



The Oak Leaf

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Summer was fun, Thanks....

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

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Community BBQ / Picnic: On August 13th we were blessed with a beautiful day for our community BBQ. There was fun for all ages. It was great to see so many come out to join in! We cooked 192 hamburgers, 100 hotdogs and many people brought salads and desserts to complete our meal. We were pleased to see so many of our members and our Spanish brothers and sisters in Christ bring friends and family out for food, fun and fellowship. I met a few people who utilize our church facilities through the day care and the ESL program. I also met a few from the community who showed up to sup-

port what they thought was a great idea for the Oakridge community. Praise God.



Welcoming our friends and neighbours to fellowship .

Debbie's horse ride was a particular favourite and had kids lined up the whole time. There were lots of painted faces running around, climbing in the large bouncy castle,

playing games, sack racing, dressing up for pictures and pie throwing...all the while being entertained by Duncan and Tom on guitar and harmonica. Thanks to all who lent their time and efforts for such a great time. Thanks to the Transforming Mission Team who supported the effort for building relationships in Christ through the London Community Foundation.

Crystal Bell, Chair of Fellowship and Service Ministries

Fall is Powering Up...

*Hello everyone,
Just a reminder that you are all invited to the **Power-Up** event on **Saturday, September 9th** starting at 9:30 am until 12:30 pm
Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday if you are planning to come.
Hope to see you there!
Shalom, Wilma*

Check the following pages of our newsletter to find when a favourite program is starting, or one you want to start attending....Don't see your program here? Check with last year's convener, the church bulletin, or call the OPC office...there's so much going on we're sure to have

missed some. Also, there are many opportunities to volunteer at OPC...again, check with last year's convener and keep an eye on the bulletin/website.



Faith at the Flicks: movies & fellowship

For Movie Lovers....

Faith at the Flicks: On September 8th we will begin a new season of **Faith at the Flicks** at the Inspirit Residence, 81 Baseline West at 6 pm. The purpose of Faith at the Flicks is:

- to provide a small group, multi-generational fellowship
- to explore the biblical issues of forgiveness, loving your neighbour, discipleship, worship, evangelism, church history and Chris-

tian biography through the vehicle of film

- to provide a relaxed atmosphere where you can bring seeker friends to learn about the Christian faith

to cause us to think theologically about current issues

The evenings begin with a pot-luck meal, followed by a TV program or feature film (which could be a Christian or secular produc-

tion) and a discussion of its content. Bring your favourite first course or dessert, and plates & utensils.

Hosted by David and Nancy Elliott. [519-294-0728](tel:519-294-0728).

The other dates for the fall will be Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 8th.

REMINDER:
CELEBRATION
OF AFTERNOON
COMMUNION
October 1st at
2:30. For further
information call
Jean Keith at
[519-471-3092](tel:519-471-3092)

Connecting at OPC...

Church Connectors are:

- *People who brighten someone's day with a pastoral care visit
- *People who like to contact with a phone call, just to say, "Hey, how are you?"
- *People who like to visit over a coffee (and donut?)
- *People who gather new members together for a

meal and community building

- *People who encourage through hospital and home visits

*People building community creatively, ... it's fun and challenging, like assembling colourful building toys

- *People who get together every two months to learn,

socialize, and encourage each other

If you wish to be connected in any of these ways or would like to learn more about this community building ministry contact Wilma Boyce at [519-471-2290](tel:519-471-2290) ext 225.

Growing in faith at OPC



Bible Study: Beginning on **Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30** in the Upper Room, we will continue our study with chapter 5 of Ephesians. Everyone is welcome.

Alpha will begin again in **October on every Wednesday** with a Launch Party on October 4 at 6 PM. There is a city-wide Alpha promotion campaign and you will see Alpha being promoted on billboard signs, social media and in movie theaters. Furthermore, the Why

Book will be delivered to every household in London with an invitation to Alpha. But, a personal invitation seems to be the best way to invite someone to Alpha, so we encourage you to invite your friends to our Alpha.

Men & Women: Mark your calendars...

Calling All Men! The **Men's Breakfast Club** is ready to kick off the fall session, **Saturday, September 9th!!** (due to the long weekend). We usually meet on the first Saturday of each month. The cost is a free-will offering. Join us at **8am** for a great breakfast and fellowship at Oakridge Presbyterian Church. A guest speaker follows at 8:30am for 15-20 minutes with a brief discussion 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. Invite a friend and come on out. If you enjoy your time with us, come again and bring another friend. We look forward to seeing you. Our guest speaker will be OPC's: **Andrew Dearing**

Mark your calendars! - **Women's Fall Breakfast** Sept. 23rd. 9-11 a.m. Hospitality: Love in Action; featured guests "The

Bean Ladies" Enjoy a fun demonstration & try a sample of their handmade, homemade product. Friends are welcome - spread the word!

