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A Child Will Lead Them...

The prophet Isaiah paints a picture of the kingdom of God and among it is this picture of a child who will lead God's people. Jesus teaches his disciples to have faith like a child. Children are an important part of God's people throughout the Bible and in Christ's Church.

The most exciting part of this summer, at least for me, was to see the growth of our family ministries at OPC, and in particular, our youth. We had a great group go to camp, help with nursery, Sunday School and VBS, participate in mission and fellowship activities and much more. Now several youth have joined together to start leading music in worship once a month. We are being led, and blessed, by the youth of OPC!

The next step is starting September 8 we will launch a new OPC Youth Group! All middle and high school students are invited to join us on Sundays after worship from 11:30am-1pm. Youth group will include lunch, fellowship, study, games and other activities. It will meet the first three Sundays of each month and the fourth week offer some kind of activity or adventure. The youth group is being organized by myself and Family Connections Coordinator, Jenny Pitts.

If you would like to support us, here are a few ways. First of all, hold up the youth group in prayer. Second of all, the youth study each Sunday will be a series in a confirmation class and we will be inviting adults from the church in certain weeks to share about their own experiences with faith and church. If you would like to be a guest speaker, please talk to me. Third, the youth (and family ministries all together) will be doing a nice fundraiser dinner on November 16. You will be hearing more about that in the near future and hope to have you join us. Fourth, there will be opportunities to cook and host a lunch with the youth on a Sunday.

Most importantly- get involved in music, Sunday School, Parents' Night Out, Second Sunday Brunch and so many other things at the church where our youth are already involved too. The most important thing you can do, if you haven't already, is to get to know a youth personally. Learn their names, ask them about school, find out their hobbies.

I read a great book this summer about changes in youth ministry from a seminary friend, Matt Overton. He says that youth ministry "is about engaging young people with holy friends and mentors whose friendship extends the body of Christ to include young people" and that youth "benefit from the presence of durable, caring, non-exploitative adults of faith who take interest in their lives." In fact, "research tells us that the presence of such adults is arguably the most essential factor in faith formation." (Mentorship and Marketplace-A New Direction for Youth Ministry)

I'm excited about the youth at OPC and how we can all be a part of the Church together in our OPC family to love God, grow together and serve others.

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin

OPC News

The OPC Quilters will resume on September 19th at 10am. Call Linda Harris with any questions 928-3306

Steering Committee Meeting
Women of OPC will be meeting as a Steering Committee on Monday, Sept. 16th at 11:30 am to plan activities for the year. Please bring a sack lunch. All women are welcome to be a part of this committee.

Adult Bible Study
Adult Bible Study will resume on September 15th at 9am in A2 and will be continuing the study on the 1st Corinthians. All are welcome to attend.

Second Sunday Brunch
Come join us for Second Sunday Brunch on Sunday, September 8th after worship. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share. We look forward to visiting with everyone.

Feed My Starving Children

On September 27-28 our community will aim to pack over 160,000 meals in less 48 hours! These meal packs are sent all over the world every year to feed the hungry. You can sign up at church to be part of an OPC team to help pack meals (at Redeemer Lutheran). Each meal is packed costs \$0.25 and we are also helping to raise funds during the month of September. Simply pick up an envelope that is marked from \$1-\$47 and return to OPC with the amount written on the envelope inside. If we fill all the envelopes, we will raise enough money to feed 5,000 people! Let's see if we can feed 5,000 in a month!

Music Ministry at OPC

We are blessed by a wide variety of musical gifts that help to lead us in worship each Sunday and you are always invited to get involved. All levels of ability are welcome- maybe you could learn something new! The OPC Choir is a drop-in choir which means anyone can come anytime and you don't have to commit forever if you just want to try it out. Choir rehearses on Sundays mornings at 9am and sings in worship about half of the Sundays. Praise team is also open to instrumentalists and vocalists who want to get involved and rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. This year we are also planning a youth praise team to lead once a month. We are led by our wonderful Music Director Jen Pearman and you can talk to her to get involved. Our organist is Libby Grammer who plays once a month and pianist Sig Brannan, the musical Swiss-army knife who fills many musical roles each week. Finally, the Jubilate Ringers are the OPC handbell choir and will start up in October. If you are interested in ringing bells this year you can talk with Jeff McMurtery.

Mingle and Munch Adult Fellowship

Joseph and Sun Lee's new Shogun Restaurant was our dining out place on August 22. Those of you who were unable to attend must find time to enjoy the Shogun experience sometime soon. It was a taste delight! And the chefs put on a knife show.

Come and join us between 5:45 & 6:00pm on September 26, 2019 at Darcy's Restaurant 10502 E. Sprague Order as you arrive. We are a group who love Christ, and gratefully serve His Church at Opportunity. Lynne Keeling or Marilyn Long will take your reservation the Sunday before we go out to eat. Or call me, Gerrie Hobbs at 926-7355 for reservations & cancellations.

Christian Women's Book Club starting up at Leslie Huff's

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of a Christian Women's book club? There are so many wonderful Christian books to read, fiction and non-fiction alike! I would like to start a small book club in my home once a month where we can gather, enjoy each other's company and share in the love of books.

