



# Seasons of Orchard Park

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

## 2019 Winter Review

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### Harpist Shares Gift

Our church is blessed with a young person studying the harp who is eager to share her gift of music. Madelyn Wood, the younger daughter of Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood, played at both the Christmas Eve four o'clock service and Youth Sunday in January. Ms. Wood is a freshman at Carmel High School.

"I first began harp when I was in kindergarten because my sister played the violin, so I wanted to play an instrument too. Of course, I had to choose the biggest one in the orchestra. I took a break and played piano and started harp back up in 5th grade. "



### Intergenerational Sunday School

During the month of February, we chose to learn together as a community of faith during the Christian Education hour between worship

services. Our theme was "Snuggling up with God." Every week, we joined together with others that were both younger and older. We ate together, prayed together, read scripture together and talked with one another. Of course, we also found time to play.

The first week, we wrote messages of care and love to our college youth and shut-ins. The second week, we had a mock snowball battle which is pictured here.

The next Sunday, we cozied up and read stories about people of faith.

We are thankful to be part of a community of faith that values intergenerational relationships. We give thanks for the opportunity to remember and honor the covenant we made to one another during baptism: that we would continually seek to help one another grow in faith and in the knowledge of God's love. Thank you to all who participated!



## PW's Annual Tea

The Presbyterian Women's Annual Tea was held February 17 in the Pavilion. This year's program began with Bill Farrar who provided insight on the progress of the Fountains of Hope program and how access to clean water has led to improved survival rates. Mr. Farrar welcomes anyone who wishes to travel with his team to install safe water purifier systems. Contact him by email at [bill@fountainsofhope.org](mailto:bill@fountainsofhope.org).



The main speaker was Sandra Hartleib from Sisterhood Drama who performed a theatrical monologue

of Mary, Jesus' mother, through her thoughts and travels during Jesus' birth, youth, crucifixion and resurrection. The performance was emotionally charged as Mary discussed the moments she knew that Jesus belonged to God. Ms. Hartleib closed with an interpretive dance to the music of *Mary Did You Know*.

## Website Change

In December, we changed the host of our website to Clover which better matches the needs and budget of OPPC. The site looks different, but still has the same content as before including upcoming events and audio of weekly sermons. We hope those looking for a new church, visitors, as well as members find it informative and easier to navigate.

If you haven't visited our website lately, go to [orchardpark.org](http://orchardpark.org) and take a look.

## Camp Sunday

One of the most beloved traditions at OPPC is our summer camp experience. We know and treasure the opportunity to connect children and youth with God and with one another in the midst of the beauty of creation as experienced at Camp Pyoca. In preparation for this experience in 2019, we hosted "Camp Sunday" on February 10. We were grateful to be joined by Camp Pyoca's Executive Director, Mike Davis and Fred the Moose! While admitting that going away to camp can cause anxiety, we know that children will find many things that help overcome their fears. The kids know that God, the counselors and adults support them to help reduce worry.

For those of us who have attended camp before, we wanted to ensure that ALL people feel welcome to join us. We shared our experiences of singing songs, playing games and most importantly, recreating ourselves in the presence of God's love.



Please know that all are loved and welcomed at Camp Friendly and Jr. High Camp at Camp Pyoca!

For more information on the various camping experiences available to OPPC children and youth, see the Pyoca flyer on Main Street. Signup is currently on-going. Go to the PYOCA website to register at [www.pyoca.org](http://www.pyoca.org). See Rev. Jenni Crowley Cartee with questions: 317-844-1107.

## Using Sustainable Resources

OPPC is trying to make a green difference in several ways around the church. Many consumable products are made from recycled content. According to the Building Manager Lisa Alexander, our paper roll towels, multi-fold towels, toilet paper, facial tissues and black can liners are one hundred percent recycled content. Ninety-three percent of our foam soap is made from plant sources. Our white copy paper is fifty-seven percent recycled and colored paper is thirty percent.

There's been a big change in the way we drink coffee at OPPC. The Styrofoam cups have been replaced with stainless-steel coffee mugs. The mug is reusable, reducing both purchasing and trash costs. The mug keeps your coffee hot, has a handle for carrying it around the church and after use, can be placed in one of the many convenient bins for washing and drying.

Another option is the *compostable coffee cup*. It costs more than the mug, but reduces OPPC's regular trash costs. Compostable coffee and water cups should be placed in the recycling bins along with paper, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. These recycling bins are located in the Lounge, Pavilion, and office areas.



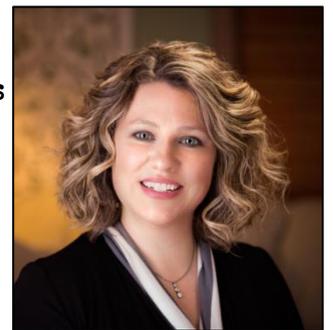
Of course, you can always bring your own coffee mug from home. Either way, let's work toward leaving less of a footprint while caring for God's creation.

## New Updates in Our Lounge



In February, our Lounge was updated with new décor, end tables and lamps thanks to the generous memorial gift from the family of Sara Howard. Sara is a Saint of our church and loved OPPC, Bible study, and southern hospitality. Sara's small group worked together to try to make the Lounge reflect the things she loved. Our Lounge is a place of gathering for meetings, meals, Bible study, prayer groups, and fellowship. Thanks to Sara Howard's memorial gifts, our space provides a little more warmth and welcome.

Many of the updates around our church are due to memorial gifts including our new outdoor signage and new furniture outside the library. We have set up a memorial fund for those adults who need assistance in counseling, thanks to gifts from Bill Wiebenga. Kristie Watts offers counseling here on Wednesdays. You may contact her at [Kristie@groffandassociates.com](mailto:Kristie@groffandassociates.com).



Orchard Park is so grateful for these monetary gifts, as well as the gifts of their memory and their impact on our lives.

## Trivia Night – March 8

It's not too late to put together a team of eight and participate in the Second Annual Trivia Night on Friday, March 8. The event is sponsored by the youth to raise money for Caravan 2019. Besides testing your knowledge of trivia in different categories, your team will bid to win a delicious treat in the Dessert Auction.

If you don't have a team of eight, that doesn't matter. You'll join another partial group and work together to answer fun questions and enjoy fellowship. Sign up on Main Street or use the link in Friday's email.



Last year, Trivia Night raised over \$2,100 for Caravan 2018 to New Jersey. This summer, the mission trip will go to Webster Springs, West Virginia. They will assist with rehab and repair on homes of low-income residents in the area.

## JOIN US FOR A LENTEN CONVERSATION ON RACE

### The Cross and the Lynching Tree

**Sundays, Feb. 24-March 31 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Lounge**  
*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by Dr. James Cone provides a provocative and relevant Lenten study about race and religion in America. It will take us on an exploration of the two emotionally charged symbols and their connection to history. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings, and at the same time, a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning.

### Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race **Wednesdays, March 13 – 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** **at Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood's house**

“This widespread phenomenon of white people wanting to guard themselves against appearing stupid, racist, or radical has resulted in an epidemic of silence from people who care deeply about justice and love for their fellow human beings. I believe most white people would take a stand against racism if only they knew how, or even imagined they had a role.” (Debby Irving, p.xii)

## LENT & EASTER

**March 6 - Ash Wednesday**  
12:00 & 7:00 p.m. services

**April 14 – Palm Sunday**  
9:00 & 11:10 a.m. services

**April 18 - Maundy Thursday**  
6:00 p.m. service & dinner  
Bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.

**April 19 - Good Friday**  
7:00 p.m. service

**April 21 – Easter Sunday**  
9:00 & 11:10 a.m. services

