Sunday, September 10
Welcome Back Breakfast between services
Backpack Blessing at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
**The Pastor’s Piece**

By the time you receive this *Grapevine* issue, we will be gearing up for our regular routines of school, work, and what we consider our “normal” schedules. We look forward to our “Welcome Back” Sunday breakfast and worship on September 10, not only to enjoy seeing each other again, but to welcome Dick and Colleen Young back from Dick’s sabbatical.

While it may seem that church is pretty much “shut down” during the summer months, this is far from reality. Much has been happening. I’m especially grateful for the consistent support of our wonderful staff here at OPPC. They have kept me on track during Dick’s absence, and the work has gotten done.

- Declan John and Bennett Thomas Somerville were baptized on July 2.
- Hailey Robyn Stachewicz and Cade Robert deCrandle were baptized on August 27.

Services of celebration were held in memory of:

- Jean T. Shempp, June 15,
- Donna W. Hilton, July 16,
- Thomas Sobolik, July 25,
- Park L. Metzger, Jr. August 25,
- Betty Nowadly, September 2,
- We will celebrate the life of C. Philip Mugler on September 9 at 1:30 p.m.
- Elizabeth Kelley ended her journey on August 21 following a very long and courageous struggle. Her ministry among us has blessed and inspired us in countless ways.
- Bill and Joan Weir mourn the loss of their daughter, Kristen Weir-Boudreau (Crissy) who died July 1. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving will take place this fall in New York City.

To all of these families we offer our deepest sympathies and prayers.

Meanwhile here at OPPC, significant property improvements have been accomplished. Tuesdays with Tools has been laboring intently providing new office and work space in the undercroft (below the sanctuary) for Dan, our custodian, while preparing a new office (Dan’s old office) for Sherry Pomeroy, our Faith Community Nurse, in the pastoral office section on the main floor. Perry Babcock has spent untold hours installing security cameras, and maintaining our computer network.

So, you can see, nothing stands still, whatever the season.

Bonnie and I have safely moved to our new condo at 5854 Main St. in Williamsville. Many of you have followed our progress, and we thank you! Blessings to all as we begin a new season of ministry and service in the name of our Risen Lord!

Welcome back, Dick!

*Allyn Foster*

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**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.**

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**Worship Schedule:** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Refugee Resettlement Update

As I sit here wanting to write a brief update I realize there is quite a bit to share. Here is what has been going on since our last Grapevine update.

Miski and Anas completed their first school year and have begun to communicate in English. They have adapted well to their environment and are loving and affectionate to others. It is time to think “back to school” which means clothing and some supplies. Eysar is a happy 2-year-old.

Fatuma is due on October 24th and with a new baby comes the need for new baby stuff. Not sure if they have ever heard of a baby shower, but it brings a lot of thoughts and opportunities our way to serve. She has also begun taking ESL classes. She goes to school 5 days a week and a small group has been trained and has begun tutoring on Tuesday evenings. She is doing very well and will be speaking English very soon. Very exciting.

Abdi has gotten his first job in America. He had been in ESL classes for a few months and learned enough English to communicate himself into employment. He can now have a conversation in English without an interpreter. Congratulations Abdi. With the job being about an hour commute via public transportation and winter approaching he is thinking about looking for a job closer to home and maybe with his new skills he could make a little more money. Now if that’s not American I don’t know what is! So we have worked with him to familiarize him with an employment application, which he can now fill out on his own. He is also studying for a driver’s permit which he is just about ready for. We are discussing driving classes which could take him through the licensing process. He is hoping to buy a car so he can drive to work and transport his family around as needed. He is also studying for citizenship. He and Fatuma both have expressed a strong desire to become American citizens. This is where I stand in awe thinking that they have only been here 5 months, they complain about nothing and accept full responsibility for getting things done on their own. They are very thankful for the help they have received, but expect to earn their own way. Oh my goodness! With this amazing attitude they hope to be able to help others back in Somalia make their way here.

Housing has become an issue for them. There has been some testing done and it has been discovered that there is lead-based paint contaminating the home. They are concerned for their young children. There are other contributing factors, but they feel they need to find new housing. It is their dream to someday own their own house. We will be exploring housing options in the near future.

As you can see a lot is happening and even more is on our doorstep. We are forever changed by the experience. Thanks be to God!

