



Orchard Park  
Wesleyan Church

Mission Statement

*Ordinary people  
seeking and sharing  
extraordinary life in  
Christ.*

# OPWC Core Values

## Bible

We believe the Bible is the active revelation of God's love and grace; to guide, equip, and protect us. This belief underscores every aspect of our identity and purpose.

**Key verse:** 2 Timothy 3:16 *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be throughout equipped for every good work."*

### **Supporting Scriptures:**

Psalm 119:105 – God's word guides our direction in life

Hebrews 4:12 – God's word is our standard of truth internally and externally

Matthew 4:4 – God's word describes God's will for our lives

John 1:4 – Jesus embodied God's Word perfectly for us

## Worship

We believe worship is an authentic Christ-centered lifestyle that daily celebrates God.

**Key verse:** Romans 12:1 *"Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship."*

### **Supporting Scriptures:**

1 Chronicles 16:23 – Worship is a daily celebration of God's love

Psalm 100:2 – Worship is an expression of joy

John 4:24 – Worship is the honest connection of our spirit with God's Spirit

1 Corinthians 10:31 – Worship encompasses every aspect of our lives

## Community

Caring for one another in love, we strive to build a diverse and accepting community of believers growing together in Christ.

**Key Verse:** Psalm 133:1 *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"*

### **Supporting Scriptures:**

Acts 2:43-47 – God's people share their possessions to meet the needs of others

Galatians 3:28-29 – All people are valued and loved

Hebrews 10:24-25 – Building relationships provides support and encouragement

Matthew 18:20 – God inhabits the community of believers

## Sharing

We eagerly take the life of Christ to everyone we meet, through God's love.

**Key verse:** Matthew 28:19 *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

### **Supporting verses:**

Matthew 4:19 – Jesus sends us to love people

Isaiah 6:8 – We willingly respond to God’s invitation to share His love

John 20:21 – We share God’s love the same way Jesus did

Acts 1:8 – The message of God’s love is the Gospel of Jesus for all people

## Serving

We use our gifts and resources to tangibly meet the needs of others in our church, community and world.

**Key Verse:** 1 Peter 4:10 *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*

### **Supporting Scriptures:**

Matthew 25:35 – Serving others expresses our love for Jesus

Matthew 5:16 – Doing good helps people see God’s goodness

Acts 2:44-45 – Sharing our resources builds a stronger community

Matthew 25:40 – Serving others is to serve Jesus

## State of the Church 2020

This spring we discovered firsthand that the church is not a building or ministry event. It is the people of God on mission for Christ with the good news of the Gospel. Though having to meet outside the church building has been painful it has also helped us reconnect as families in worship, reminded us that God is more than Sunday morning in our lives, and helped us to appreciate the people who help keep us safe and healthy. No one would have imagined that we would end the church year meeting on Facebook Live, but we did, and we are still seeing God move in our lives.

As we move forward we will continue to offer our services online. This will be in addition to any “in the building” services we offer. We are reaching people who never came to church through the online platform. I am excited to see how God will grow the Kingdom through this new avenue of ministry. When we do return to services in the building it will be different than it was before. Social distancing, masks, hand sanitizing and seating are just a few of the changes we can expect.

Last year at this time we were celebrating the ministry of Pastor Jason and Nicole Argo as they prepared to leave for The Vine Wesleyan Church. Their transition led to Pastor Andrew joining our staff as the youth pastor. Thank you to all who helped make this transition go smoothly.

Other highlights from the last year include our VBS program where 22 children made a profession of faith. This ministry is not only one our best evangelistic endeavors, it is a time where the church serves together. Our VBS volunteers are great! We had record numbers in the Pioneer Girls Ministry on Wednesday this past year. Thank you to Jill Norvilitis’ leadership and her team of volunteers we are reaching new families in our community. I had the privilege of being part of the teaching team at CSB this last year. Connecting with the boys in the program was great and I encourage more men to step forward and become active in building relationship with the boys at CSB. Thank you to Jim Szczodrowski for his leadership and the team of volunteers he leads. The women’s and men’s ministry and connect groups continue to provide opportunity for adults to come together and be encouraged personally and spiritually. Thank you to the leaders of all our groups.

One of the new ministries that is making a significant impact in our community is the monthly service we provide at Orchard Heights. We had as many as 40 people share in our services each month. Watching God bring hope and encouragement to this group has been a true blessing for all who have participated. We look forward to building our partnership with Orchard Heights going forward. In May we were able to bless the staff at Orchard Heights with a special lunch. We look forward to services resuming once Covid19 has been resolved.

