



Orchard Park United Methodist Church

WEEKLY

NEWSFLASH

We want Instant-everything these days. Waiting does not come as naturally as it should. That demand for the Instant impacts the way we view our faith, too. We want Instant access to God. We want Instant answers to our prayers. We want Instant spirituality, without having to work at the process. Like the wise bridesmaids in the parable we will hear on Sunday, we need to learn the art of waiting on Christ and how to fill our time appropriately. Jesus will return sometime, when we are least expecting him and we must not be found wanting. We must strive to be faithful and patient in our waiting on him.

Griffiths, S. (n.d.). Advent - a season of waiting. Retrieved November 02, 2020, from <https://standrewsenfield.com/index.php/11-sermons/160-matthew-25-1-13-advent-a-season-of-waiting>

Service Opportunities

Currently seeking volunteers for...

- Acolyte on Sundays
- Liturgist on Sundays
- Special Music on Sundays
- Clara's Closet is currently accepting donations for new or gently used comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, kitchen tools, dishes, brand-new socks (kids and adults), and very clean winter coats. Contact Candy (716) 867-5395 to arrange your donation.
- We are collecting donations for our food shelf for our AOK families. You may place donations in the bin in the Narthex by November 22.
- We are collecting donations for the Seneca Street Children's Christmas Shoppe again this year. See the attached document for their wishlist. Donations may be placed in the bin in the Narthex by November 29.

November 8

Worship Participants

PASTOR: Jennifer Stamm, CLM
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Meiko Reigelman
SPECIAL MUSIC: Kate Mulberry
LITURGIST: Mattie Stamm
ACOLYTE: Eva Stamm
A/V OPERATOR: Margot Ip



Adult Sunday School
classes will take place in
the Fellowship Hall at
9:30 AM on Sundays.
All are welcome!

Due to COVID-19 precautions,
we open the windows in the
sanctuary during service to
ensure proper air flow.
You may want to dress
more warmly as the
temperature drops!

Advent Bible Study

Join us for our Advent Bible study! We will meet via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7 PM (11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17) AND in the Fellowship Hall following service on Sundays (11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20.) You may attend whichever session is best for you. Pastor Jen will be leading us through Incarnation by Adam Hamilton, which examines the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives.



On Saturday, **November 7 from 10 AM-12 PM**, the Niagara Frontier District UMW invites everyone to participate in a book discussion about *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. The Zoom invitation will be sent prior to the event. **We will be streaming the discussion in the Fellowship Hall.** RSVP with Carolyn: (716) 648-1179 or cstrin@yahoo.com.

November

Birthdays

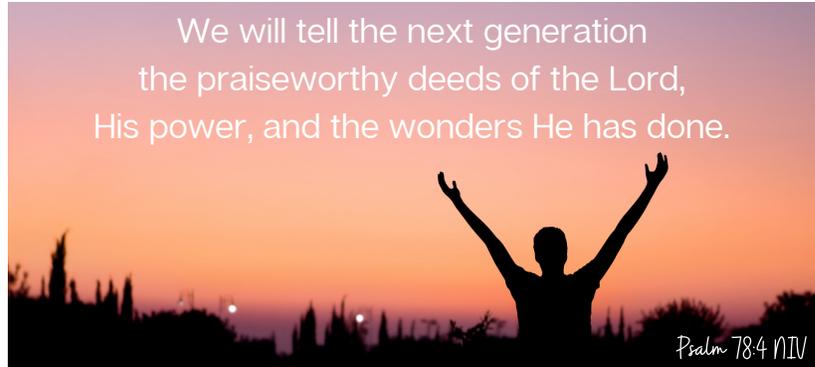
- Meiko Reigelman (11/1)
- Viva Mae Hames (11/12)
- Grace Guard (11/16)
- Brandon Donovan (11/23)
- Alex Kaforey (11/28)
- Mike Waters (11/29)
- Deanna Laurie (11/30)
- Vivian Slocum (11/30)

Thank you to this month's
St. Pauly's Clothing Shed
volunteers!

- Dan Liggett (11/1)
- Rich Spinelli (11/8)
- Mike Waters (11/15)
- Art Cooper (11/22)
- Ed Nuse (11/29)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK



Prayer Requests

- Pray for continued healing for Beth Stuart's friend *Tony*.
- Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine, for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers, and for leaders responsible for making decisions about this virus.
- Pray for the elected leaders of our nation, and for everyone to have strength for forbearance, peace, and love.

Have a prayer request you'd like to share? Has God answered your prayer? Email opumc@verizon.net or call Pastor Jen at 603-4470. We will include your prayer request or praise report in next week's NewsFlash.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5:16

Orchard Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation.

We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our LGBTQIA+ brothers, sisters and siblings, sons, daughters and children, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

We desire to follow God's vision to be a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

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