Tammy and Jim Barry
Mission Workshop meets
Wednesdays ~ 10 a.m. to Noon
The Meeting Place

Workshop Wisdom:
*It’s not a conversation if only one person is speaking.*

Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team will meet on
Monday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.
in The Meeting Place

Friendship Circle meets on
Wednesday, September 6
10:00 a.m. ~ Irene Irving Room

Ladies, you are cordially invited to
join us for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments.
This year’s study is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. For more
information, please contact Barbara Roberts
or Sue Sager.

Did you know that every woman
member of Orchard Park Presbyterian
Church is a member of the Presbyterian
Women’s group? It doesn’t matter what
your age is or your stage in life. You
belong. So, please come and join us for
all of this year’s activities. We enjoy fun, fellowship,
Bible study and mission projects.

“Oh You Beautiful Doll”
On Saturday, October 7 at noon
Presbyterian Women will sponsor
their annual Fall Luncheon. Kay
Dickey and Mary Anne Neary will
present “An Overview of Doll Collecting.” Do you
have a doll you would like to show at your table?
Bring it along. Enjoy a luncheon of chicken salad,
fresh fruit and Hello Dolly bars. The cost is $10.00
per person. Remember, the program is open to
everyone – old, young or in-between. Look for the
ticket table starting on Sunday, September 17 to
make your reservations. See you there!

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

Resume - Tuesday,
September 5

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Panera Bread’s Operation Dough-Nation

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who stay up late during the summer hours to pick up the day’s end baked goods on Tuesday nights with delivery to FONP on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Dolores Battle, Rich Blank, Tom Brydges, Melanie Kolek, Mari Partacz, Amy Woodward, and Deb Yeomans!

The sign up calendar is at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions; please contact Linda Babcock.

Friends of Night People

OPPC serves a hot and hearty meal on the third Wednesday of each month. Please sign up to bring fresh fruit, salad and/or cookies for the September 20 meal. Servers with smiles are always welcome to car pool down and help feed the folks.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Carol Schuster at 867-2330 if you have any questions. Thanks!

October 13-20 is our next FAMILY PROMISE hosting.

Please check your calendar for those dates. The program hosted three families in August. We are fortunate at OPPC to be able to offer this safe, comfortable, welcoming place for these families to rest while they sort out their issues of housing, jobs, etc. Please consider helping out with a meal or a sleep over (you would have your own private nook) or just hosting on a weekend day time. Your time would be well spent.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Holl or Donna Morrow at mikedonna63@verizon.net.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 26
Buffalo Iron Works
5:30PM to 9PM
Tickets $25

Party for the People 2017

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Night People Party for the People
394 Hudson, Buffalo, NY 14201

Music, Raffles, Food & Drink

We Need You (Volunteers)!

Ronald McDonald House Charities of WNY is actively recruiting volunteers for our new Hospital Programs in the new John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital. Please visit our website at http://rmhcwny.org/hospital-programs/ to learn about our new Family Lounge, Family Laundry Room and Happy Wheels Cart sponsored by RMHC of WNY. For more information contact Marianne Hoover, Hospital Programs Manager, at mhoover@rmhcwny.org or call 716-698-9749.

Our program to house homeless families.
EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES
Returns on Sunday, September 17
Nursery care for infants through three years old,
Classes for Pre-K - 5th Grade;
New this Year! 6th—10th Grade—Sunday Morning Class!
Youth Ministry ~ grades 6-12
The Fall 2017 schedule and medical form will be in mailboxes (both USPS and electronic) as well as on the OPPC website at the beginning of September.
Youth (grades 6—10) will be ringing bells for Christmas Eve at 9:30 a.m. Worship!

Great Lakes Beach Sweep
Saturday, September 16 ~ 9:30 meet @ OPPC to carpool ~ 12:30 return to OPPC
OPPC is an Earth Care Congregation and so we look for ways to "be green" in more places than just our building and how exciting to be a part of the 2017 International Coastal Cleanup Day. This is the 32nd year of the Great Lakes Beach Sweep and the designated base site for the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society is Woodlawn Beach - our local gem!

The 2016 New York State Beach Cleanup had 6,645 volunteers who removed 66,830 POUNDS of DEBRIS from over 230 miles of shoreline.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Linda Babcock to volunteer at lindab@oppchurch.org or 662-9348 x 307.

