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Oak Leaves



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Worship Opportunities in April 2019

Sunday, April 7—Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness & Self-Control

Holy Week

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Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

Worship is at 8:15 & 10:45 am. Pastor Mary will preach. The Deacons will provide a delicious, relaxing brunch between services (*more on page 2*).

Wednesday, April 17, No Wednesday Programs

Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Soup and Communion Service



Friday, April 19, 8:00 pm Good Friday
Tenebrae Service



Sunday, April 21- Easter



6:15 am **Worship with Sunrise Communion Service** at Bloomington Cemetery (Lyndale at 104th Street)

Celebration of the Resurrection at the church at 8:15 and 10:45. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and Intergenerational Orchestra. (*See p 3 for more info for how you can take part in the orchestra.*) There will be *no Faith Formation class* on Easter Sunday but the children (through 5th grade) will have great fun with the annual egg hunt at 10:00 am.



Deadline for the May 2019 Oak Leaves is **April 15** - Articles may be edited for space and/or content.

April 2019

Sunday, April 28, Messy Church (*see page 8 for more info*).



Plan to join us as the Board of Deacons hosts the traditional brunch on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 9:15 a.m. Mark your calendars now! We will enjoy delicious food, good conversation, and the blessings of fellowship. **Everyone, members and visitors, are welcome to join us!** And the Oak Grove Youth are sponsoring a free photo booth for you to enjoy.

Upcoming Adult Group Events

- >**Tuesday, Apr 2, Noon, Burger 'n' Brew Retired Men's Fellowship** at Zeke's. Young(er) men bring old(er) men to share in fellowship with others. No need to RSVP!
- >**Thursday, Apr 4, 11:00 am, Caregiver Support and Respite Care** — for all caregivers and their loved one(s) to share experiences and have a small time of respite.
- >**Monday, Apr 8, 5:00 pm, Singles** (*and anyone who would like the fellowship*) will meet at Zeke's for fun, fellowship and dinner. No reservations needed!
- >**Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 pm, Oak Rovers** (*mature adults who enjoy fellowship*) are going to the Old Log Theatre to see "Tenderly," a musical based on the life of Rosemary Clooney. This event is prepaid and required you to sign up and pay by March 24. Call Mary Jones with questions (952-831-7655 or 612-741-8287).
- >**Monday, Apr 15, 6:30 pm, Men's Mentor Group** at Northstar Tavern (formerly Famous Dave's) and then at the church at 8:00 pm. Men ages 25 - 35, come and share your ideas.

Easter Flower Sign-Ups — On Sundays, April 7 and April 14, we'll be available for you to sign up to donate in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a special event as we decorate the chancel. Your donations will be used to purchase colorful flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. After purchasing the flowers, we will send the remaining donation amount to VEAP.



On these same sign-up Sundays, you can also order chancel flowers for the Sundays when flowers are still needed for this year. Our goal is to have two arrangements each Sunday. If there is a particular Sunday you would prefer, call Penny Nesbitt (952-941-6166).

Mental Health and the Church Workshop – Sunday, April 7, Noon – 2 pm. This workshop is for parents, Deacons, Elders and any adult interested in the topic. The workshop will provide guidance for supporting youth who are experiencing mental health issues and define appropriate boundaries and roles in youth/children's ministry. Anne Klueh, a mental health professional who spent her entire career helping families navigate mental health challenges, will be our presenter. The impetus for this workshop grew from the work of Rachel Keefe, author of *The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention*. Oak Grove hosted an all-day, ecumenical workshop with Rachel in February, and we were inspired to bring this vital information to parents, youth leaders, teachers and leaders at Oak Grove. **Please RSVP by April 4** to Mary Koon (mkoon@oakgrv.org) or to the church office (ogpc@oakgrv.org or 952-888-4621). Contact Mary with any questions or concerns.

Presbyterian Women (PW) have two study circles that meet from September to June – **Evening Star Circle** (contact Connie Nesbitt, 952-935-3810) meets Tuesday evening, Apr 2 at 7 pm at the church; and **Goodrich-Nord Circle** (contact Margaret Koch, 952-881-2582) meets Wednesday, Apr 10 at 9 am at the church for Bible study. All women of the church are welcome to join a circle.

The next **Coordinating Team** meeting is Monday, May 6, 1:30 pm at the church. We encourage all women members to attend.



