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OUR VISION STATEMENT: A WELCOMING, GROWING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE.

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What's Been Happening....

The Prayer Team held an hour of prayer and song on Monday, April 16th. The Women's Breakfast was held April 21 and featured guest speaker Mary Zabder Ross, author of the book "Pebbles of Joy". Mary shared with us how she incorporates JOY in her own life's work. Mary's book was available for purchase. If you are able to assist or you plan on attending future breakfasts, please call Judy Buchanan 519-204-0854 or email jbheyjude@gmail.com

On April 22, the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping was our guest preacher. His sermon 'Don't Just Do Something, Sit There', was a different 'take' on the Mary/Martha story. The Tuesday morning Bible study is currently exploring Tony Jones' book The Sacred Way having completed a study of 1st Peter. We intend to complete a study of 2nd Peter before the end of June. In honour of Mother's Day, the ladies were invited to join the Men's Breakfast Club on Saturday, May 5 for a deli-

cious home-cooked breakfast and fellowship at Oakridge Presbyterian church. Guest speaker Barry McNaughton, OPC Member, followed for 15-20 minutes with a brief discussion. Our speakers come from all walks of life and share how they see Christ working in their lives, in the jobs they do each and every day. On May 6th, a lovely dinner was held for new members who joined OPC in the last three classes.

WA Farewell meeting

The WA (Women's Association) held an invitation-only catered luncheon/meeting, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. The event was to celebrate the WA's 62 year history, and all that current and past members have contributed to OPC. These ladies have supported OPC spiritually as well as in very tangible ways: the Church bazaar; the 'Extravaganza'; funeral receptions to name only a few. Their fundraising donations

have purchased many needed items for OPC. The remaining members are looking at a new and exciting ministry in the fall. They will continue to meet on the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month, but as a

'Friendship Circle.' This will be open to the ladies of OPC who wish to come out for tea/coffee and a time of fellowship. Check the bulletin in September for more information.



A great group at a wonderful luncheon.



Retreats, fellowship,
& Discipleship!!

*Did you know
Mission Services
picks up donations
from the box in
the Narthex
every week?*



What's coming up...

Once again this year several members of OPC have the privilege of attending a **retreat at St. Georges Anglican Church** on June 2nd. The theme of the retreat, **Life in the Vine**, is based on the scripture John 15: 1-17. The day consists of presentations, reflection on scripture and prayerful walking. A second retreat with the same theme will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at the home of Cathy Chapin. Feedback from these re-

treat days of intentionally nurturing our faith has always been both positive and encouraging. For further information contact Jean Cameron.

CY2018 (Canada Youth) July 2-4th Stirred Not Shaken has 4 different tracks: Youth Track - High School; Discipleship Track 19-25yrs; Youth Ministry Track; The Next Track - Church Leaders For more info contact Jeff Hopkins, Judy Buchanan or Marianne Ashbourne.

Women's Evening Connection Tues. May 29th 7-8:30 Our Korean sisters in Christ will be sharing their faith stories, cultural challenges & customs and some tips on preparing their delicious Korean food. All women & friends are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars:

Fall Women's Breakfast Saturday, September 22 "What Is Your S.H.A.P.E.?"

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Our New Y/YA Leader...

Our new Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader, Jeff Hopkins, started April 16, 2018. Jeff was born and raised in London and began his faith journey right here at Oakridge Presbyterian Church at a young age. After receiving God's call on his life as a teenager to become a youth pastor, he continued on his path and attended Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener.

Jeff graduated in 2009 with a Bachelors' degree in Theology specializing in youth ministry. He has served in youth ministry for the past 10 years in various capacities. He has a desire to see young people begin a personal relationship with Jesus and a passion to share God's love to all those around him. The Scripture reading was from 1 Corinthians 13, the chapter that

speaks about the greatest gift: love. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Brittany, and they have two young boys: Charlie and Benjamin.

Questions about what's happening with the Youth and Young Adults? Contact Jeff at: 519-471-2290 X226 or email: jhopkins@oakridge.london.on.ca or check out the OPC website.

Changes...

In Memorium – We extend our condolences to the families of David Matty, Mary Russell, John Rankin, Alex Forsyth and Karyn Stuart, who passed away.

Baptisms – We celebrated the baptism of Oliver, son of Janet Cox and Peter Houghton.

Celebrations – Congratulations to the following members/adherents who cele-

brated milestone birthdays: Bill McFarlane, Shawn Davison, Jerry Heerema, Norma McIntyre, Fran Montgomery, Alden Malcomson, Marjorie Dool and Yke Rusticus. Celebrating their 50th anniversary were Margaret & Ted Smith and Ron & Sharon Robinson. David and Anca Buckley celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Confirmants – The following Youth were confirmed

at OPC – Connor Brulé, Naidan Buckley, Emily Doroshenko, David Fadiya, Samuel Fadiya, James Malcomson, Melanie McCallum, Amy Waterson, Andrew Waterson, Charlie Yoon.

New Adult Members – The following adults joined OPC - Brock & Caroline Childerhose, Lynda Deacon, Evelyn Furness, Doug & Rosalie Jamieson, David & Lily Kim, Barry McNaughton

Transforming Mission Team...

