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

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Worship Service changes...

Service schedules & changes: On **Sun. September 8**, we held an **Open House & Church BBQ** here at OPC, as part of our outreach effort. There was one service on that day at 10:00 am.

Our monthly **Communion service**, scheduled for that date, will be postponed until **Sun. September 15**, when we will also have a single service at 10:00 am. OPC will be returning to two morning services

on **Sun. September 22**. We will have our regular **blended service** at 10:00 am, as was the case all summer, while the new **Alternative service** will start at 11:30 am each week.

IGNITE: The former Sunday afternoon contemporary service announces the launch of IGNITE, a Saturday evening themed event! The Ignite services will take place about 4 times over the next 12 months.

The first event, 'IGNITE the Passion', is an evening of worship music and praise on Sat. September 28 @ 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you



The 'Hubb' starts up...

The 'Hubb' at Oakridge
What is Hubb? Hospitality, Unity, Bridge Building! A time on Tuesdays to give the congregation and our neighbours an evening when they can come for supper, then go home or stay for a short (25 minutes of singing with a short message) service. This evening will function as an outreach to the com-

munity around the church. Special invitations will be made to those who are challenged financially and otherwise. After the meal and a short worship service, the hope is to offer a Bible study and/or Alpha course in the future. Congregants can support this ministry with a 'free-will' offering. Those invited from the community

will not be encouraged to give towards the meal. This is a complimentary dinner for the community supported by the 'Transforming Mission Team'. Our first Hubb dinner will be September 17 starting at 5:30 pm. Please come and join us and feel free to invite neighbours.

Our outside banner....

“YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE” The banner on the outside east wall of our church building proclaims we are a neighbourhood church. What does that mean? Where is our neighbourhood? Who are our neighbours? Since our church building is located in the centre of the Oakridge subdivision obviously it's the people in the local Oakridge community. They are also the people in our families and our individual neighbourhoods. So we have invited our neighbours to our worship ser-

vice, Open House, and barbecue. We hope they “Come and See” and return to become part of our OPC community. As OPC members our job is to welcome our neighbours, make them feel at home, show them around, get to know them better, and encourage them on their spiritual journey.

The role of the Transforming Mission Team (TMT) is to encourage and support congregational activities and events which will attract and encourage our neighbours in their spiritual journey. TMT can also pro-

vide financial support for events and activities which reach out to unchurched people in the Oakridge community, introduce them to the Christian faith and build up the body of Christ at OPC.

OPC staff, groups, committees and individuals are invited and encouraged to suggest new and, perhaps, novel outreach projects that meet the criteria above. Further info and Project Proposal Forms are available from TMT lead, Doug Jamieson 519-471-1180 or djamieson_ca@yahoo.ca

Wanted: Audio/Video

Operators for Sunday Services. Training

Provided. Contact Bob

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New Sound System

Thanks to your generous support, a new sound system has been installed in the sanctuary. A new configuration of speakers and amplifiers was installed and connected to our Sound Board. Our volunteer operators were provided with over 16 hours of training in sound concepts and oper-

ating techniques. We have also simplified recording, and operation of the sound environment.

The system was first used at the Sunday Service on August 25, 2019. Initial congregational feedback has been quite positive.

The project is still under way as we deal with cos-

metic issues such as concealing the new cabling, and making sure that we have not created any safety hazards.

The AV team looks forward to working with the music team on this exciting new initiative.

Duane Salo

Activities at OPC...

Calling All Men! The monthly Men's Breakfast kicked off the fall session, **Sat. September 7th!!**

They start at **8am** with a great breakfast and fellowship at Oakridge Presbyterian Church. A guest speaker follows at 8:30am for 15-20 minutes with a brief discus-

sion and you are out by 9am. Our speakers come from all walks of life and will share how they see Christ working in their lives, in the jobs they do each and every day. The cost is a free-will offering.

Calling All Women! Women's Fall Breakfast: **Satur-**

day, September 28 @ 9am the theme 'One More Step...'

What else is starting up? Bible studies, Quilters/ Hand Stitchers / Knitters, Wednesday Café, etc. Check the screens and bulletins for information.

OPC Golf is Great!

Our OPC Golf tournament was held on the beautiful Sunday afternoon of June 9th 2019. We had 28 golfers join us for the day playing the 12 hole course at Crumlin Creek (adjacent to the airport) It is a best ball format, a way for novice and experienced golfers to have fun. Golf was followed by dinner in the club house and the awarding of prizes. The winning team with the lowest score was composed of Lawrence, Tyson and Josh Mizzi as well as Ian Buchanan. Their names have been

engraved on a shield for 2019 on the OPC golf trophy which you can view in the library. The golf committee would like to send our sincere appreciation to the following local businesses who donated prizes to support our event. These included: A&W, Gordon's Gold, Aviva, Libro, Golf Town, BDO, Byron Pizza, KPMG, Crossings, Crabby Joe's, Oakridge Ford, Soprano's Pizza, Remark, and Pizza Hut-Byron. Also thanks to those members of the congregation who donated prizes. All

were much appreciated. Please remember these neighbourhood businesses when you are out shopping and dining. Our annual golf tournament is great fun and a wonderful way to get to know other church members. The 'best ball format' makes it fun for golfers at all skill levels. We look forward to another successful event next year on June 14th 2020. Please note the date and come out and join us.