**Save the date for annual Spring cleaning!
Saturday, April 27 from 8 am—1:00 pm.**

We need your help to spruce up our gardens and yard. Put the date on your calendar and show up for fun and fellowship while you rake and pull weeds! We'll have morning treats and coffee available. Contact Bob Heise with questions (whaise@comcast.net).



Invitation to instrumentalists — We'll have an intergenerational orchestra for our Easter services on Sunday, April 21. There will be two rehearsals: Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am in the choir room and Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

We usually accompany all the hymns and play a few prelude pieces. Please let Judy know by March 31 if you will be playing so that she can prepare folders with the proper music and have them to you by the beginning of April.

Please consider joining us. If you have questions, contact Judy Cooper (jcooper@oakgrv.org; 952-250-9226).



Plan ahead for [Defibrillator Class/AED Training](#), Saturday, Oct 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
This class is open to all. If you are interested, contact the church or Holly Mae Dredge at 952-831-5254. Signing up now will reserve your space.

Info Needed from our Members, please!

We very much would like to have an emergency contact (family member or other) for each of our members. There are times when the pastors need to contact someone to help with an emergency that we might have with a member while they are at church or if we hear about something but cannot provide pastoral care without further information.



Please call or email the church office with your information (952-888-4621; ogpc@oakgrv.org). Even if you think you've provided this info in the past, it may have changed — we'd rather get the same info again than not have any info!

Thanks for your help. *Pastors Bill & Mary*

Extreme Weather May Cause Church Cancellations!
Did you know that we now can publicize on TV when our church activities are cancelled? Just watch WCCO-TV during extreme weather to see if Oak Grove is listed as having any cancellations. As always, we'll include the info on our Facebook page and Web site at www.oakgrv.org. Let us know if you have questions (952-888-4621 or ogpc@oakgrv.org).

One Great Hour of Sharing -- Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. This special offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works within communities as they recover after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.
- The Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger and its causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities.
- The Self-Development of People partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Your generous gifts will help fund projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing in more than 100 countries. This special offering will be collected during worship during Lent, on Palm Sunday, April 14, and Easter Sunday, April 21. Use the envelope in your packet or take one from your Sunday pew.

From Oak Grove Social Justice Committee ... **DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT**

Oak Grove's Social Justice Committee is following several bills in Congress and the Minnesota Legislature that address issues we have identified as social justice concerns for this year. We encourage members to review and follow these bills and resolutions and contact your elected officials and urge them to co-sponsor and vote for them. You can subscribe to receive updates on actions on each bill and find your member of congress and their contact information from the links provided below. We encourage you to get involved and get active - Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport.

In Congress:

- HR 8, Firearm Background Checks: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/>
- S 66, Assault Weapons Ban: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/>
- HR 1, For the People Act: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/>
- H.J.Res. 48: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-joint-resolution/48/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hjr48%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=2>

In Minnesota Legislature:

- MN HF 9, Red Flag Bill: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/>
- HF 8, MN Firearms Background Check Bill: <https://www.house.leg.state.>

2019 Intergenerational Retreat



Supportive Housing Corner

Supportive Housing is continuing our partnership with Aeon, the nonprofit developer, owner and manager of affordable housing in the Twin Cities. We have scheduled painting days to finish the work started in December at Seasons Park in Richfield. We have committed to painting the hallways, including the ceilings and trim, of three of the buildings. They are located at 7720, 7730 and 7740 4th Avenue South. The painting days are Saturdays, April 13, May 18, June 8 and July 20. Taping and prep work will be done on the Fridays before.

When our work is done, Aeon will install new carpet in the hallways, giving the buildings a fresh, new look. If you can help, please contact Rod Myers (myersrod@comcast.net) or sign up in the Narthex. We will assign a floor leader and group to each floor.

Thank you to the great group of painters in December! We hope you can come back.

Homeless Day on the Hill



Supportive Housing will attend the Aeon *Beyond Bricks & Mortar breakfast* at the Hyatt Regency, downtown, Minneapolis, on April 18 from 7:30 to 8:30 am. This is an opportunity for you to learn what Aeon, a non-profit developer, preserver, owner and manager of affordable housing is doing in our communities. The breakfast is free but it is their major fundraising event of the year. We have a few spots available at our table. Contact Lisa Pomroy at lisaorbill@msn.com or 218-591-4979 if you would like to attend. Parking is also validated for attendees.