We are excited to announce that the TM Team regrouped at its May 2nd meeting with former members Olive Bell (former chairperson), Dave Feenstra, Rev. Ed Hoekstra and three new members: Rosalie Jamieson, Jeff Hopkins and Doug Jamieson (lead). This team will continue to administer the annual grant from the Oakridge Presbyterian Church Outreach Fund held by the London Community Foundation (LCF). Oakridge Presbyterian Church (OPC) is the designated

charity. This grant will be generated in perpetuity from the investment of funds donated to the LCF by an anonymous donor. The donor has specified that the grant is to be used by OPC:

- to reach the unchurched group of people, brand new to the faith
- to introduce the unchurched to the Christian faith
- to build up the body of Christ at Oakridge Presbyterian Church

This fund is an investment in people and outreach only and

not to be used for bricks, mortar and facility operations.

While several existing OPC ministries wholly or partially meet the grant specifications, TMT is also looking for new initiatives to fulfil its mandate within the overall strategy for evangelism at OPC. Suggestions from the congregation are welcome. For further information, please contact Doug Jamieson djamieson_ca@yahoo.ca or any TMT member.

TMT:

to reach the unchurched and introduce them to the Christian faith

OPC's New Session Members...

David Elliott: Since my youth I have been very involved in many aspects of Christian ministry and Christian Education. Trained in history and theology, I have specialized in church history as a professor and worked as an interim and a supply minister. Since joining Oakridge I have been active on the Mission and Outreach team, conducted Faith at the Flicks, preached at the Men's Mission, and taught the church history segment for Oakridge's new members' class. As an elder I will work to further the evangelistic outreach and spiritual growth of Oakridge.

Pat Griffin: I attended Sunday School at OPC and became a member when I was 13 years old. I was married at Oakridge. My parents Joe and Kathie Cooper were long time members. I taught Sunday School at OPC for 25 years. Most of these children now have children of their own. I served on the

Board of Managers for several years and became an elder serving on session when Rev. Terry officiated. I am retired now and have more time to spend with friends & family and have become more involved in the Church. Presently I am involved with counting, Church Connectors, coffee on Sunday, the Prayer Team, Leading with Care and Communion set up. I look forward to continuing serving on Session and moving forward with the changes in our Church and seeing what God has planned for our future.

Bob Martin: My family has been part of OPC since we moved to London in 1990. The choice to join OPC was due in part that my wife's (Nancy) grand-parents were long term members of OPC. Our 3 sons (Rob, Ted and Wes) were also actively involved in many OPC activities including Blue Angels, Youth Alpha, A/V operators, OPC ball teams and Presbyteri-

an sponsored Mission trips. I have been involved over the past number of years helping out with the Alpha program and with the A/V team. I feel incredibly blessed with an awesome family, great health and welcome this opportunity to serve on session, continue to build my faith and give back to the OPC community.

Ruth McCallum: While greatly honoured when asked to stand for Session, it was only after many discussions with God and family that I accepted the nomination. OPC will always be a part of who I am, having been baptized, confirmed and married here. You may know me through prior involvement in the OPC Blood Donor Clinics, Bible Studies, Sunday School, Choir and Session. Three of the greatest blessings in my life are Barry, my husband of 24 years, Rebecca our 17 year old daughter and Joseph, our 8-year-old son. (cont. back page)

Minister: Rev. Ed Hoekstra
Children's Ministry: Sonia Brule
Youth/Young Adult Ministry: Jeff Hopkins
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OPC GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY, JUNE 10
@ 2PM
At Crumlin Creek Golf Club
"Shot gun start"

- 12 holes "best ball" format
- Cost: \$25.00 per person
- Great prizes!!

Sign up in the narthex. Team entries welcome!!



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Andrew Reid: I am very honored to be an Elder. After much encouragement from my family and a lot of praying I accepted the nomination. I was born, baptized, attended Sunday school and became a member at 18 at Oakridge. As a teenager and young adult I attended the Presbyterian Young People's Society (PYPS) for 10 years serving on many event committees and the Executive. Over my many years at Oakridge I helped in the nursery, Sunday School, youth group, served communion and many other events. I am looking forward to serving on session.

Doug Vandervrie: My wife (Kim) and I have been attending OPC since 1995 when we moved to

the London area. Our 3 boys, Eric, Ian & Darin were all baptized here and have grown up in this church. In the late 1990's, I was called to Eldership and served through to 2010 when my term ended. During my time at OPC, I have been involved with such areas as Mission & Outreach, Finance & Tech and most notably behind the scenes with many of the A/V & Technical aspects at the church. 1 Peter 4:10 states we are to use our "gifts" to serve others. I am honoured to be called again to a serving Elder position at OPC.

Alex Waterson: I started attending OPC in 2009, and became a member shortly after. My wife Janice and I served in the Sunday

School for several years. I recently graduated from the Bethel Bible Study course. My children were just Confirmed and my son Andrew helps with video during the services. I am also an avid reader of Christian books. My relationship with Christ is the cornerstone of my life. I have been hoping to serve in the church in a larger capacity and I am ready to serve on session.

