

2019 Advent & Winter Program Guide



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Dec. 1 - Dec. 29

One Worship Service
10:00 a.m.

December 1

Hanging of the Greens
Congregational Meeting
10:50 a.m.

December 8

Unplugged Christmas

December 15

Cantata
"A Midnight Clear"

December 22

Children's Program
"The First Christmas"

December 29

Pajama Sunday

THE LONGEST NIGHT

December 22 - 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Thursday and Friday
November 28 and 29

Wednesday-Thursday
December 25 and 26

Tuesday-Wednesday
Dec. 31 - January 1, 2020

Monday
January 20, 2020

Season's Greetings and blessings for Advent!

I am so exciting about our Advent and Christmas Season at Orchard Park! This year, our season is in a word: Festive! Every Sunday is unique and joyful. Sundays filled with worship, hospitality and fellowship. There are plenty of opportunities to invite a friend to join you and plenty of opportunities for you and your family to make special memories. All worship services are at 10:00 a.m. in December and are followed by a reception or celebration.

Our First Sunday of Advent starts off with a traditional service of Hanging of the Greens. After the service everyone is invited to come to the Lounge for refreshments and making of Advent Wreathes and decorations.

The Second Sunday of Advent is our unplugged service. This service focuses on keeping Christmas simple and remembering what really matters. After the service, everyone is invited to enjoy the Gift Market.

The Third Sunday of Advent is our Christmas Cantata. After the service, everyone is invited to join us in the Lounge for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. Please bring your favorite cookie to share.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is our Children's Program. After the service, everyone is invited to join us for a celebration reception. That afternoon, at 4:00, you are invited to come back and join us for a Longest Night service in the North Chapel. This service is going to be gorgeous. You do not want to miss it. After this evening service, we will have wassail and hot chocolate.

Then, at last it's Christmas Eve! Join us at 4:00 for the Family Service, 8:00 for Lessons and Carols and 11:00 for Communion and Candlelight.

We look forward to being with you!

In the Spirit of the Season,

Shelly

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 1

Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Congregational Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens Service with bells

Advent Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

Advent Devotionals are located on Main Street.

Visit the Share the Light Gift Market on Main Street.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 8

Unplugged Contemporary Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Visit the Share the Light Gift Market on Main Street.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 15

Worship at 10:00 a.m. Cantata: *A Midnight Clear*

The Cantata will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir and guests from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra and friends.

Christmas Cookie Reception at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Joy Offering will be taken to help support Presbyterian-related Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges as well as the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 22

One worship service at 10:00 a.m. Children's Pageant: *The First Christmas*

Reception at 11:00 a.m.

The Longest Night Service at 4:00 p.m.

A reflective and celebrative service with special music by flute, cello, and harpsichord.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. Family Worship with the Praise Band (Childcare available)

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols with Hand Bells (Childcare available)

11:00 p.m. Communion and Candlelight with the Sanctuary Choir

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP

CANTATA – A MIDNIGHT CLEAR



A Midnight Clear, written by John Leavitt, will be presented by the Orchard Park Sanctuary Choir, guests from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and friends.

Afterward, stay for the Christmas cookie reception at 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge. See below for more information.

Ages: All • Leader: Mike Pietranczyk
mpietranczyk@orchardpark.org

DATES	DAYS	LOCATION
Dec 15	Su	Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECEPTION

Besides listening to the beautiful Cantata at 10:00 a.m., we will have a Christmas cookie reception in the Lounge at 11:00 a.m. immediately after the Cantata. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

DATES	DAYS	LOCATION
Dec. 15	Su	Lounge



HEAR! GO! SEE! 2020 SCHEDULE

2020 Second Tuesdays

January 14 -Guest Speaker – Robin Pemberton
February 11 -Vonnegut Trail – Jane Shawhan
March 10 -Indiana War Memorial Complex – Dave
Magner
April 14 -Samara House/Tippecanoe Battlefield –
Sandy Magner
May 12 -Paramount Theatre – Barb and Larry Wood
June 9 -Twinrocker Paper Co./Shrimp Farm – Dave
Magner
July 14 -Garfield Park and Sunken Gardens – Robin
Pemberton
August 11 -West Baden Angel Room, Irvington – Max
and Cathy Muterspaugh
September 15 -Metamora – Greg Pemberton - (Third
Tuesday)
October 13 -Madame Walker Theatre/NCAA – Max and
Cathy Muterspaugh
November 10 -Summit Meeting – All
December 8 -Historical Society Festival of Trees

