



Seasons of Orchard Park

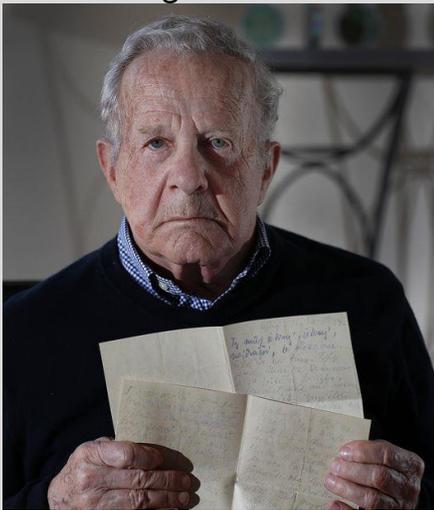
For everything, there is a season. Ecclesiastes 3:1

2018 Fall Review

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Holocaust Survivor Shares His Story

A large group gathered in the Pavilion on November 4th to hear Frank Grunwald speak about his life. Grunwald was a small child when he, his brother, mother and father were taken from their apartment in Prague and sent to Auschwitz death camp in Poland. He was later sent to various camps throughout Austria. Along with most of the other kids, he peeled potatoes for the soup they ate. In May 1945, the Americans liberated him in a small camp in the woods. Frank and his father were reunited, but his mother and brother had both died in Auschwitz gas chambers.



After many years of pushing the painful memories away, Grunwald now shares his story of pain, survival and healing.

Uplifting Tu Nokwe Concert



On Sunday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m., singer, songwriter, actress and activist Tu Nokwe from South Africa gave a magnificent concert in our sanctuary, backed by some of the members of the Orchard Park Band. While some of the music contained poignant messages and stories, the event overall was very uplifting. The concert was topped-off by a performance by members of our Children's Choir who presented a song in Zulu, Tu Nokwe's native language, which brought her to joyful tears.

Barb Tillema took four of her granddaughters to the concert which they enjoyed. She said, "The Tu Nokwe concert was a great evening. [We] liked the interaction with the audience." Chuck Ray commented, "Musically, the entire concert was totally professional. This genre of African music was enjoyable because it was fun. No one in the audience needed to be a musician to enjoy it. [It] broadened the perspective for the worldwide unity of our faith."

The concert was very nicely attended, and donations for Tu Nokwe's schools of music, art, dance and drama came in at \$1,000. Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to a return visit by this incredible artist.



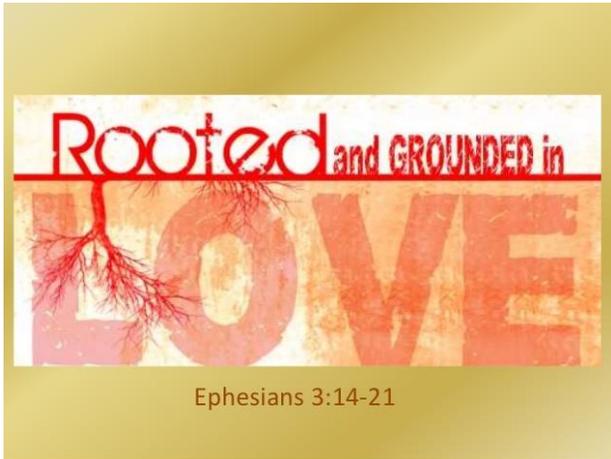
Trunk or Treat Community Outreach Event

On Sunday, October 28th, we had a blustery, rainy day, but it didn't dampen our fall fun spirit! Around 200 children from Orchard Park, the Learning Center, and our neighborhood gathered in the Pavilion for indoor Trick-or-Treating, bounce house fun, food and games! We were so thankful for the chance to welcome in the children and their families!

Mary Giesel led the outreach to our community by inviting them to join us. As a way of offering hospitality, a light meal was served to all who were hungry. Sitting around a table offers the opportunity to talk with one another, which we all need, and we feel our neighbors especially need right now. We are grateful for the time, space and privilege of being able to host our community. We are thankful for all those in our congregation who created a Trunk or Treat table/booth, for those who provided candy, and for those who showed up to welcome our neighbors. Thank you all for your care and support!



Rooted - Children's and Parents' Fellowship



Rev. Trish Lisa and Nursery Director Debbie Meyer started the Rooted program on Wednesday evenings in September of 2018, with the hope of creating a sense of community and connection for children during the week. They hoped that creating a routine of midweek church participation while children are younger might help continue that pattern of participation as they age into the Middle School and High School youth groups.

Children ages 1 through 11 have enjoyed the weekly time we have together, as it provides the opportunity to see church friends during the week and engage in play with one another. Each week includes prayer, a scripture or a faith-based story and an active response to the story. We also ensure that we have time for fellowship and fun.

Parents have also found this Wednesday evening time to be meaningful. Rev. Mike Samson has been offering his gifts of listening and support for parents on Wednesday evenings. We affirm that one way to love and care for children is by supporting their parents. In response, Rev. Mike is in conversations with the parents to develop a Wednesday program for them

while the children are engaged in their own activities.

We meet most Wednesday evenings (please check the calendar around holidays to see our nights off) for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge and Rooted fellowship from 6-7 p.m. A free will offering is collected to help offset the cost of food. Choristers continue to meet from 6-6:30 p.m.; children are picked up from Choristers and taken to Room 205 to join in the Rooted activities.

Learning Center Family Chapel

New this year at the Learning Center is Family Chapel time once a month hosted by a pastor. Children's families are invited to join a short worship experience just before their children are released for the day. Pastor Shelly (below) read the story about Noah's ark in September.



Pastor Mike played guitar and led singing with the children in October.



Chili Cook-Off



Competition was stiff this year with nineteen chilis vying for the title of best chili. Diners voted for their favorites. The 2018 Champions were Nate Galanti and Laura Muse (pictured above on the right) with a white chicken chili. The Chili Cook-off event raised \$539 for the 2019 Caravan Mission Trip. Thanks to all who cooked, tasted and voted.

All Saints SUNDAY

On All Saints' Sunday, November 4, we both remembered the faithful who have gone before us and honored departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Orchard Park members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year were read during worship.

Beverly Platt	Lyn McPherson
Sara Howard	Katherine Brentlinger
Jean Lucius	Mary Ruth Snyder
Betty DeHart	Ann Rainbolt
Bill Wiebenga	Elizabeth Lingerfeldt
Delores Kindler	Irene Ulmer
Nancy Kremer	Elizabeth Lively

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Expectation

December 2 - Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

Congregational Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Christian Education at 10:10 a.m.

Intergenerational Project at 12:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Annunciation

December 9 - Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

Christian Education at 10:10 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Proclamation

December 16 - One worship service at 10:00. a.m.

A Cantata will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir and guests from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. Cookie pitch-in reception afterward in the Lounge.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Fulfillment

December 23- Worship at 9:00 a.m. (featuring hand bell music) and 11:10 a.m. Contemporary

Christian Education at 10:10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

***4:00 p.m. Family Worship with
Children's Pageant***

***8:00 p.m. Communion &
Candlelight***

***10:00 p.m. Gathering and
Refreshments***

10:45 p.m. Carol Sing

***11:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols with
with the Sanctuary Choir***