We will meet once month at 6:30 and be finished by 8:00 and of course, there will be refreshments! September 24th will be the first day. If this something that you are interested in please give me a call, text or email me. My phone number is 509-945-9040 and my email address is huffs11113@comcast.net

Finance

Thank you for your faithful financial support – here's our year-to-date income / expenses:

2019	Total Donations	Total Expenses
January	\$27,435.25	\$27,467.13
February	\$25,689.50	\$31,786.88
March	\$24,004.75	\$25,636.45
April	\$31,987.24	\$23,390.44
May	\$23,199.66	\$32,224.34
June	\$31,876.76	\$23,542.23
July	\$27,734.89	\$26,188.76

- Our budget target is \$30,000 a month of income – we were short last month and are still short year-to-date – yet continuing to keep current on all bills
- Our PILP loan balance is now under \$1 million at \$998,469.27 – hallelujah!
- Per Capita we've received \$2,448 towards our total \$7,308 annual commitment
- So far Pine Street Market has earned \$130.22 for the Valley Food Bank – keep that produce coming!
- Rummage Sale results – thanks to your donations we raised nearly \$2,000 and benefitted the following agencies:
 - o NW Center (homelessness in Spokane Valley), YMCA Safe House, Family Promise, Scraps, Prison Release Clothing Bank & Juvenile Court
 - o Special thank you to all our volunteers – we had the setup done in 2½ days and cleanup only took 40 minutes
 - o The money will go to the building maintenance fund to cover high cost expenses that are beyond our budget
- Our annual Stewardship campaign will run 6 weeks during October/November – we will have 3rd quarter giving statements out the 1st week of October to help you determine your commitment for 2020.



Spokane Valley
CONNECT
2019

Friday, September 13, 2019
Opportunity Presbyterian Church
202 North Pines, Spokane Valley
2pm-6pm

Presented by
The Greater Valley Support Network and Spokane Valley Partners

A Free Community Services Event

Available Services Will Include

Free Meal
Youth Sports Physicals
Vision & Dental Screenings
Haircuts
Warrant Fest
DSHS Services
Health & Wellness Services
Personal Care Items
Family & Youth Services
Veteran Services
Employment Services
Housing Services
Senior Services
... **and much more!**

For More Information Contact Aileen Luppert (509) 893-8416

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

DISNEY EDITION!

When: Friday, September 20, 5:30pm-8pm

Who: Kids ages birth-5th grade

Cost: \$5 per child, no more than \$10 per family

*Please RSVP to Jonnih@comcast.net by September 16th

Parents' Night Out gives parents the opportunity to take a well-deserved break. Have a night out while your children enjoy their "Kids Night Out". Dinner, a movie, games & dessert are all provided.

This PNO will be Disney themed so have your kids come dressed in their favorite Disney gear!

Family Ministry



I can not believe summer is almost over! I have enjoyed my first couple months working here at OPC. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you. Our Sunday School session will start on September 8, 2019. We are still looking for a substitute in Sunday School and the nursery. If you would like to sign up for that please let me know.

The kids all had a blast at Camp Spalding this year. Listening to them talk about there adventure was very exciting. Thank you to all that came and supported our Camp Spalding Fundraisers.

We did many fun events this summer from VBS, fellowship/BBQ night at the Rockin' B, Indians game and our day at Silverwood. It is fun to watch the kids have so much fun together.



We will be having our 2nd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF/PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT on Saturday October 26, 2019 at 4:30 pm. Invite friends, family, neighbors, it's going to be a great evening.

Bless you all,
Jenny



Community Presentation

**Sunday, September 1
11:15 am – 11:45 am**

**Opportunity
Presbyterian Church**

**Ready to make a
difference in your
community?**

Join the **Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program (RSVP)**,
America's largest volunteer
network for people **55 and over**.



On October 10th (Thursday) and October 12 (Saturday) we will be hosting Family Promise families at the Spokane Valley Baptist Church. We still need help with cooks and overnight hosts. Please contact Sue Webber if you would like to help. Sue 509 474 0514 or webber759@gmail.com
Sue Webber

Over the last year, Family Promise of Spokane has been looking to expand our facilities because we have outgrown our current space. We purchased and have been renovating the old Cassano's Italian Grocery store at 2002 E Mission for the last 6+ months.

We are excited to announce that we are finally ready to move into the newly renovated Family Promise Center. This building will serve as a hub of resources and services for families experiencing homelessness; it will eventually house all 4 of our existing programs and give us room to expand beyond in the coming years.

We need your help today. There's still a lot to do.

To make the space ready for our families, we are still looking for:

Volunteers - Before and Day Of
Items from our Amazon Wishlist
people to spread the word!

You are part of the community that is responsible for equipping families to end the cycle of homelessness. How will you get involved?

Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Saturday, September 28th

9:30 - 2:30

Bethany Presbyterian Church

2607 S RAY ST

Spokane, WA 99223

Guest Speakers:

Laurie Peil, USAME Participant from our Synod

and

Nancy Goodwin of World Relief

Lunch: \$6.00

Artisan Crafts from Guatemala

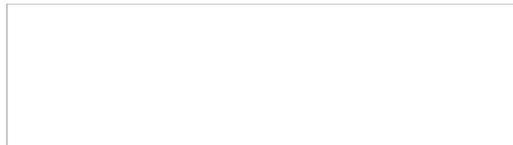
A Book for a Buck

Mission Projects



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day— Office Closed	3 7pm—B&G Meeting	4	5 6pm—Zumba	6	7
8 Communion Sunday 11:30am— Second Sunday Brunch	9 6pm—Zumba	10	11	12 6pm—Zumba	13 2pm—Valley Connect	14
15 9am—Adult Bible Study 11:15am— Commission Conversations	16 11am— Steering Committee Meeting 6pm—Zumba	17	18	19 10am— Quilting 6pm—Zumba 6:30pm— Women’s Bible Study	20 5:30pm— Parents’ Night Out	21
22 9am—Adult Bible Study	23 6pm—Zumba	24	25	26 6pm—Zumba 6pm—Mingle & Munch at Darcy’s	27 Feed My Starving Children	28 Feed My Starving Children
29 9am—Adult Bible Study 5th Sunday Deacons Offering	30 6pm—Zumba 7pm— Session Meeting					

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