Adult Education—Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30—10:15 a.m. The Meeting Place
We will kick off the adult education program year with the DVD and discussion study of the book Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love by William Willimon that many folks read this summer. The study will help small groups understand why some people in their lives and communities are considered to be Other and how to begin regarding these Others from the perspective of God's call to love in Jesus Christ.

September 17 & 24, October 1, 15 and 22
The Meeting Place
“Clearly there is something special about the OPPC work camp to keep members like me coming back for 8 years, Austin for 9 years and Alyssa returning after attending 13 years ago as a youth to be an advisor! There are many great things that happen on work camp to create memories; however, the best part of work camp would be the downtime after a long day of work. One word can summarize this time…"Home." During the week, we woke up early and got ready for work; then afterwards, when we are hot and tired but filled with pride from a job well done we say, “I want to go home.” 

**Home** does not mean our individual homes in Orchard Park however; it means the **Home** we all share at the church we stayed at, where we peacefully take turns to shower, take a nap, or play “toss” in the common room.  This **Home** away from home is a place where we can sign off from our social worlds and tune in to others around us, where we have deep conversations about theories and life, bounce ideas back and forth about the coming days or devotion activities, and where we can silently reflect on our day in the presence of others who experienced the same. This year was a little different because it was a coming and going year. Although some left early, we always prayed for safe travel, then welcomed those who arrived later. We became a family who cared about one another. Unfortunately, I was one of those coming and going this year. I was unable to leave with everyone else, and arrived Wednesday night ready to work Thursday and Friday. Although I was welcomed in with open arms, I always felt I was missing something. I wasn’t there from the beginning to create the relationships with those we worked with. I had been there Sunday afternoon when the vans were loaded, and as they pulled out of OPPC, I found myself wishing I had my stuff packed and that I was seated on one of those vans! I made a vow to be there next year for the entire week. The Lord has put this passion for service in my heart, and I intend to continue serving it for as long as I can. Thank you OPPC for helping us fulfill our mission and foster our passion for service!”

**Charlene (right) pictured with Anna (left)**
“Camp Duffield will always hold a special place in my heart. I am a counselor at the Challenge Camp, which is a week-long camp for adults with special needs. Every year, I look forward to seeing campers who have been coming for years and years, while also meeting new ones! The most important job I have as a counselor is making sure my campers’ needs are met throughout the week, and keeping them safe. Once that is done, we can start having fun at camp! We spend our week doing lots of fun activities—campfires, bingo nights, and even a camp talent show! On the last day, we have a big dance that everyone looks forward to. We have so many fun activities planned that make campers and counselors want to return year after year. Along with the usual “camp fun,” we also spend time thanking God for blessing us for the great week surrounded by great people. We express our gratitude for the delicious meals we have, the fun we are having, and for allowing us to return to camp another year. It is really special to reflect on the time we are given with the campers and counselors. Volunteering at Camp Duffield is one of my most favorite things to do, and I highly recommend anyone to visit the camp if they are interested! It is such an amazing place that everyone should experience!”

Lauren (right)

“I had a lot of fun at church camp. This was my third year at Camp Duffield and it was just as fun as the last two. I became so close with an amazing group of people who left a great impact on my life. Our Bible studies related to our lives really well and interested me very much. Vespers every night while the sun sets is a memory I will never forget!”

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Trevor

Camp Asbury
(Methodist Camp)
"We love Camp Duffield! We had so much fun swimming in the lake, hiking in the woods, floating down a creek, tie-dying shirts, sleeping in a cabin, and singing God’s praises! We learned about super heroes of the Bible with stories of David and Goliath, Samson, Esther, and Noah and the gifts God gave them: courage, strength, selflessness, and faith. Each day was filled with exciting activities including a demonstration of liquid nitrogen to make ice cream-delicious! We can’t wait to go again next year!"

Ben

Elle (left)

“This year was my (Timothy—left) 4th time to attend Camp Duffield. It was so much fun like always! There were so many different activities to do like making a candle, creating a me/our box, and we even cooked our own lunch one day. I had 9 other boys in my cabin including my younger brother Tristan. I made many new friends along with seeing old friends from years before. I'm looking forward to going again next year!!”