Ages: 18 + • Leader: Robin Pemberton
GLPemberton@outlook.com

BOOK REVIEW CIRCLE

The Book Review Circle meets the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Panera Bread at 1346 S. Rangeline in Carmel. Anyone is welcome to attend. For questions, you may contact Susie Highley, 317-335-2180 or shighley@aol.com Upcoming selections:

January 20, 2020 *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson

February 17, 2020 *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

March 16, 2020 *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza

April 20, 2020 *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren

May 18, 2020 *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

SENIOR HIGH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The annual Senior High progressive dinner is Sunday December 15. We will begin with appetizers at the Webber home, then drive to another home (to be determined) for the main course and finish the evening with desserts at the Reisinger home. Contact Rev. Jenni Crowley Cartee if you have questions: jcrowley@orchardpark.org

MISSION

SHARE THE LIGHT GIFT MARKET

Shop at our alternative gift market on Main Street and give the gift of God's light and love for Christmas! Donate in the name of a loved one, and we'll supply the card you can send to that person letting them know of the gift.



International

- Haiti Teachers-Salary for one week in Ganga, Haiti
- Haiti Nutritional Supplement-Plumpy Doz
- Haiti Agriculture-seeds for food or a goat
- Haiti Cholera medicine or shoes for a child
- Fountains of Hope-Clean water systems in developing countries
- Tijuana Christian Mission-Birthday Club

Local/Regional

- Caravan-High School Youth Mission Trip
- Circle of Love Wreath - Christmas gifts for families
- Clothesline-Clothes for elementary children
- Interfaith Hospitality Network-Support for homeless
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Disaster relief

Ages: All • Leader: Chris Thomas • Location: Main St.

DATES	DAYS	TIME
Dec. 1 - Dec. 22	Su	11:00 a.m.

CLOTHESLINE MINISTRY

This program is designed to serve the needs of families that do not have the resources or money to purchase clothing for their own families. Many elementary students at Orchard Park Elementary School need clothing, and this program helps fulfill their needs. You can donate clothing —appropriately sized for children of elementary school ages—to the church in the collection bin labeled “Clothesline Ministries.”

Additionally, other clothing may be donated to any local Goodwill Store in the name of OPPC Clothesline. These donated items earn vouchers that our Clothesline volunteers use to purchase clothing for children.

Leader: Julie Meeks • Location: Clothesline closet

DATES	DAYS
Ongoing	Su-Su

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

This program meets at OPPC once a month to provide social activities for mentally and physically disabled people living in the Indianapolis area. This organization brings joy to so many people who are often dependent on others for their care, by giving them an opportunity to get out of their usual environment and spend time just having fun. Join Trinity on December 6 for their Annual Christmas Party and a visit from Santa.



Ages: 14+ • Leader: Al Atz • Location: OPPC Pavilion

DATES	DAYS	TIME
First Friday of each month	F	6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

OPPC will host the IHN families from December 15 through Sunday, December 29. We will need plenty of help since this is over the holidays. Those who wish to volunteer should go to the SignUp Genius site at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AB28A02-ihnvolunteer3>. There you can see what is needed and choose what fits your schedule.



Ages: 28 + • Leader: Kim Harvey at kharvey599@sbcglobal.net • Location: OPPC

DATES	DAYS	TIME
Dec. 15 - 29	Su-Su	See schedule online

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Volunteers knit or crochet shawls or lap robes while praying for the recipient to be embraced by God's loving presence. When completed the shawls and robes are made available to the pastors to take to members as appropriate when they make pastoral care calls. All are welcome to help.

Ages: All • Leader: Elsie Potts • Location: At home

EDUCATION

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This year's Advent Devotional is titled *Heading to the Manger*. It contains Advent meditations from great Christian writers of the past such as Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin and Charles Spurgeon. Pick up your free devotional on Main Street beginning November 24. Advent begins December 1.



THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On January 15, we will begin a study of "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah: Learning the Faith of Jesus." Class will gather at 9:45, begin at 10:00 a.m. and end no later than 11:30 a.m. This is an eight-session video-based study with daily homework where you will "discover Jesus. Journey back to the time of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran. And wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus's parables.....discover how the events of Jesus's day impacted His life, ministry, and communication. Then let them impact yours."

Leader: Leann Pope • Location: Lounge

DATES	DAYS	TIME
Jan 15 - Mar 4	Th	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT AT PYOCA

All you in grades 6 - 12 are invited to participate in a Winter Retreat at Pyoca. The retreat is sponsored by the OPPC Youth Committee and is funded through the Crossways fund for youth values development. It will be a weekend of Self-Empowerment Theatre led by Justin Wade and his team from Young Actors Theatre in Indianapolis. You will research, devise, create, rehearse and present a production centered around our Christian faith. All are welcome to come to Pyoca Sunday, March 1, to see the production. Youth will help with sound, sets, video and all aspects of this project.

Ages: All • Leader: Jenni Crowley Cartee • jcrowley@orchardpark.org

DATES	DAYS	LOCATION
Feb. 28 - March 1	F-Su	Camp Pyoca

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:10 A.M.

EXCURSIONS INTO THE BIBLE

Our class will continue exploring the Old and New Testaments and Bible-related topics. You will enjoy our lively and in-depth discussions, our excursions into exploring new ways of thinking about God's Word, and our emphasis on God's love and our discipleship.

Ages: 18+ • Leader: Tony Kupinski • Location: North Chapel

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Our study emphasizes scripture, both in historical and contemporary context, using a Bible study from Cokesbury. All materials are provided; feel free to drop in any Sunday that you can. This winter, the overall theme is "Promise," with lessons on hope, covenants, and holiness expressed.

Ages: 18+ • Leaders: Dick Albright & Susie Highley • Location: Room 115

MIND THE GAP

The Exodus from Egypt was central to the creation of the Israelite nation and the Jewish religion, so it is also important to our understanding of who we are and whose we are as Christ-followers. The cry of Moses from 3,000 years ago, "Let my people go!", still echoes today for individuals and peoples yearning to be freed from all sorts of bondage. Together we will revisit key portions of this formation story to discern what it means for us today.

You are welcome in our class whatever your age or faith experience! Our approach is relational and discussion-based: we learn from each other as we share our experiences and questions. We use a variety of media resources to help us explore the impact of faith, fellowship, and call in our daily lives.

Ages: 18+ • Leader: Rob Peterson • Location: Room 120

TODAY'S NEWS IN THE BIBLE

20th century theologian Karl Barth urged Christians to read the news of the day and "*interpret it from your Bible*." Almost every day, news from around the globe and reports on contemporary trends and opinions beg our Christian reflection and discussion. What "struck you" or "stuck with you" this week?

Ages: 18+ • Leaders: Tom Rugh & Rich Phipps • Location: Room 118

INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed:

- Wednesday-Thursday, December 25 and 26
- Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 31 - January 1, 2020
- Monday, January 20, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

ORDINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

Church elders and deacons will be ordained and installed during both worship services.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Plan to attend the annual congregational meeting in between worship services in the sanctuary.

YOUTH SUNDAY ON JANUARY 26

At 12:15 p.m., after worship services, enjoy baked goods in the Lounge to help raise funds for Youth Caravan.

CAMP SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 9

Learn about the camp opportunities for children and youth. Sign up will be available.

LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION

The Learning Center will be registering families for the 2020-2021 school year starting in January 2020. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Trish Lisa at tlisa@orchardpark.org or visit the OPPC website for details: www.orchardpark.org.



ORCHARD PARK LIBRARY

Did you know that you can access our Orchard Park Library collection online at bit.ly/OPLibrary? And that anyone can check out our materials? We have a nice collection of fiction, Bible study resources, religious history, biographies, children's books, and more. The collection has been built up through many donations, memorials, and budgets.

If you would like to suggest titles to be purchased or have questions, contact Susie Highley at 317-335-2180. We also have a library committee that now meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1-3 p.m. and would welcome new members.

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