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Orchard Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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For more information
on all of these events
visit our website:

www.orchardpark.org

WORSHIP

Join us on **SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.** for Virtual Worship. The service can be found online at Orchardpark.org, on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and in your email inbox.

January 10th

Please join us for ordination of our new church officers during the 10:00 AM worship service, followed by Drive thru Communion at 10:45 AM. Sunday school kits will also be available for pick up.



January 31st

A Congregational Meeting has been called on **January 31st service at 10:45 AM** for the purpose of holding our annual meeting and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call.

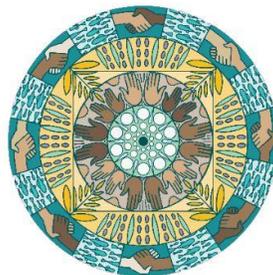


Keith, Ellen and Ethan Johns and their Christmas Sweaters!

UPDATES

Stewardship 2021

Thank you to all that have pledged for 2021. We are so thankful for your generosity. As of December 28th, we have received 159 pledges, for a total of \$895,954. This represents 88% of our 2020 Pledges. **If you have not yet contributed, please do so today by clicking [HERE](#)**



Orchard Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
close to home

Imagining Generosity

Stewardship 2021

You can give at any time using the options listed below:

By Mail: 1605 E 106th St, Indianapolis, IN 46280

Text to Give: Text "Give OPPC \$XX" to 73256

Covid - Relief Match Campaign

In December a couple in in our congregation offered to give up to \$25,000 in a dollar-for-dollar match to cover general operating funds in 2021. The idea behind the gift was based on the prediction that we will need to further reduce expenses in 2021 as the pandemic lingers.

We exceeded the \$25,000 match with additional gifts coming in at \$42,941, bringing a grand total of \$67,941! This total will be added to our overall budget. Thank you for your generosity and your faithfulness!

EDUCATION AND SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Morning Education

We are happy to announce that Sunday Morning Educations opportunities are offered on Zoom. If you are interested in Attending, please reach out to the leaders listed below to receive a Zoom invitation. Please note the new times for these classes.

- **Mind the Gap 10:00 A.M.** with Rob Peterson (jrp211@att.net)
- **Children's Sunday School 11:30 A.M.** with Trish Lisa (tlisa@orchardpark.org)
- **Confirmation 11:30 A.M.** with Jenni Crowley Cartee (jcrowley@orchardpark.org)
- **Adult Study 12:00 P.M.** with Tony Kupinski(tonykupinski@me.com)

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Beginning **Sunday, January 10th, 2021**, the noon Bible Study class will be discussing the “New Testament Hymns & Poems.” When we mention early hymns or poems we often think of the Old Testament (OT), but the NT contains some amazing hymns and poems as well. We will be surveying some of these great NT hymns and poems. We will also take 15 minutes each Sunday to recall some of your favorite choruses, hymns, and religious works and why they are special to you.

Other lessons scheduled for 2021 include:

- King Josiah
- Philip the Evangelist
- Psalms 22 (we will use this for our study during Lent)
- Old Testament Parables
- The Great I AM Declarations of John’s Gospel and Revelation
- Rachel & Leah

Come one; come all. Initially, our Sunday Noon Bible Study will be conducted via Zoom. Our hope and prayer is that face-to-face worship and classes will resume sometime in 2021. Please email Tony Kupinski at tonykupinski@me.com if you are interested in joining the Bible study.

Mind the Gap - The Color of Compromise: Further Conversations

Our class will begin the year on **Sunday, January 10 at 10 am, via Zoom**. We will be diving deeper into segments of Jemar Tisby’s video series on his book The Color of Compromise, the subject of our church-wide study last fall. The goal is to challenge our thinking and deepen our conversation about racism and social justice issues, and how we as Christians are called to

respond. As Enuma Okoro has written: “In the family of God, our responsibility to each other extends beyond race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, and sexual orientation. When persons are in need, we all bear a familial responsibility to be present.” Email Rob Peterson at jrp211@att.net if you are interested in joining the conversation. All are welcome!

Small Groups and Bible Studies

We also offer a variety of small groups; some are offered by age (think Jr. High/Sr. High/ College youth; and young families); and we offer small groups by topic – Bible studies. We are still making all the plans for the fall; please watch the weekly email for updates about when classes will meet. Small groups will continue to meet through Zoom this fall. Please contact Trist Lisa if you have any questions! tlisa@orchardpark.org

Here is a list of all the small groups and Bible studies that are currently taking place. Please contact the group leader if you would like to participate.

Monday Evening	Book Review Circle with Susie Highley at shighley@aol.com
Tuesday Morning	Bible Study with Nick Tillema a nick@accessvaluation.com
Wednesday Morning	Bible Study with Shelly Wood at shellywood@orchardpark.org Bible Study with David Brentlinger at dab314159@gmail.com
Wednesday Evening	Middle School Fellowship with Jenni Crowley-Cartee Senior High Fellowship with Jenni Crowley -Cartee College Fellowship with Jenni Crowley-Cartee at jcrowley@orchardpark.org
Thursday Morning	Bible Study with Leann Pope at lpope714@gmail.com
Friday Morning	Men's Group AKA Old Goats contact Shelly Wood shellywood@orchardpark.org

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 10:00 A.M., we listen for God's voice as we read, learn, and discuss weekly Bible passages. While we wait to gather again in-person, we will be gathering on a weekly Zoom video conferencing call. Following our Zoom Bible studies, Shelly will share a summary video for those not able to join us live. If you would like to join in the discussion and/or receive the videos, please email Shelly Wood at shellywood@orchardpark.org.