“This year was my (Tristan—right) first time to attend Camp Duffield. It was so cool that I was able to be in the same cabin as my older brother Timothy. My favorite thing about camp was the slip and slide; it was so fast, slippery and super fun! I also enjoyed swimming in the pond a lot. It was great to make some new friends there and meet everyone that my brother would always talk about when he came back from camp. I look forward to attending again next year!!”

Fall Together All Grow (T.A.G.) Tutoring Program for refugee and immigrant children will begin on September 18 under the direction of Kathleen Johnson, a missionary with SIM who holds a master's degree in ESL. Tutoring begins on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Peace House in South Buffalo on September 18. The children are at very different academic levels and so one-on-one tutors are truly a blessing! Three of the children come from a single mom household who has to work second shift and so extra attention for those kiddos is critical! If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours or an adult who loves children, please contact Kathleen Johnson directly for more information: kidsaregreattag@yahoo.com
HOME IMPROVEMENT:
OPPC EDITION

Just as we describe OPPC’s congregation as a family of faith, the church building in which that family comes together and its faith comes alive is our home. And just like any home does as it’s “lived in,” ours has had to grow and change with our family’s size and needs.

Lucky for us that our family includes some very handy people. Perhaps you’ve heard of them. They go by the name Tuesdays With Tools, (TWT) and some of the “home improvement” projects to which they’ve turned those tools and their talent for using them have produced pretty spectacular results.

Back in 2010, longtime member Jim Wilson thought the condition of our highly-utilized Meeting Place was in need of a little attention and volunteered to spruce it up. After working solo for a time, he decided to extend an invitation to other similarly-skilled and service-oriented members to lend a hand with the project.

This small but dedicated group soon began gathering weekly to tackle other timely repair and renovation challenges. Neither the group’s size nor their ambitions, however, would remain small, with their number growing over the years to two dozen plus, including John Angelbeck, Perry Babcock, Jim Barry, Jimmy Barry, John Beyer, Brad Day, Bill Devine, Graham Gardner, Mick Griffin, Tom Grogan, Bill Hess, Jack Hinners, Jim Hood, Doug Kroll, Mike Morrow, Roger Murphy, Jamie Owens, Lynnette Rhodes, Mike Rodems, Al Sager, Jonathan Seymour, Jeff Somerville, Rolfe Steck and, of course, Jim Wilson.

But even for a team that large, what they’ve accomplished in and around our church will almost certainly still surprise and impress you, as will the literally tens of thousands of dollars their dedication and enthusiasm have saved our congregation. Excellent examples of their fine craftsmanship are pretty much anywhere you look.

Greeting those arriving through the main entrance is our beautiful Welcome Center, which showcases a genuinely artistic touch. The audio-visual control booth in the rear of the sanctuary is also TWT’s work, as are the attractive built-in cabinets in the Meeting Place, the church kitchen’s freshly-painted walls and second dishwasher, and the new windows installed throughout the church-owned residence at 28 Clark Street.

And you can add to TWT’s accomplishments similar improvements undertaken by the members of OPPC’s Property Ministry Team — who along with other projects recently re-floored the entire Christian Education wing along with its adjacent stairwells.

Recent improvements and reallocation of space within our church building has resulted in the creation of a new office across from the Conference Room from which our Faith Community Nurse (FCN), Sherry Pomeroy, RN, PhD, and the members of our congregation’s Health Ministry Team (HMT) coordinate a variety of services designed to assist our church family in finding health and wholeness.

Creating Sherry’s new accessibility also offered the opportunity to provide OPPC’s custodian, Dan Hay a new and significantly larger space from which to oversee the upkeep of our ever-changing building. His center of operations is now located in the Undercroft on the church’s lower level — not far from the impressive new workshop area that serves as home base for TWT, whose helpful hearts and hardworking hands do so much to make our church a welcoming and well-functioning “home” for our “family.”

In addition to all of this work, Perry Babcock has spent countless hours running wires and installing new security cameras, as well as solving many technology issues as they pop up.

We give heartfelt and grateful thanks to all of these dedicated folks who generously give of their time and gifts to make all this possible! Thank you, one and all!
**Thursday Morning Men’s Study Group**

meets every other Thursday at Panera Breads in OP at 7 a.m.
We will meet on August 27, and on September 14 & 28. Contact Doug McMahon at mill1276@aol.com for more information.

