

**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. Please sign the Welcome & Sign-In Pad letting us know of your presence in worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Deacon of the Day, Karl Hamberger, who will be available after worship at the Guest Welcome Center in the Reception Room.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** and large print bulletins and hymns (in binders) are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**BABY CARE** for infants through three year olds is available in the Mother's Day Out nursery located in the Education Wing.

**THE OFFERING** is one way for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure Online Giving to OPPC** is now available. Please refer to the contribution cards in the seat-back where you will find the QR code.

**AUDIO/VIDEO SERMONS** are available on our website, [oppchurch.org](http://oppchurch.org).

*Sunday Morning Worship and Program Facilitators*

**Advent Candle Lighters:** The McBride family  
**Baby Care:** JoAnn Tokasz and Lisa Quinn  
**Communion Servers:** Sarah McBride, Nancy Meister, Jamie Owens, Laurie Patterson, TJ Quinn, Jan Robinson, Melissa Roth, Al Sager  
**Deacon of the Day:** Karl Hamberger  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Erin McCampbell with Josephine and Adya, and Jason Somerville (head usher)  
**Worship Assistant:** Russell Etzenhouser

**THE WAYS OPPC PRAYS**

**PRAYER BOARD** – The Prayer Board is located in the Reception Room near the name tags. Please write or draw your prayer on one of the small slips of paper provided and clip it onto the board. The Prayer Board will be carried into worship but not read aloud or shared. The prayers are considered “unspoken prayers from our hearts.” This is a unique and special opportunity for children, and all members of our congregation to express their concerns or joys.

**OPPC WELCOME REGISTRY** - If you have a prayer concern and would like it lifted before God this week, please share your prayer request through our Welcome Registry in the red pad located in each row in the sanctuary, or speak with a pastor after the service.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** - Each week we highlight several families from our congregation and ask you to pray for them, by name, during daily devotions. The families are not selected because of any specific need or immediate concern, but simply as a way to keep our entire congregation in our prayers. The families this week are the Gray family, John Greer, Mick and Susan Griffin, and Alyssa Grinder and Nick Rodriguez.

*The Staff of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church*

The Rev. Dr. Richard Young, Head of Staff  
The Rev. Allyn Foster, Pastoral Assistant  
Linda Babcock, Director of Education and Mission  
Gregory White, Director of Music  
Sherry Pomeroy, Faith Community Nurse  
Bonnie Arnold, Director of Handbells & Children's Music  
Deborah Babski, Office Manager  
Aimee McCann, Executive Assistant  
Deborah Galloway, Administrative Support Coordinator  
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*A thriving faith community engaged in compassionate service.*



**HOPE**

*December 2, 2018*  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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## Community Events

### Handel's Messiah

Advent Chorale of WNY and WNY Chamber Orchestra  
Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.  
Admission: \$10.00

### Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, December 9, after both worship services

### Men's Study Group

Thursdays, December 13 and 27, at 7:00 a.m. at Panera Breads

### Let's Do Lunch

Thursday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m.  
Lunch and program. Reservations are required.  
Cost: \$10.00

### Advent Spiral

Friday, December 14 ~ Free!  
6:00 p.m. soup & bread dinner; 6:45 p.m. spiral

### Chorale Concert

Saturday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m.  
For information [www.orchardparkchorale.org](http://www.orchardparkchorale.org)

### A Special Christmas Something

Sunday, December 23, at 10:30 a.m.

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24  
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Worship Services

### UNYTS Blood Drive

Thursday, December 27, from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Looking for that special Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Join us at the **OPPC HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE** today from **9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and shop for a gift that is fairly traded, handcrafted by OPPC, community and/or refugee women. Lots of goods to choose from especially the knowledge that your gift helps folks locally or across the globe year round! Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the marketplace!

**A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SOMETHING** practice takes place today, December 9, and 16 at 9:30 a.m. as well as 10:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, December 22. If your child/youth is not involved in this, please contact Linda Babcock for an alternate activity.

**LET'S DO LUNCH** concludes its 2018 season in the spirit of the holidays on Thursday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. Back by popular demand, Grandfather's Band makes a return performance, featuring holiday favorites. A hot, catered luncheon will be enjoyed followed by the musical performance. The cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. Reservations are required. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday, December 10.

Come and prepare for the Christmas Season! Participate in a unique presentation of the **ADVENT SPIRAL** on Friday, December 14. Join us for soup and bread dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent Spiral at 6:45 p.m.

**POINSETTIAS** will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you wish to order a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out an envelope available at the Welcome Center and specify the number, red or white, and how you would like your dedication to read. The cost is \$8.00/plant. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 16. Thank you.

Please sign up to bring food items or volunteer on Thursday, December 20, for our **PEACE, LOVE, AND FOOD COMMUNITY MEAL**. We are hoping to grow attendance at this dinner so if you know of anyone who eats alone, please invite them to attend with you!

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS** – If you are planning on going south for the winter months, please notify the church office of your departure date and preferred address. Thank you!

The 2019 Communion Table **FLOWER CALENDAR** is available beginning today. There are no pre-reserved dates. One family per week, please. The cost per arrangement is \$40.00 and will be provided by *Expressions Florist*. Thank you for your support by contributing to the beauty of our worship with a floral arrangement.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Ben Young and family on the death of his sister, Nancy Stone, on November 21, in Florida.

**ALL SIGN UP SHEETS** are at the Welcome Center

## HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

*Are you providing care to someone with memory loss?*

**OPEN DOOR @ OPPC MEMORY CARE RESPITE PROGRAM** available now to serve people living with mild to moderate Alzheimer's or dementia. The four-hour program on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month** includes trained volunteers who offer fun, fellowship, and purposeful activities with your loved one while you take a much-needed break! This program is open to the community. **For more information or to register your loved one for OPEN DOOR contact Sherry Pomeroy, RN, Faith Community Nurse** at [sherry@oppchurch.org](mailto:sherry@oppchurch.org) or 662-9348 ext. 309.

**Thank you** to all who completed the Volunteer Training for **OPEN DOOR** and completed the Dementia/Alzheimer's Sensitivity Program. If you are interested in **volunteering or learning more about dementia** please contact **Sherry Pomeroy**.

## *OPPC Calendar*

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. OPPC Holiday Marketplace – Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Baby Care – MDO Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. Education for all ages
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir warm up – Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Reception Room
- 12:00 p.m. OPPC Welcome Lunch – The Meeting Place
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 30350 - Undercroft

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

- 5:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I – Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Cooperative Preschool Board
- 7:00 p.m. Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary/Reception Room

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays With Tools – Meet at church
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Camp Duffield Board – The Meeting Place

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Workshop – The Meeting Place
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Circle Luncheon – Reception Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

- 10:00 a.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University – Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Quaker Quilters – Reception Room
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Straightaway (12 Step Recovery) – Undercroft

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Music With Mar – Undercroft
- 7:30 p.m. Handel's "Messiah" Concert - Sanctuary