On Sunday, March 17, children and youth joined together to make **100 sandwiches to fill an urgent need for Simpson House**. Members brought in meat and cheese on a moment's notice when they learned of the need. Huge thanks to all who donated sandwich makings and to our sandwich makers: Sue Greimel, Milissa Carter, Meg Robles, Charlie, Eliza, Matthew, Allan, Natalie, Catherine, Grace, Sam and Evan.



Adult Faith Formation

Sundays in April

Apr 7 — Cynthia Ray discusses ***Dementia-Friendly Congregations***. Cindy is Executive Director of Presbyterian Homes.

Apr 14 — **NO AFF** — Enjoy Palm Sunday Brunch

Apr 21 — Easter — **No AFF**

Apr 28 — Ned Mohan speaks about ***Hinduism***.

Wednesdays, Apr 3 & 10, Video Learning with a variety of enlightening videos.
Apr 24 will be a conversation with Pastor Bill Chadwick.



Intergenerational Faith Formation Trip to Narnia

VBS, June 10 – 13, 9 am – Noon, for ages 3 yrs thru 5th grade. **“God Sightings!”** God’s love is everywhere – in acts of service, in others, in unexpected places and in ourselves. Come, explore and experience God’s love during VBS! Registration forms are available online at <http://www.oakgrv.org/education/vacation-bible-school/> or pick one up in the church office.



Upcoming Children’s Events

April 28 Worship Service is Messy Church — our youth-focused spring worship service. Our theme this year is based on the book, *Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights* by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Jared Andrew Schorr. We are looking for readers, dancers, singers and musicians. Children 3-years-old through high school are welcome to take part. If your child or youth would like to participate, please contact Mary Koon (mkoon@oakgrv.org). Children 3 years – 5th grade will practice music and bells on Wednesday nights. We’ll give older youth lots of autonomy in reading, storytelling or otherwise sharing their gifts.



Current Financials

Through	2019		Act vs Budg	2018
	Actuals	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actuals
Income YTD	\$204,340	\$191,668	\$12,672	\$265,582
Expense YTD	\$138,209	\$147,663	\$9,454	\$132,917
Income – Exp	\$66,131	\$44,005	\$22,126	\$132,665

Westminster Town Hall Forum

Tuesday April 9, Noon, A Bold Look at Today's Headlines with **Jonathan Capehart**, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and editorial writer for *The Washington Post*, focusing on politics, social issues, and cultural change. Host of the Cape Up podcast and contributing commentator on MSNBC.

Tuesday April 30, Noon, Finding God in the Faith of Others with **Barbara Brown Taylor**, Episcopal priest, teacher, and bestselling author of fourteen books on religion and spirituality. Named one of the top twelve preachers in America, her latest book is *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*.

The Westminster Town Hall Forum is at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located on Nicollet Mall and 12th Street in downtown Minneapolis. Forums are one hour in length with a speaker presentation and Q&A. Music precedes each forum a half hour in advance, and a public reception follows. Convenient parking is available in nearby ramps.

Creative Hands Across the River Crafters

Bring your projects and join our friendly monthly meetings alternating between Oak Grove and Presbyterian Church of the Apostles (PCA — 701 E. 130th St, Burnsville). **Check the schedule below for dates and locations.** It's a fun way to get to know folks from PCA & Oak Grove and to get some work done on your crafting projects.

Questions? Dawn Baddeley dawnrn90@comcast.net (PCA) or Yvonne Dodge yvonesdodge@hotmail.com (Oak Grove).

A partnership activity between PCA and OGPC.

Apr 13 at PCA (2nd Saturday) May 11 at OGPC (2nd Saturday)



Join us for the 2019 Race for the Cure!! -- Sunday, May 12, 7:30 am at Southdale. Meet by the water tower on France Ave & 69th St at 7:00 am – call Sue's cell (612-805-2896) to find us!

Adults/kids 12 & under – register by March 31 for \$26/\$13;
April 1 – 18, \$31/\$16; April 19 - May 11, \$36/\$20; May 12, \$40/\$20,

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Edina/TwinCitiesRaceForTheCure>. Be sure to select the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church team!! We will deliver T-shirts and goodie bags to Oak Grove on Saturday, May 11. If you're interested in carpooling, please let Sue know. Call or email Sue Greimel with questions (sue.greimel@gmail.com), 612-805-2896. *If you can't join us, please donate at <https://runsignup.com/ogpc>.*

April Birthdays

(If you don't see your birthday, we either don't have that information or you requested that it not appear.)