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**Monday Morning Women’s Study Group**

September 11
Noon till 2:00 p.m.
The Library
Join us as we catch up with each other and decide what our next study will be over a brown bag lunch!
For more information please contact Linda Babcock lindab@oppchurch.org or 662-9348 ext. 307.

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**OPPC Book Club presents:** *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 ~ Conference Room at 7 pm

OPPC Book Club is back! You still have time to read The Little Paris Bookshop, an international bestseller that will make you happy. Set on a floating bookstore on a barge along the Seine, join us as we spend a summer traveling with Monsieur Perdu, discovering memorable characters, wine, food, love, and the power of stories to shape people's lives. As always, a sweet treat and coffee will help get the conversation started. All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

*Fear of the Other* by William Willimon

Borrow a copy of this small book which can be found at the Welcome Center, in the Library, and in the hands of fellow members. Then please pass it along. This timely book will spark our church-wide discussion.

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**Financial Peace University Class offered again this fall . . . FREE !!!**

The classes run Wednesday evenings beginning on October 4. This nine week class (we skip the night before Thanksgiving) starts at 7:00 p.m. and goes for 1-1/2 hours. If class materials are purchased from the church, the cost is $89. Attend 7 out of 9 classes and we refund you the $89! For more information, you may contact Tom Grogan at tg@bspcpa.com.

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**DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ~ 2017-18 SESSION**

Registration for DISCIPLE I ~ *Becoming Disciples through Bible Study* is open for those wishing to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the Bible’s content and central message. Led by Rev. Foster, this series will begin in late September on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.
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The August 13 Sundae Sunday was a big hit for the young and young at heart!

Toasting Sundae Sunday 2017 with frosty cups of milk shake à la Chet… prepared with love by the Seymour family… were Don Schmid, Meredith Wilson, Robert Mustard and Michelle Pellette — just four of the many enthusiastic volunteers who helped ensure that the August 13th installment of the popular Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team event was once again filled with the sweet taste of success.

Let’s Do Lunch

will resume on Thursday, October 19, with lunch being served at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is $10 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the church office at 662-9348 or by signing up at The Welcome Center. Let's Do Lunch programs will also be presented on Thursdays, November 17 and December 15.

Blood Pressure Screening
Sunday, September 24
After both worship services
Conference Room Area

Brought to you by Faith Community Nursing

Health Ministry News

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Congregation, Session, Deacons, Pastors, Property Ministry Team and Tuesdays with Tools for creating a Faith Community Nursing office which now provides dedicated space to meet with individuals and families, and maintain resources necessary for the FCN program. I always envisioned I would someday “hang my shingle” to provide care for others but I did not know that all along God’s plan was to have that here at OPPC, and what a blessing this role is in my life! Thank you!

The Health Ministry Team (HMT) partners with the Pastors and other caring ministries of the church to guide our work. After engaging with our OPPC partners the HMT announces some of our upcoming OPPC events:

♥ Blood Pressure Screening twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (both services)
♥ Community Health and Wellness Fair Sunday Oct. 22 from 8 AM – 1 PM co-sponsored by the Health Ministry Teams of OPPC and Nativity of Our Lord
♥ Caregiver Sunday Nov. 12 with guest speaker Ann Marie Doetterl, Regional Director of Alzheimer’s Caregiver Services
♥ Annual HMT Luncheon on January 28, 2018
♥ National Decisions Day, April 2018 to complete NY State Health Care Proxy

At the Welcome Center, you can find health information and resources related to Behavioral & Mental Health, Addiction, Advance Directives, Community Resources for aging individuals and families, Cancer and Heart Disease Prevention, Falls Prevention, and other materials targeted to health promotion and prevention across the lifespan. Please ask Sherry Pomeroy, RN, PhD, FCN, any member of the HMT, or the Pastors if you are looking for any health information or assistance.

Sherry Pomeroy sherry@oppchurch.org
866-1256 OR 662-9348 ext. 309
Music and the Arts

Fall/Winter 2017 Schedule

Lyra ~ Live from Russia
Friday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.
Admission $10 per person

Vocalis Chamber Choir
Works of Mozart and others
Friday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m.
Admission $15 per person

Handel’s Messiah
Advent Chorale of WNY & WNY Chamber Orchestra
Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.
Admission $10 per person

A Service of Lessons & Carols
Clergy and Church Choirs of Orchard Park
Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m.
Public invited for this free community service

The Advent Spiral
Prepare for the Christmas Season with this unique Advent Spiral and music by Doug Yeomans
Friday, December 15, at 6:45 p.m.
Be our guests for a soup and bread dinner at 6 p.m.

