<u>October 17</u> 10:30a Music with Miss Sarah-UC 3:30p Genesis Center 5:30p Alcoholics Anonymous-IIR	<u>October 18</u> 12p Feed My Starving Children-The Well Getzville
<u>October 19</u> Service of Remembrance Sandwich Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:15a Adult Education-TMP 9:30a Family, Faith & Food-FH 10:30a Worship 3p Girl Scouts-UC	<u>October 20</u> 5p Kids Cooking Class-FH 6:30p Deacons-IIR 7p OP Chorale-S 7p Theology on Tap-Fathey Beer Co. 7p MDO Board-TMP	<u>October 21</u> 9a TWT 1p Communication Committee-CR 7p Advent Chorale-S 7p Book Group-IIR	<u>October 22</u> 10a Staff Meeting-CR 10a Mission Workshop-TMP 1p Gentle Yoga-IIR 6p Bell Choir-S 6:30p Disciple Bible Study-CR 7p Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room	<u>October 23</u> 12p Restorative Yoga-IIR 3p Fox Run Service 5p OP Symphony-S 7:30p AI Anon-IIR	<u>October 24</u> 10:30a Music with Miss Sarah-UC 5p OP Symphony-S 5:30p Alcoholics Anonymous-IIR	<u>October 25</u> 10:15p Daisy Troop-Ed Wing 1p Presbyterian Women's Fall Program-RR
<u>October 26</u> 8:30a Worship 9:15a Adult Education-TMP 9:30a Church School 10:30a Worship 3p Girl Scouts-UC	<u>October 27</u> 6:30p Ministry Team Leader Meet-TMP 7p Session-TMP 7p OP Chorale-S	<u>October 28</u> Grapevine Deadline 9a TWT 7p Advent Chorale-S	<u>October 29</u> 10a Staff Meeting-CR 10a Mission Workshop-TMP 1p Gentle Yoga-IIR 6p Bell Choir-S 6:30p Disciple Bible Study-CR 7p Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room	<u>October 30</u> 7:30p AI Anon-IIR	<u>October 31</u> 10a Grapevine Mailing-CR 10:30a Music with Miss Sarah-UC 1p Fall Bazaar Set Up-RR 5:30p Alcoholics Anonymous-IIR	<u>November 1</u> Fall Bazaar 10a Fall Bazaar

Location Legend: S—Sanctuary; RR—Reception Room; CH—Choir Room; GR—Green Room
CR—Conference Room; IIR—Irene Irving Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; UC—Undercroft;
MG—Memorial Garden; PW—Presbyterian Women; TMP—The Meeting Place; EC—Ed Wing Classroom

Quarter Notes

Greetings from Heather and Barry Dietsch. We would like to thank everyone associated with OPPC for the warm welcome. We can already tell that this is a wonderful place to worship. Our dedicated, talented, well-balanced choir has been very welcoming and we feel very successful. We hope that many of you will consider joining our wonderful choir and/or bell choir. Bell choir rehearsal and choir rehearsal are held on Wednesday evenings at six and seven o'clock respectively. Please just show up ready to ding or sing and have a little fun. We have a few plans for new musical opportunities including a Christmas cantata on December 19. Hope to see you at rehearsal!


Thank you,
Heather (& Barry)

are you interested in participating in a
GROUP FAITH PROJECT?

connecting prayer with social justice!

3 month project (Sept - Dec)
Attend 3 group meetings, including one public lecture, meals included, read a book with your community. **NO COST TO YOU!** (exact dates TBD)

 **NIAGARA UNIVERSITY**
ayamashita@niagara.edu

LET US KNOW!

hosted by Niagara University Rose Bento Lee Ostapenko Center

Are you interested in participating in a Group Faith Project connecting prayer with social justice? Join Pastor Hughes for this **Group Faith Project** presented by Niagara University. Talk to Pastor Hughes for more information.

Bell Workshop

Members of the OPPC Bell Choir and those curious about the bells enjoyed an informative workshop facilitated by Jim York, ringer with the Buffalo Bells and bell choir director of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church. Participants learned about the physics of the bell and special ringing techniques, concluding with sight-reading a piece together. Thank you to Jim for putting on such a fun and educational workshop, which served as a great introduction to the new program year.





Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team

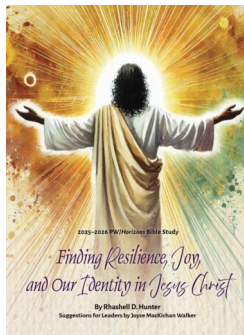
will meet on

Monday, October 6, 1pm
in The Meeting Place.



Friendship Circle will meet on **Wednesday,** **October 1 at 10am in the** **Irene Irving Room.**

Ladies, you are cordially invited to join us for fellowship and Bible study. Lesson Two of **Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ** will be discussed. For more information, please call Barbara Roberts or Sue Sager .



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join Pastor Hughes at Fattey Beer Co. in OP every First and Third Monday at 7pm for a unique gathering where faith meets real-world questions in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're a lifelong believer, a curious seeker, or just in need of a good brew, this event is for you! Come as you are—no preaching, just engaging dialogue, friends and fellowship!

Presbyterian Women's Fall Program

Come join us on **Saturday, October 25 at 1pm**, in the Reception Room, as we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal. Marla Bujnicki, a certified Buffalo tour guide, will present **Bawdy Buffalo**. She will take us back 200 years to the notorious Canal District, where long nights of drinking and brawling (it had 93 saloons and 15 dance halls) laid the groundwork for our country's Prohibition Era.

Pie and coffee will be served and the cost of the program is \$3.00. Reservations can be made before or after church services or by calling Sue Sager.

We hope to see you at this very interesting program!



**Secure online giving to OPPC
available with QR Code.**
**Your financial support of OPPC is
greatly appreciated!**

*Sympathy is extended to the Dillon family on the death of
Audrey Dillon on September 8.*

Her memorial service was held on September 13.

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DIRECTORY CHANGES



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Christine Cotton at 716-662-9348.



The **Deadline for the November Grapevine** is Tuesday, October 28 at 9am. Please send any submissions to

Xanda at xanda@oppchurch.org.

If you would like to receive the Grapevine by email, please reach out to Xanda at the same email address.

**TUESDAYS
WITH TOOLS** **Tuesdays
9am—Noon**


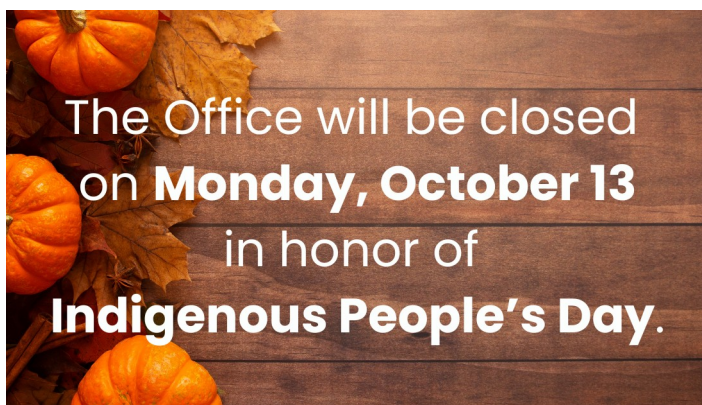
Bring your tools and come join the crew. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Wilson.

Session

Session met on Monday, September 29 at 7pm. A copy of the minutes of this meeting may be requested from Christine Cotton (christine@oppchurch.org).

The next meeting will be Monday, October 27 at 7pm.

Mission
Workshop
meets
Wednesdays
10am—Noon in The Meeting Place

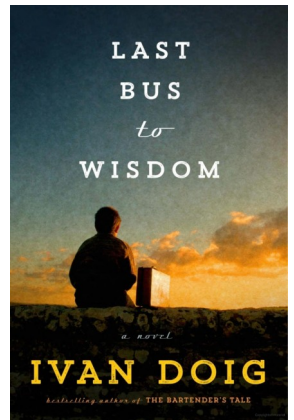



The Office will be closed
on **Monday, October 13**
in honor of
Indigenous People's Day.

OPPC Book Group Presents

Last Bus To Wisdom by Ivan Doig

Tuesday, October 21, 7pm in the Irene Irving Room



Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in Ivan Doig's beloved Two Medicine Country of the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an eleven-year-old's imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery for "female trouble" in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin. There Donal is in for a rude surprise: Aunt Kate—bossy, opinionated, argumentative, and tyrannical—is nothing like her sister. She henpecks her good-natured husband, Herman the German, and Donal can't seem to get on her good side either.

After one contretemps too many, Kate packs him back to the authorities in Montana on the next Greyhound. But as it turns out, Donal isn't traveling solo: Herman the German has decided to fly the coop with him. In the immortal American tradition, the pair light out for the territory together, meeting a classic Doigian ensemble of characters and having rollicking misadventures along the way.

Charming, wise, and slyly funny, *Last Bus to Wisdom* is a sweet last gift from a writer whose books have bestowed untold pleasure on countless readers.

Join us as we talk about this funny boy and his great imagination, and bring friends!

Good Food & Good Company: The Real Old- Fashioned Potluck

Saturday, September 20

Potluck was presented by the
Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team





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and
Sun. Nov. 2nd
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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