Thanks to all who work to keep OPC a vibrant congregation.

Thanks....

Thanks to Dave and Mary Jane Laphorne, Susan Cooper, Hank Woudenberg, Wilma Boyce, and Lawrence Mizzi (and anyone else who might have been missed) for all your work in OPC's gardens this summer. It was a hot and/or wet summer to be working outside so we all

appreciate the time you put in to make OPC welcoming on the outside as well as the inside.

OPC helped to financially support 6 children to attend Camp Kintail this year. These children would have not been able to

attend otherwise. Feedback received indicates that the Kintail experience helped these children to grow in their relationship with Christ. Thanks for everyone's support!



Presbytery Information

The following is a summary of information sent out by the Principal Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly. The 2019 meeting of the [General Assembly](#) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada met in Waterloo, Ontario, June 2-6, 2019. After a process of prayerful discernment, the following recommendations were adopted: That the following be approved and remitted to presbyteries under the **Barrier Act**:

--The Presbyterian Church in Canada holds two parallel definitions of marriage and recognizes that faithful, Holy Spirit filled, Christ centred, God honouring people can understand marriage as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman or as a covenant relationship between two adult persons. That congregations, sessions, ruling and teaching elders be granted liberty of conscience and action on marriage.

--That congregations and presbyteries may call and ordain as ministers and elect and ordain as ruling elders LGBTQI persons (married or single) with the provision that liberty of conscience and action regarding participation in ordinations, inductions and installations be granted to ministers and ruling elders. With the approval of the above two recommendations, **the first of a three-step process** has taken place. (cont. p. 4)

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Message from the Editor:

There is a lot going on at OPC...not all of it makes it into the Oakleaf. Please check the screens, the bulletin, and/or with team leaders to make sure you don't miss any activity or opportunity at OPC.

Janet Donkervoort, Editor



Presbytery Info

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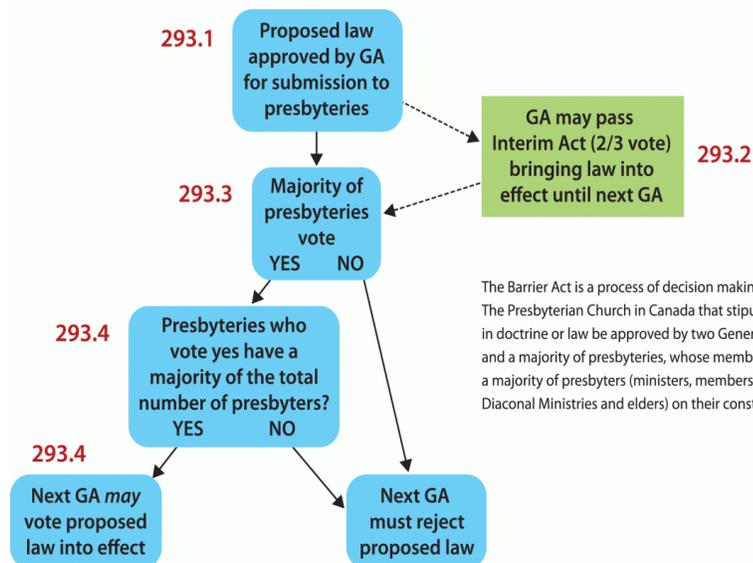
The **Barrier Act** is this three-step process of decision making within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It stipulates that changes in doctrine or law be approved by **two General Assemblies and a majority of presbyteries**, whose membership represents a majority of ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and elders on their constituent rolls.

Between now and the 2020 General Assembly, presbyteries will vote on the recommendations (now known as 'remits') and if a majority (that represent a majority of ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and elders on their constituent rolls) is reached in that step (step 2), the 2020 General Assembly may pass the recommendations (by voting at that General Assembly) into the law and policy of the church, which would be step 3.

Additional recommendations were adopted as follows:

--That the Clerks of Assembly be instructed to provisionally prepare

The Barrier Act (Book of Forms 293)



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guidelines to ensure that calls to LGBTQI ministers and the election of LGBTQI elders are facilitated in presbyteries and congregations.

--That the Moderator write a pastoral letter to the church.

--That as a matter of urgency, the Life and Mission Agency provide a means for those affected by this decision to express their concerns, views and pain in a safe environ-

ment, and that these concerns be reported back to the 2020 General Assembly before the report on remits is received and its recommendations considered.

The Rev. Stephen Kendall,
Principal Clerk

The Rev. Don Muir, Deputy Clerk
 (Submitted by Janet Donkervoort,
 Session Representative to Presbytery)