We continued to renovate our facilities making it easier for families with children to access KidCity and increasing the size of our toddler room. The new toddler room is working well and the atrium space has increased our capacity for fellowship after the services. The atrium has doubled as a recording studio of late for broadcasting our Sunday services. The new kitchenette in the lobby also made it much easier for us to provide refreshment after services and events in the main lobby and atrium. The next phase of construction planned is to give the East Room an update and then to remodel the bathrooms in the gym. We are waiting on these

projects due to the coronavirus to ensure that our volunteers are safe. Once services begin again and we better understand what the “new normal” entails we will revisit our plans to ensure they best align with the needs of the Church.

We were listed as one of the beneficiaries of Bruce Narbe’s estate and this year received part of that benefit when a piece of property in Florida sold. The money received was used in our scholarship fund for students attending Christian schools, supported Young Life – a Christian ministry in the Orchard Park and Hamburg high schools, and paid for upgrades in the sanctuary.

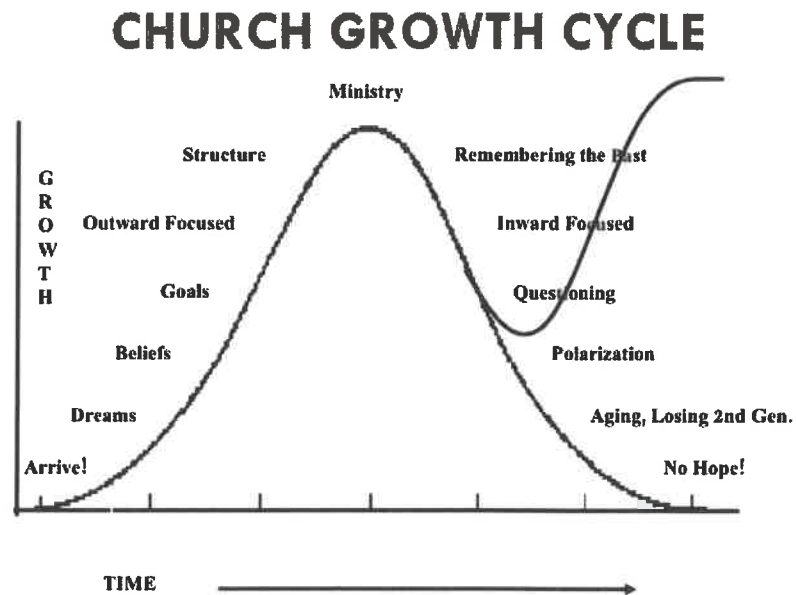
OPWC has historically been generous in mission work around the world and last year was no different. We had a team of 27 people travel to Guatemala on mission and countless people donated money, food, and volunteer hours here in Erie county. The mission team continues to support missionaries abroad and ministries that help serve those in need locally. Be sure to review the mission team report for a more complete summary of how we continue to be part of the Gospel going forth around the world.

Celebrating the past is fun but we must also have an eye toward the future to ensure that we remain healthy. Statistics help us see trends and identify areas of concern. One area of concern for me right now is that we did not have any baptisms this past year. We had 22 children make a new profession of faith but no teens or adults this past year. Baptism is such an important statistic because it helps us see how well we are discipling people. Are people making professions of faith publicly and then reaching other people with the Gospel? If we are not reaching people with the Gospel then we are not fulfilling the Great Commission. We cannot remain a healthy church if this statistic becomes a trend. I urge you to pray, witness and invite people to come and hear the Gospel.

This coming year I want to help us learn how to better share our faith with others. We all know people who are not followers of Jesus. God has placed us in the lives of these individuals to help them experience His love and to hear of His grace. We often do well at the first part – we are nice, loving and good at meeting people’s needs. We often struggle with the second part. I look forward to helping us get better at sharing the Gospel this year.

Churches that remain healthy are continually being renewed and starting new growth cycles. As we re-emerge from isolation, we are in a sense restarting again. When I think of the life-cycle of a church I

am reminded that we must keep looking outside of ourselves towards those who are not yet followers of Jesus. We need to stay focused on what God has before us. Take a look at the “Church Growth Cycle” chart. Where would you put OPWC on this chart? What shifts do we need to make to keep momentum going or restart momentum in a positive direction? How will you be a part of this shift? I would love to hear your ideas.

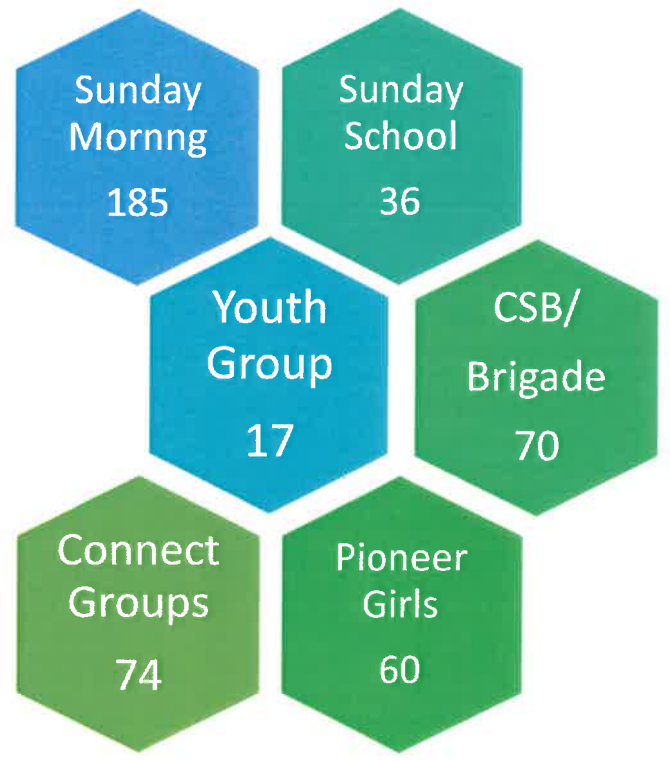


We are living in perilous times. Voices on the extreme seem to dominate the news and there is limited honest dialogue about issues in our culture. Political pundits propagate fear of others creating greater division instead of unity. There is increasingly less room in the middle for those who are trying to bring peace and justice, hope and truth. As I look back I celebrate how we have been able to bring life and love this past year. I also recognize that our task is increasingly more challenging while simultaneously being more necessary. We need you to be part of the mission here at OPWC. Your prayers, your support, your involvement is necessary for us to achieve the mission. We are all ordinary people seeking and sharing extraordinary life in Christ.

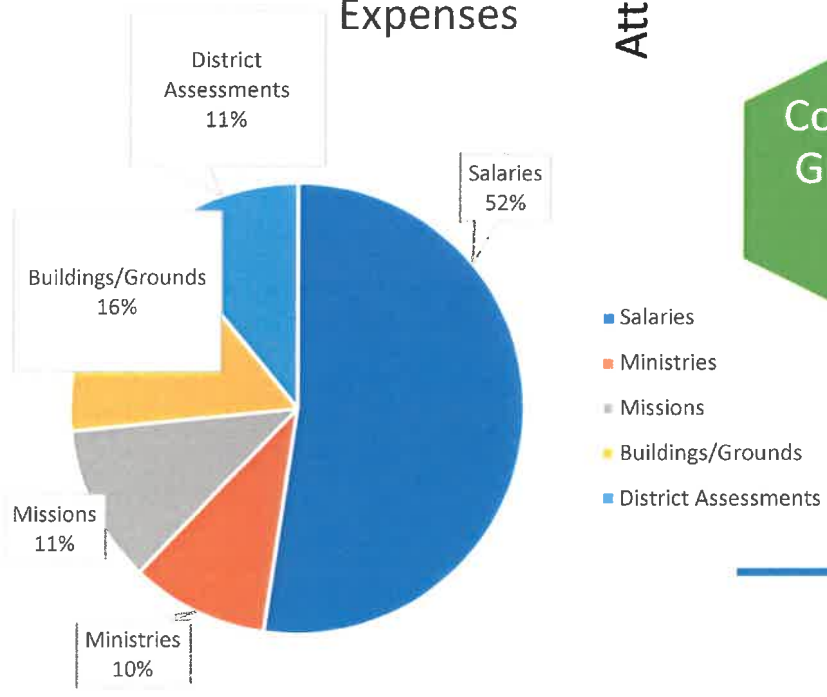
Each year as I write this report I am reminded of how blessed I am to work with such wonderful people. I appreciate your prayers and support and your partnership in the work of the ministry. I especially want to thank Karen for her sacrifices and love. Thank you to Janet and Kellee for their work in the office and for Pastor Andrew, the LBA, ministry leaders, staff and volunteers who make all the ministry happen. Together we can make a difference for God’s Kingdom this year.

- 22 Salvations
- 0 Baptisms
- 2 Child Dedications

Attendance



Expenses



**Total General Fund Disbursements:**  
\$369,665

**Restricted Fund Disbursements:**

Scholarships:	\$7,000
Mortgage Payments:	\$40,767
Renovation Projects	\$23,794
Resurgence City	\$27,336
Benevolence	\$12,481
Faith Promise Missions	\$20,128

Mission Committee Report  
June 2020

The Mission Committee overseas missionary support globally and support for ministries in Erie County and the surrounding area. We meet monthly to review requests, allocate funding and pray for the ministries and people we support. Below is a summary of our activities from this past year.

Members: Pastor Dan, Bill Dice, Dianne Hayes, Ryan DeFries, Mindy Collins, Beth Arnold, Caron Reynolds, Kathy Lilley

Activity:

- Financial Support:
  - Dan and Courtney Schmidt - \$1,600
  - World Hope Haiti - Allocated Haiti support money to go towards solar project at hospital in LaGonave - \$3,500
  - World Hope Ukraine Hope House - \$7,000
  - Scotts – Missionaries to the Karis People - \$5,000
  - Rogers – Missionaries to the Foltizo People - \$5,000
  - Englands – Missionaries in Croatia - \$5,000
  - Impacto Ministries in Guatemala - \$7,000
  - Buffalo City Mission - \$1,250
  - Jericho Road - \$3,000
  - Peace of the City - \$1,500
  - Resurgence City Church - \$6,000
  - Short term trip support (Guatemala Trip) - \$8,555
  - Mission Speakers - \$971
  - Home Again - \$1,300.48 (\$1056.53 raised by VBS)
  - Impacto Ministries special Gift - \$2000
- Activities
  - Bread of Life Food Drive (November, April)
  - Compass Care Walkathon – Virtual walk in May
  - Planned Mission weekend event (onsite activities were cancelled due to Covid19)
- Plans for the future
  - We received a gift from the Narbe Estate that has been set aside for future mission needs. We are researching how we can make a difference in the city of Buffalo.
  - We are working on possible regional trips for the coming year.
    - Working with 8 Days of Hope in Buffalo
    - Possibility of an overseas trip depending on need and travel restrictions

In order to complete our mission budget for the coming year we need your support. Please make a faith promise commitment to give to mission work above and beyond your giving to the local needs at OPWC.



## OPWC Missions Budget 2020-2021

<u>Global</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Support Level</u>	<u>End Date</u>
	Scott – Karis People	\$ 5,000	May 21
	Rogers – Foltizo People	\$ 5,000	May 23
	England – Croatia	\$ 5,000	May 21
	Impacto – Guatemala	\$ 7,000	May 21
	WHI – Haiti/Lagonave H.	\$ 3,500	May 21
	WHI – Ukraine	\$ 5,000	May 21

Sub total: 30,500

### Local

Buffalo City Mission	\$2,250	May 21
Jericho Road	\$4,000	May 21
Peace of the City	\$1,500	May 21
Resurgence City Church	\$6,000	May 21

Sub-total: 13,750

### Admin

Short Term Trip support	\$7,000	May 21
Mission Conference weekend	\$1,500	May 21
Working Fund/Misc.	\$7,250	May 21

Sub-total: 15,750

### Misc.

**Total Missions Budget (expenses)            \$60,000**

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
Lamentations 3:22-23*

As I reflect on my first year at Orchard Park Wesleyan Church, I am so thankful for all the ways that God has been faithful. I could not have asked to be put in a more supportive and encouraging community of believers. You all have treated me like family, and I cannot thank you enough!

Even though the last year has certainly had its fill of challenges, particularly the COVID-19 outbreak over the last few months, I am more confident than ever that God is using every trial to his glory. I'm encouraged by how God has worked in our church over the last year, and excited he has in store for the years to come!

### **KidCity**

Working with our kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students has been such a joy! It's incredible to see the faith blossoming in the children of our church. I have been absolutely blown away by the knowledge of—and love for—God that many of our children have already! I have to give a huge thank you to our adult volunteers Deb Wright, Kelly & Shaun Canaski, Michelle & Bobby Walker, Austin Beutler, Wendy Baun, and Dawn Houghton. I also have to shout out our teenage volunteers: RT & Josh Defries and Michelle Brand! I'm so proud of them for helping out! Every week it is so fun to play games (they take foosball *very* seriously), and just talk about Jesus and the stories of the Bible together!