All concerts at OPPC ~ 4369 South Buffalo Street
Orchard Park, NY ~ 716-662-9348

Sympathy to …


♥ Joan Holl and family on the death of her brother, C. Philip Mugler, on June 30 in Florida. Phil joined our church on April 10, 1938. A memorial service for Phil will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 9, at 1:30 p.m.

♥ Joan and Bill Weir on the death of their daughter, Kristen Weir-Bouderau, on July 1, in New York City.

♥ Andy and Allyson Hilton on the death of Andy’s mother, Donna Hilton, on July 5, in Orchard Park.

♥ Marino and Barry families on the death of Betty Nowadly on August 6. A service will be held in our sanctuary on September 2, at 11:00 a.m.

♥ Brian Kelley and family on the death of his wife, Liz Kelley, on August 21. Liz joined our church on June 6, 1976. A memorial for Liz will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Music Director’s Study Leave: Organ Music of the French Baroque, Romantic, and Modern Periods

On Thursday, July 20, as Music Director of the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, I departed for Paris, France to meet several colleagues from across the United States to perform in recitals and master classes in Cathedrals throughout the City of Paris, including Versailles, and Rouen, Normandy. French organ repertoire has always been a staple of my organ repertoire during services at OPPC. This study leave provided the opportunity to perform that same repertory on the world famous instruments in the cathedrals for which it was composed, performed, and envisioned. Two sessions focused on improvisational practices in the “Modern Idiom” led by leading French organists. We visited cathedrals offering performances of selections highlighting compositions written expressly for the instrument by composers who served as the Titular Organists in many cathedrals, all on four and five manual instruments which featured unique style of voicing, in cathedrals built as early as the 1300’s. Over eight days, notable French organ repertoire was the central genre - performed, practiced, studied, discoursed, celebrated, and shared with thousands of tourists visiting these historic monumental sacred sites. We discovered and experienced the profoundly transcendent soul of French organ repertory; an extraordinary experience to offer informed performances of repertory in the manner and in the place for which it was intended. This study leave experience will have a profound influence on repertory of this genre during the worship services and in concert programs at OPPC.

Gregory White
Prayer Families of the Week

Week of September 5:  
Eleanor Rood  
The Ross Family  
The Roth /Rager Family  
The Ruh Family

Week of September 10:  
Tom & Dottie Runk  
Jean Rupp  
Al & Sue Sager  
Gail Sanfilippo

Week of September 17:  
The Savage Family  
Don & Edna Saville  
Nancy Saville  
The Scheeler Family

Week of September 24:  
Don & Sandra Schmid  
Dan & Jen Schneider  
Janet Schram  
The Schug Family

Please join in keeping these church family members in prayer during the week designated for them.

Baptisms:
Bennett Thomas Somerville  
Declan John Somerville  
sons of Matthew and Erin Somerville  
July 2, 2017

Hailey Robyn Stachewicz  
daughter of Brenna (Zimmerman) and Robert Stachewicz,  
August 27, 2017

Cade Robert deGrandpre  
son of Sarah (Deisenroth) and Robert deGrandpre  
August 27, 2017

As we move into the Fall and the hustle and bustle of kids returning to school, getting out of vacation mode, engaging in programs within and outside the church, etc., let us continue to reflect on all that we love and are grateful for in our lives.

A reminder from the Business Office
In an effort to be good stewards, a couple of years ago it was decided to no longer send out quarterly statements. We will send out a third quarter (after September 30), 11\textsuperscript{th} month (November) and a Year End Statement (within the first couple weeks of the following January). If you would like to know your balance in the meantime, please feel free to call me or stop by. Thanks!

Debbie Babski, Office Manager 662-9348, Ext. 303
A thriving faith community engaged in compassionate service.

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes
Sunday, September 3

8:30 a.m. ~ Worship with weekly Communion Service

9:30 ~ Education for all Ages (returns on September 17)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship with Sanctuary Choir and special music

Pray, Rake, Eat
Save the Date:
Sunday, November 19
* Worship at 9:30 a.m.
* Beautify God’s House at 10:15
* Lunch at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall