At a recent Session meeting members of the OPPC Mission Ministry Team presented an overview of our congregation’s mission commitments. They reviewed our 4 Priority Areas: 1. Feeding Ministries, 2. Support to Children & Families, 3. Refugee and Immigrant Partnerships, 4. National and Global Initiatives. Within these 4 priority areas they shared how, with a combination of hands-on involvement and financial support, we annually partner with more than 25 organizations that reflect the values we hold dear as followers of Christ. This vital work is one way our congregation lives into our Mission Statement: ‘A thriving faith community engaged in compassionate service.’

There is no doubt in my mind that the ministry of OPPC makes a significant difference in the world. The many members and friends of OPPC not only contribute to this work, but more importantly, carry that work into the world on a daily basis. My gratitude to each of you for putting your faith into action.

Blessings,

Dick Young, Pastor, OPPC
Church Officers
Our church officers play a vital role in the life of our congregation. The Session is responsible for the governance and oversight of the congregation. The Deacons are the core of all caring ministries within the congregation. These folks are elected by the congregation to serve 3-year terms. We are grateful to those who step forward and accept responsibility for serving the church in these special ways. Nominations for elder and deacon are considered in March and April for elections in May.

Class of 2019  Class of 2020  Class of 2021

**Session**

Andrew Brydges  Sienna Berkheiser  Russell Etzenhouser
William Helfrich  Carol Blackley  Ryan Kilpatrick
Douglas McFarland  Melissa Brydges  Dan Kowalik
Douglas McMahon  Bradley Day  Nancy Meister
Marcy Partacz  William Hess  Jamie Owens
Laurie Patterson  Sarah McBride  T.J. Quinn
Michael Rodems  Joel Ridge  Melissa Roth
Donald Schmid  Jan Robinson  Gary Thomas

Al Sager—Clerk of Session

**Board of Deacons**

John Beyer  Patricia Boyczuk  Jim Barry
Carol Kiener  Griff Esslinger  Amy Carpenter
Mary McKinley  Karl Hamberger  Beth Etzenhouser
Colleen Mitchell  Michele Pellette  Sarah Knodel
Susan Roesgen  Carol Savage  Diane Owens
Bennett Young  Gerry Scofield  Meredith Wilson

Financial Report

2018 was another solid financial year for OPPC as expenses tracked very close to income. While our budgeted figure for pledged income was approx. $488,000, our actual pledges came in at $457,000. While this put us ‘behind budget’, a significant bump in unpledged receipts covered most of that deficit. We are grateful for the many ways the members and friends of OPPC contribute to our ministry, and especially for the strong financial support offered to our congregation.

For 2019 we received a strong response to our pledge campaign, and from the 200 pledges received to date, 21 were new pledges, while 81 showed an increase over 2018. Again, we are grateful for the generosity of all those who make our work possible.
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Funds
as of December 31, 2018

The Legacy Fund—Current Balance: $970,822
2017 Balance $918,853
An annual allocation from the Legacy Fund is made to our three directed funds:
Mission, Property and Program. Bequests, memorial gifts, and gifts specifically
designated for the Legacy Fund support projects beyond the scope of operating budget.

1.) Mission Fund—Current Balance: $16,214
Funds used in 2018: $46,771
Providing for special mission projects and mission support locally, nationally and internationally.

2.) Property Fund—Current Balance: $83,572
Funds used in 2018 $4,861
Allows us to care for our extensive campus, perform preventative maintenance, as well as plan for needed capital improvements. Funds currently held have been committed to a five-year plan of the Property Ministry Team for various repairs/renovations including Sanctuary painting and roof repair. It is anticipated the majority of this fund will be expended in 2019 for critical maintenance projects that have already been prioritized by the Property Team.

3.) Program Fund—Current Balance: $7,360
Funds used in 2018: $37,334
This fund to supports specialized education, worship and arts programs, as well as other initiatives that help us grow as a faith community. In 2018 the majority of these funds were used to install an access control for the church as well as upgrade handicap access.
OPPC Board of Deacons Annual Report

The Board of Deacons, who along with the Session comprise the elected leadership of our congregation, are responsible for the physical and spiritual care of persons in our congregation and community. In cooperation with the Health Ministry Team and our Faith Community Nurse, we seek to identify and connect with persons who may need assistance relating to ageing, health care, nutrition, or simply the need for warm friendship. To this end, each Deacon maintains contact with an assigned list of individuals or households. Deacons help fulfill our call to be a caring and compassionate faith community.

With Gratitude for the work of the Board of Deacons and the support of OPPC.

Rev. Allyn Foster, Staff Liaison to the Board of Deacons.

OPPC Membership Information for 2018

Membership 1/1/18 ~ 703 Active Members
Increase during 2018 ~ 26 Members
Decrease during 2018 ~ 45 Members
Membership 12/31/18 ~ 684 Active Members
(422 Member Families)

Members Joined in 2018


In Memorium—2018

Mary Brown, Ann Hillyer, Marion Hodgson, Betty Kuhn, Dorothy Lane, Eric Olandt, John Peterson, Dorothy Runk, Thomas Runk, Mary Tingley