

Orengo Church
News

JULY
Newsletter

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Join us Sundays at 10 AM for our July series:
"Freedom in the Lord."

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psalms 33:12



Pastor Mark's Thoughts

In just a few days we celebrate our country's 250th birthday. Many of our nation's proclamations focus on the freedoms we have. It's also soccer time - many who are here for World Cup games have remarked about shopping at Walmart and Costco and the many things we can purchase here that are simply not available in other parts of the world - the many things we take for granted!

Paul wrote this to the church in Corinth, and it's to us as well: *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

There are many things we have received because of the freedoms we have through our Lord Jesus! First, is the presence of God in our lives. We have a relationship with the God of the entire universe and beyond! The same God who created all that we know and so much more, also sent His Son for you! For everyone - but also just for you! Amazing!

Second, we are freed from the Law. God's ten commandments to us reveal His supremacy and also our inability to live up to His standards. While there are instances we may attain them, we cannot keep them completely at all times. We have all fallen short and have sinned, which has separated us from our Lord - and with no hope of atoning from those sins. But God, because He loves us, has given us His Son. Jesus died for our sins, freeing us from the penalty of our sin. In Him, we are free indeed!

Third, we have open access to God. We have a relationship because of Him. We have a relationship to Him. We have a relationship with Him. In that relationship, He hears us! In that relationship, He speaks to us! In that relationship, He tells us - again and again and again - how much He loves us!! We get to live in His freedom each and every day of our lives!

Fourth, we are transformed! God is transforming us to be like Him. Through His Word to us, through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit, and in the community of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God continues to give and maintain the relationship with Him, both today and forever.

Live in the freedom of Christ Jesus - walk daily in the reality that He has delivered us - that we are free from the power and grasp of sin and guilt! We are His - now and forever!! Amen!

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July Sermon Schedule

Series: *“Freedom in the Lord”*

July 5th *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”*
Psalm 33:12

July 12th Communion Sunday
“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”
John 8:36
Please stay for a brief financial update after worship.

July 19th *“Stand firm in the freedom Jesus has given you”*
Galatians 5:1

July 26th *“Live in God’s freedom”*
1 Peter 2:16





June has been an eventful month for the Youth Group. We started out the month celebrating the students finishing another school year, having a BBQ to congratulate them as we all know that school is not an easy thing to do every day. As we continue the month we will be going through the book of James, learning from Jesus' half brother on what it means to trust God even when life is hard, to be a disciple, that our words have power to them, and what it means to be in a Christian community and to pray for one another.

I am looking forward to an eventful summer, with lots of games, snacks and teachings. As the summer goes on, the Youth group will continue meeting every Sunday night but starting 1 hour later, from 7pm-9pm. We will be going through the book of James as well as doing some practical teachings about life and the Christian faith. Stay tuned for more summer events and information.

In other news, we are getting ready for CAMP! We are going to Wi-NE-MA Christian Camp, where in July, I will be taking one of our middle school students for a week at the beach along with about 400 other students to learn how to trust God in the difficulties of life. With the theme of the week being "Lift My Eyes" and the key verse being Psalm 121, students will learn about the foundation, hope and strength for living life and looking to God when life gets tough.

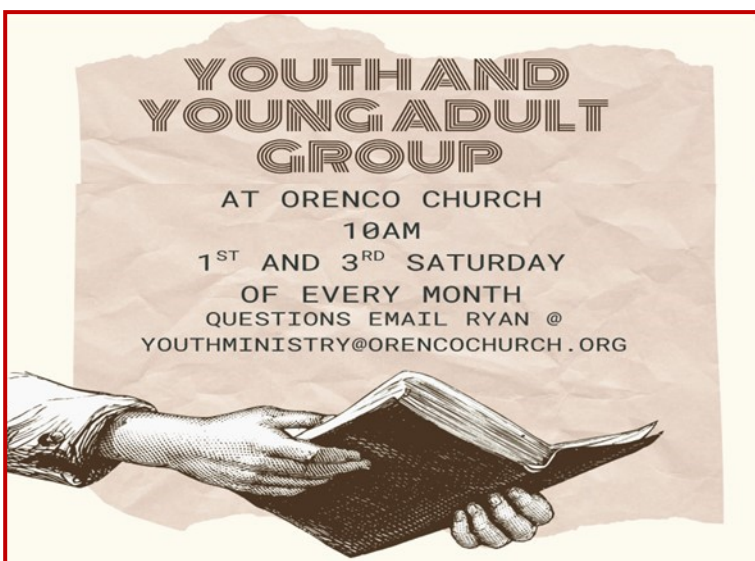
In other news, we have started a youth and young adults discipleship group! This will be a place where we can fellowship and learn what it means to be a disciple of God. We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month and will be going through the book of Galatians, where Paul warns us about false teachers, how we are justified by faith, that we are sons and daughters of God, and that Christ has set us free. If interested, you can message Ryan at youthministry@orencochurch.org or find him on Sunday mornings.