*Important birthday (1-21) ** Significant birthday (85+)



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| 1 Eva Johnson*11; Heather Duvall; Tammy Kaplan; Polly Johnson; Karolyn Lee | 13 Nora Kelly*2 |
| 2 Vera DeLaHunt | 17 Anita Johnson*5; Jim Dutcher**86 |
| 3 Micala Burns | 19 Jake Krey |
| 4 Dawn Acker; Mary Render; Carol Dykstra**85 | 20 Sarah Orr*4; Carmen Roberts |
| 5 Bob Horvath | 21 Kay Lancette |
| 7 Brian Ebeling | 22 Lizanne Ham; Judy Acker; Barb Nelson**88 |
| 8 Cindy St. Martin | 24 Autumn St. Martin*16 |
| 9 Verona Stoesz**87 | 25 Andy Snyder; Steve St. Martin**92 |
| 10 Al Gebhard | 26 Jen Myers |
| 12 Jan Lichtenberger | 27 Harry Lichy**87 |
| | 28 David Kilpela; Joy Langer; Bob Ritter |
| | 30 Linda Blair |

Condolences to family and friends of:

Gloria Lindaman, Fran Muller's sister-in-law, died February 20.
Carol Propsom, Craig & Jane's mother, died March 4.
Jack Carlson died March 5.

Congratulations!

Evie Shelby Nesbitt was born February 21 to Greg & Melissa Nesbitt. Proud grandparents are **Penny & Bob Nesbitt**.



Frank Douglas Kelly (son of Sean & Elise Kelly) and **Margot Sage Schrad** (daughter of Heidi & Kent Schrad), were baptized by their grandfather, Pastor John Hansen, on March 10 at Oak Grove.

We are an Earth Care Congregation!



In 1990, the 202nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice", which calls our denomination to engage in the tasks of restoring creation. Congregations are invited to participate in a certification program for Earth Care Congregations based on the "Earth Care Pledge" and complete actions in the four categories identified in the pledge: worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Earth Care Pledge — Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

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Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.

In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.

Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably, the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.

Our **outreach** will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

Oak Grove's Green Committee first applied to be an Earth Care Congregation last year and Session approved the Earth Care Pledge. We renewed our certification for 2019. Oak Grove's Green Committee was created in 2013, and we submitted our committee's goals to Session in September of that year:

Mission: To demonstrate good stewardship of God's creation.

Goal 1: Reduce the church's carbon footprint by 70% by 1/1/2017, based on 1/1/2013 energy consumption. Strategies:

- a. Convert to LED lighting where practicable by 1/1/2015.
- b. Deploy solar energy as soon as rebate is approved.
- c. Examine additional opportunities for energy conservation.
- d. Implement a recycling program to recycle 85% of the trash generated within the building.
- e. Develop a plan for more efficient transportation of church members.
- f. Obtain recycled or reusable paint products for maintenance of church.

Goal 2: Develop a plan to explore other options to reduce our carbon footprint with a goal of being grid neutral by 2024.

Goal 3: Reduce storm water runoff by 33% by 1/1/2017, and develop a plan to substantially reduce water runoff in the future.

Goal 4: Educate the congregation on the importance of taking action to reduce their own carbon footprint. Strategies:

- a. Focus on social justice implications of global warming.
- b. Coordinate opportunities with other congregations.
- c. Seek the most credible and applicable information and speakers.

Goal 5: Reduce our use of toxic chemicals. Strategies:

- a. Eliminate use of pesticides and herbicides for lawn care.
- b. Find least toxic chemicals for use in building operations and maintenance.

As of February 2019, the Green Committee has achieved most of its goals. Through a combination of purchasing [wind-source](#) for the Church's electricity from Xcel Energy, installing roof solar panels and contracting with a community solar garden, we will actually have a negative carbon footprint once the community solar garden is operational. But we are still planning ways to demonstrate our stewardship of God's creation by identifying ways for members to reduce their carbon footprints. We encourage you to join our committee or follow our progress on our Committee's web page at <http://www.oakgrv.org/>.

If you have questions, contact Al Frechette (frech001@iphouse.com).



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