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study

We will be beginning a new virtual Thursday Morning Women’s Bible study on **January 14th**. The study is by Melissa Spoelstra and is called Romans—The Good News that Changes Everything.

“Find the good news that brings hope and spiritual renewal. We live in a world full of bad news. The media recounts stories of natural disasters, violence, and conflict. In the midst of all

this heartbreak, we can't lose sight of the fact that God has given us good news. We call it the gospel. It reminds us that God loves us and longs to redeem our suffering. He stepped out of eternity and into time to send us His one and only Son. The gospel truths shared with the early church at Rome echo into our day, reminding us that we still have good news to embrace personally and to share with others. In this six-week study of the Book of Romans, we will be highlighting significant concepts regarding the good news about faith, grace, daily life, God's plan, relationships, and eternity. Whatever bad news we may receive, in Romans we will find good news to encourage and transform us. "

This is a **6 week, 7-session study** that will gather in the zoom room any time after 9:30, **begins at 10:00, and should be done at 11:30-11:45**. Each week involves homework, a discussion, and a video. Please email Leann Pope (<mailto:lpope714@gmail.com>) if you wish to attend so that you can be sent a zoom invitation as well as directions for ordering your study book.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Virtual Sunday School for Children through 5th Grade

All children through 5th grade are invited to join Trish and Ms. Debbie for Zoom Sunday School at **11:30 a.m. on Sundays (we are on break on Sunday January 3rd)**. Please pick up your child's kit **during drive through communion on Sunday, January 10th between 10:45 a.m. and noon**. The kits contain the supplies your child needs to do the lessons and lesson plan outlines (in case your child isn't able to join us on that day). We begin with a little informal conversation/ice breakers/sharing for the first few minutes as everyone joins; we then hear the Bible story (often through a short video from Saddleback kids); we do our activity of the day (either craft or game or cooking or science); Ms. Debbie leads us in a song that also includes motions or sign language, and we close with a prayer. We keep our time to 30 minutes and would love to have your child join us any Sunday! Zoom links are sent out weekly by Trish; please let me know if you aren't receiving the email reminders and I'll add you to the list (tlisa@orchardpark.org; 317-340-3354 cell). Please also let me know if you can't pick up during drive through communion and I will leave a kit for you at the office to pick up during office hours (9-3 p.m.)

Here is the link for Sunday School kit signups:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4EADAE23A2F58-sunday7>

Orchard Park Learning Center

Registration opens in January for the 2021-22 School Year!

We are blessed with having a very safe and meaningful year with our littlest ones and their families. We thank you for the church's support of this meaningful ministry and all the teachers and staff that make it possible.

We are opening registration for our **2021-22 School Year in mid-January**; please feel free to contact Trish with any interest or questions. We also deeply appreciate your remembrance of us if the opportunity arises to recommend our program; thank you. (tlisa@orchardpark.org; 317-340-3354 cell).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class resumes on zoom at **11:30 AM on Sunday, January 17th**.

JAM and CONNECT

JAM Jr. high and CONNECT Sr. high will resume on Zoom on **Wednesday January 6th from 6:30-8:00 PM** for fellowship, discussion, and prayer! Hope all youth will try to join us when they are able!

Errand Angels

Errand Angels delivered over 30 Poinsettias to our shut-in church members!

Youth Families

OPPC Youth Families purchased Christmas gifts for 5 children!



Picture of OPPC youth and members caroling in the Orchard Park neighborhood.

Thank you to all who came!

MEMBER CARE



Stephen Ministers are here to help.

Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support! For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact Mike Andrews at (317) 939-1800 or Elsie Potts at (317) 270-4570.

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

Continuing to be Community and Church Together

In this time while we are not in the same place, we remain committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart. We very much want to hear from you! Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email.

Please let us know by calling 317-844-0017 if you are-or someone you know is - **in self-quarantine or feeling isolated, lonely, anxious or sick** or if you are a **medical professional or a provider of essential services**, as we want to reach out and care for you in these challenging days.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Doris Wright at prayer@orchardpark.org.

If you would like to talk to a pastor, please call the church at 317-844-1107 and your request will be forwarded directly to Rev. Shelly Wood.

If you would like to meet with a counselor over Teleconferencing, please contact Kristy Watts and kristiewattslmft@gmail.com.

Errand Angels

If you are an Orchard Park member who would like some help with errands, please call the church office (317-844-1107) or email me at jcrowley@orchardpark.org. Once we receive a request from you, we will have an Errand Angel contact you get your list of needed items and make arrangements for payment and delivery. You will receive a call from an Errand Angel within 24 hours of your request (but likely MUCH sooner)! Items will be dropped off at your front door in order to protect you from illness.

Please pass this information along to any OPPC church members you know of who need this type of assistance!



We are excited to launch a new way to communicate with you! Now you can sign up to receive Text Messages (SMS) from Orchard Park. Notifications could range from volunteer opportunities to announcements about closure due to inclement weather. We promise not to text more than 2 or 3 messages a month and will try to keep them targeted and relevant to you. You can sign up by filling out the form linked below and opt out at any time by texting the word "Stop." If you have questions about this program, please reach out to Emily Custis at ecustis@orchardpark.org.

To Sign Up – [Click HERE](#)

All Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly emails online, please contact Emily Custis at ecustis@orchardpark.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.