

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK are Victoria Trent, Isadora Ullrich, the Valentino family, and Noel Varela. Each week we highlight several families from our membership and ask you to pray for them by name during your daily devotions.

The **GIVING TREE** is in the home stretch! There are heart tags for Comforting Hugs, Tops and Target gift cards for Family Promise and Family Justice Center may be purchased right at the Giving Tree table, cash or check made payable to OPPC. 2% of the total gift card sales benefit Crossroad Springs Africa. All unwrapped gifts are due on or before next Sunday, December 10. You may also drop them off at the church office during business hours. Thank you so much for participating in this important mission!

Sunday morning **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** will be held in December in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN will meet on December 11, at noon, at the home of Lynne Young for a Christmas luncheon.

MEN'S GROUP will meet on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 a.m. at Panera Breads in Orchard Park.

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. Please indicate red or white and if you will leave or take the plant. The cost is \$8.00/plant. The deadline to order is Friday, December 15. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE meal will be served on Wednesday, December 20. Please consider signing up now to supply salad, fresh fruit, or home baked cookies. Servers with a smile may also sign up to carpool downtown. Cars leave OPPC at 4:00 and return at 7:30 p.m. Contact Carol Schuster if you are interested. Can't head downtown? Please contact Sue Hebert to help out with chicken chopping or meal creation.

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

PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY - If you have a prayer concern and would like it lifted before God this week, we have Prayer Partners who will pray daily through the coming week. Please share your prayer request through our Welcome Registry in the sanctuary, or speak with a pastor or Stephen Minister after the service.

The 2018 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.

AUDIO/VIDEO SERMONS are available on our website, oppchurch.org.

ALL SIGN UP SHEETS are at the Welcome Center

Sunday Morning Worship and Program Facilitators

Advent Candle Lighters: Charlene & John Patterson
Baby Care: JoAnn Tokasz and Sue Sager
Communion Servers: Jim Barry, Dave and Mary Brummer, Mick and Susan Griffin, Lou Long, Jim and Meredith Wilson, Lynne Young (communion steward)

Deacon of the Day and Flower Delivery: Jim Barry
Greeters/Ushers: Tom Feidt, Doug and Sarah McMahon, and Jason Somerville (head usher)
Worship Assistant: Al Sager

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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HOPE
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. Worship

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OPPC Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 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
- 9:30 a.m. OPPC 101 - Library
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Reception Room
- 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 5:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I – Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Cardio Dance – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Cardio Kick – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary/Reception Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays With Tools – Meet at church
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Luncheon – Off-site
- 6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 30180 – Undercroft

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:00 a.m. Health Ministry Niagara U Students – Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Mission Workshop – The Meeting Place
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Circle – Reception Room
- 6:00 p.m. Cardio Dance – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University – Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. Symphony Women's Committee – Irene Irving Room/Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Pilates – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Viewing of "Trew Calling" – The Meeting Place
- 7:30 p.m. Straightaway (12 Step Recovery) – Undercroft

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 10:30 a.m. Music With Mar – Undercroft

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. Undercroft in use
- 10:00 a.m. Family of Julie Rybarczyk Smith to receive friends – Reception Room
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Julie Rybarczyk Smith

Community Events

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m.
Free and open to the community!

Viewing of "Trew Calling"

Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.
Starring Orchard Park native Tracey B. Wilson

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, December 10, after both worship services

Monday Morning Women's Study Group

Monday, December 11, at noon at the home of Lynne Young

Men's Study Group

Thursdays, December 14 and 28, at 7:00 a.m. at Panera Breads

Let's Do Lunch

Thursday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch and program. Reservations are sold out but we have a cancellation list
Cost: \$10.00

Chorale Concert

Saturday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m.
For information www.orchardparkchorale.org

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Advent Spiral

Friday, December 22 ~ Free!
6:00 p.m. soup & bread dinner; 6:45 p.m. spiral

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24
9:30 a.m. Worship (no education classes)
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Worship Services