All together, the youth is going well and summer is going to be great!

Ryan Abueg

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Vacation Bible School



“He restores my soul.” — Psalm 23:3

Summer has a way of slowing us down. The day’s longer, the sun lingers, and our routines loosen. Vacations, camping trips, beach days, and backyard play all invite us to breathe a little deeper. But even in the fun and freedom of summer, God is gently reminding us of something important: Rest is His idea. Refreshing is His gift. Renewal is His work.

In Scripture, Jesus often stepped away from the crowds to rest and pray. *“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest,”* He told His disciples (Mark 6:31). Summer gives us those “quiet places” sometimes a sandy beach, sometimes a shady backyard, sometimes a peaceful morning before the kids wake up.

Vacations don’t just change our scenery; they reset our souls. They remind us that:

- God is with us in the ordinary and the extraordinary
- Joy is holy
- Play is a blessing
- Rest is worship
- And creation is one of God’s favorite classrooms

Whether your summer is full of travel or full of simple moments at home, God is inviting you to notice Him in the warmth of the sun, the sparkle of water, the laughter of children, and the stillness of evening light. Let this be a season where your soul exhales. Let God restore what has felt stretched, tired, or hurried.

Karen Campbell,
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**Do you know who your current Session Elders and Deacons are?
Thank you, all, for your service!**

Elders:

Mary Bloomquist
Nancy Collins - Clerk of Session
Ken Ford
Diana Hamby
Mitchell Josh
Ben Rainey
Mary Stubbs - Treasurer
Eric Wassmer
Tim Wayman

Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church, elected by the congregation. Once someone becomes an Elder, they will always be an Elder. The most currently elected Elders sit on the Session, which is the governing body of our church and moderated by the Pastor. The names above are your current Session elders. If you have a question for the Session, email: talk2session@orencochurch.org.

Deacons:

Rhonda Baggarley - Moderator
Marilyn Anderson
Annie Brazel
Barb Dobie
Kathy Ford
Sarah Lutes
Julie Meyer
Cindy Wassmer

Deacons embody the love and care of Christ, providing compassion to others and service to the church. Our Orenco deacons do this through benevolence assistance, a community food pantry, reaching out to those who are ill, grieving, and homebound, preparing communion, and serving at memorials and church events. If you are in need of a meal, phonecall, or visit please send message to deacons@orencochurch.org.



Church Fundraiser!

Have you tried our gift card fundraiser? One way to help the church is to buy gift cards from us, not only do they make great gifts you can use them for your everyday shopping. We offer a large variety, such as groceries, department stores, restaurants, coffee shops, travel, hardware, Amazon, and prepaid Visa. Have a summer project at home? We sell Home Depot and Lowe's cards!

We keep a nice variety of gift cards on hand, stop by our desk on Sundays after worship to see what we have, it varies each week. For an even larger variety in multiple denominations, we recommend you place an order with us. We have two order forms available on the bulletin board in the hallway and at [www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs](https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs).

The **blue** form is for Kroger cards, these can be used at QFC and Fred Meyer (even their gas stations!) We order Kroger when we can meet their minimum, so having orders from you really helps.

We order once a month for our **yellow** form. This form offers all types of giftcards for many retailers, much more than what we have onhand. Take a look.

We hope you'll give our fundraiser a try, it's easy to use and every little bit helps. The profits go into the general fund and help pay bills.

Thank you for your support!

Congregation Informational Meeting

There will be a financial update meeting on Sunday, July 12th, immediately following the worship service. We ask that everyone in the church family please plan on attending in person.



Memorial Service for Malcom McInnis

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during Malcolm's illness. You are all invited to attend his memorial service at 2pm on Saturday, July 25th, at the church.

Ruth McInnis



Baby News!

Welcome, Carson Evans Starr! Our newest member of the church family was born on Monday morning, June 29th, weighing in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Huge congratulations to his parents, Alyssa and Cam, grandparents Pastor Mark and Lisa, and their *entire* family!!! We are so happy for you and look forward to meeting you, Carson.



BLOOD DRIVE

August 1st
9am—2pm

www.redcrossblood.org





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