W.E.C. (Women's Evening Connection) - Mark your calendars! Start-up get together is Tues. evening, Sept. 26th, 7-8:30p.m. Why not join us?

Are you a keen reader? Then READ THIS!!
For all keen readers who are interested, a book/reading club will be starting up this Fall. Stay tuned for further details!!!!

Changes....

In Memorium - We extend our condolences, to the family of Gord Forrington who passed away in July and, to Tom Orr & family as they mourn the passing of Jean in early September.

Baptisms – We celebrated the baptism in July of Iona Marshall, daughter of Ina and Wade Marshall. Also in July, Emma

Jeon, Ina Marshall, Jiyong Song and Wonjong Song were baptized.

New Members – We welcomed new members in July: Veron Enow, Irene Gibson, John Hart, Emma Jeon, Matthew Lebold, Ina Marshall, Sarah McLean, Edna McMaster, Rodger McMaster, Sandra Morehouse,

William Nunn, Jiyong Song and Wonjong Song.

Celebrations – Congratulations to the following members/adherents who celebrated birthdays: Mary Feenstra (85), John Hart (90) and Lawrence Mizzi (60). Mary and Joe Leatham celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August.

Youth News...

Youth Council was formed over the summer and is made up of Aaron, Ian, Jason, Jin, Justyn, Nathaniel, Pearen and Sam. They meet regularly to plan and lead activities and provide leadership amongst peers in Youth Ministry. They are planning to attend two Christian youth con-

ferences to strengthen their spirituality and leadership. They will be acknowledged on Commissioning Sunday, September 10. Please pray regularly for them.

There are volunteer opportunities to work with our Youth and Children's Ministries. Consider

this opportunity to help our young people grow in their faith.



Support our Youth through prayer and/or volunteering.

Ministers: Rev. Ed Hoekstra
Rev. John Park
Korean Ministry: Rev. Susan Lee
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Message from Mission & Outreach:

A new initiative of the Mission and Outreach Committee will draw our attention to missionaries who are living in various parts of the world spreading the gospel. Our September focus is on the Bauman family: Dr. Nick and Becky and their 3 children, Silas, Selega and Freda.

Nick serves as a General Surgeon at the United Mission Hospital Tansen in Nepal. Becky is an Occupational Therapist who believes that mission is all about relationship. She is looking to build relationships with the people around her and helping where there is a need. Mission has always played an important role in the Baumans' lives. Nick shares, "My faith community has always stressed the importance of mission, particularly the sense that our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and that we are entrusted by God to be stewards of this gift"

How we as a congregation can help: Becky asks that we pray for smooth transitions, home-making, patience, skills for language learning, and most of all that they will develop friendships and caring relationships with people who live there. Also, pray for their safety, health, and that through them, people will come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

'Extravaganza' is coming...

ARTISTS, ARTISANS, CRAFTERS AND MASTERS OF CULINARY DELIGHTS EXTRAVAGANZA!

OPC is hosting this event on **Sat., November 4, 2017** from **9:30am - 2pm** and it promises to be spectacular!

Come enjoy this exhibition and sale of the work of artists, artisans, crafters and masters of culinary delights from our neighbourhood, and beyond.

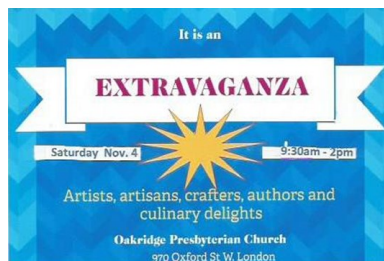
Experience the international flare featuring textiles, ceramics, woodworking, photography, acrylic, stone work, music and more. There will be baked goods, candy, and preserves.

The Women's Association will be serving a chili luncheon (at a small cost), and of course they will have their famous bake table.

Now is the time to consider being a vendor at **Extravaganza**. The cost for an 8' table and chair is

\$25.00. You keep any profit. I do hope you will consider being a vendor and make this event part of your fall schedule.

All the proceeds of the table rentals will go toward the Women's Association outreach projects.



Contact Sharlene Grant:
grantsa2001@rogers.com
(facebook is coming)

P.S. Donated baked goods will be graciously received Thurs Nov.2, and Friday morning Nov.3.

Mark Saturday November 4 on your calendars.