### **Youth Ministry**

The Youth ministry (middle school and high school together) meets weekly on Sunday nights. At Sunday night Youth Group, we covered a variety of topics from prayer to dating and relationships. A common theme throughout is trusting the God's will for our lives is good; whether we're talking about God's will for dating relationships or his will for our prayer life, we can trust that his will for us is born out of his love for us. He is for us not against us! Thank you to Leah Glendenning, Lisa & George Schmidt, Tammy & Ryan Defries, and Austin Beutler for volunteering!

It was incredible to begin working with this group right after many of them really had a passion to know, love, and serve God ignited in them after participating in the church mission trip to Guatemala. I know that trip had a profound effect on each student that went. I had the privilege of taking 11 students to Cincinnati with me for the Follow Youth Conference of The Wesleyan Church. That was an incredible opportunity for me to build stronger relationships with many of our students and the conference itself really challenged us to take seriously what it means to be a *follower* of Jesus. Special thanks to Kara Schmidt, Ryan Defries, and Austin Beutler for chaperoning with me!

## **College Ministry**

It's been great to get to know some of our college students (many of whom attend my alma matter, Houghton College) and connect up with some of them this year! When I brought some students from the youth group to Houghton for a youth conference there, we got to meet up with some of them for dinner and it was awesome to have some of our college students interacting with our current high school and middle school students. Over Christmas break I was able to have some college students over to my house for dinner and game night which was just a fun way to stay connected with that group!

Pastor Andrew

## WORSHIP MINISTRY 2019-2020

**OUR MISSION:** "Ordinary people seeking and sharing extraordinary life in Christ." God uses music as a conduit for his love and grace. Through our efforts and preparation, we endeavor to present an opportunity for others to connect with God by singing his praises without distraction. Seeking God's presence during collective worship is an emotional experience which leads us (ordinary people) to God's grace, provision, and wisdom. This "Spiritual Recharging" helps us share God's love with others when we move out into the world.

**ABOUT THE MUSIC MINISTRY** - The music ministry includes the Worship Team, the Audio/Video team, the Choir, and special music. The Worship team consists of 6 regular members and several other rotational players/singers. Average attendance for the choir this past year was 8 to 15 members.

A young-adult worship team was assembled again for the summer of 2019. As they continue developing their gifts, our young-adult team served several times this year. Their team has shown great promise and will continue to grow into their roles in the church.

The Worship Team held a special "Night of Praise" on March 8.

We continue the ongoing process of improving the quality of sound in the sanctuary in order to minimize distractions and enhance worship. Some upgrades and repairs that were implemented this year: all of the "stage" lights were replaced this spring as 8 out of the 12 had burned out over 14 years of service; all of the bulbs in the overhead lights were replaced – also 14 years of service!; the power supply structure for the sound system and amps was rebuilt; upgraded floor level speakers were installed to improve sound quality and consistency in the sanctuary.

**MOVING FORWARD/FOOD FOR PRAYER:** the music ministry will continue our ongoing efforts to use the talents in our church to lead people into God's presence. Pray with us that God will use our Sunday morning and special worship services to meet with people and save the lost.

**WITH GRATITUDE...**I would like to recognize the following extraordinary individuals for their commitment of time and talents to OPWC: Josette Teuscher, Worship Leader; Anna Agro, Choir Director; Bob Tharnish., A/V Team Leader; Worship Team, Choir members, and the A/V team. Tim Ruhl for his diligent work to produce our live stream broadcasts.

## **Sunday Morning Welcome Ministry**

The purpose of the Sunday Morning Welcome Ministry is to make an encouraging connection with each person who walks through the doors of OPWC on a Sunday morning.

Our Welcome Ministry volunteers warmly greet our congregation and visitors by answering any questions, handing out bulletins, taking the morning offering, providing coffee and refreshments, serving communion, assisting folks with physical needs, guiding visitors to the different ministries available on a Sunday morning, and by encouraging and facilitating relationships with other members of the congregation.

### **Wins**

\* We frequently have visitors on a Sunday morning. There are so many in the congregation who make a point of making our guests feel welcome by taking the time to greet them and have conversations with them.

\* We continue to have many people who serve on the Usher Team, as Greeters or on the Connect Time Team. Their regular service is a blessing to our congregation and to our visitors.

\* Our new Connect Center (kitchenette) in the foyer has been a huge blessing and help for the Connect Time Team as well as for the congregation. Our Connect Time following the service each week is well attended and is such a wonderful way for people to bond with and share life with friends and guests. People frequently stay for a half hour or more after the service enjoying both refreshments and fellowship.

\* We have had many visitors pass through the doors of OPWC over the past year and a few have become regular attenders.

### **Stats**

\* There are 36 people who serve regularly in the Sunday Morning Welcome Ministry.

### **Needs**

\* We need someone willing to help coordinate the Usher Team.

\* We need families willing to provide orange juice and/or cookies for Connect Time once our time of fellowship begins again.

### **Prayer Requests**

\* Please pray that our team would continue to have a servant's heart for the needs of our visitors and congregation and a vision for making meaningful connections with people each week.

\* Please pray that our congregation will continue to share the extraordinary life in Christ with those who pass through our doors each Sunday morning.

In His Service,  
Mark Ruhl

## **Connect Group Ministry**

The purpose of Connect Groups is to provide an opportunity for smaller groups of people to join together in taking steps to deepen their faith and to encourage one another in their walk with Christ. Many people at OPWC have made strong connections and have grown spiritually through their participation in small groups over the years. Our church has Timothy groups (men), Priscilla groups (women) and mixed groups. Connect Groups may study a book of the Bible or a Christian discipleship book. These groups support each other in prayer. Some of the groups may reach out to our community through special projects.

### **Wins**

- \* We currently have 74 people at OPWC that are actively involved in Connect Groups.
- \* A new Connect Group started up in January and 3 women joined the 2 leaders that formed the group.
- \* Many of our Connect Groups have continued to meet (during our current health crisis) through Zoom.
- \* The First Tuesday Group has been meeting every week since March via Zoom.

### **Stats**

- \* There are currently 5 women's groups, 3 men's groups and 5 mixed groups.
- \* There are 13 groups that meet. Six of those groups meet in the morning and 7 in the evening.
- \* The groups meet on 6 different days of the week; 1 on Sunday, 1 on Monday, 4 on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesdays, 3 on Thursdays and 1 on Saturdays.

### **Needs**

- \* We are always looking for people willing to lead or host a Connect Group. Some people in the congregation are unable to join a group due to difficulty in finding a group that meets their schedule.

### **Prayer Requests**

- \* Please pray that members of Connect Groups as well as all members of our entire congregation will grow more deeply in love with Jesus as we walk through life together.

### **Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)**

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)**

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

In His Service,  
Mark Ruhl

## Outreach Report

Reaching out into our community is always a blessing. In the fall we hosted our first Trunk or Treat – inside because of the weather. The car trunks turned into tables but all who attended had a great time. In fact we had more people participate because the weather (pouring rain) prohibited families from going door to door.

We partnered with our community by financially supporting the new community center (\$5,000) and the Young Life Golf Tournament (\$5,000). Unfortunately, the golf tournament was cancelled due to the coronavirus but the work of Young Life continues. The virus also caused us to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt – always a great draw with young families. We had already collected several hundred eggs which we are using in VBS this year.

Our connection with Orchard Heights Senior Living facility continues to grow. We provide a service on Sunday afternoons each month. We were able to provide communion one month which was very moving for many of the residents who had been unable to receive communion for many months.

In June our campus will host a chicken BBQ for a cat rescue organization and the Baccalaureate service for Orchard Park High School. We are happy to have outside organizations use our facility throughout the year and look forward to serving our community in ways that help people experience the love of God.

## Pioneer Girls

Pioneer Girls is a Wednesday night, school-year ministry to girls from kindergarten through high school. Pioneer Girls' motto is "Christ in every aspect of life" and it is the goal of the ministry to model that for the girls. Girls participate in Bible study, singing, crafts, cooking, sports and games, missions, and special events. The theme verse for the ministry is Psalm 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."



This year, there were 60 registered girls (an increase of 12 from last year), 80 % of whom do not attend our church. This percent is about the same as it was last year, when it was an increase from years before and we pray that this trend continues.

Pioneer Girls lives out the church's purpose statement of "Ordinary people seeking and sharing extraordinary life in Christ" through Bible study and worship, serving others, and sharing the Word.

The first 2/3 of our year was wonderful! Every week begins with worship in the sanctuary as the girls sing praise songs. After singing, girls divide into age group meetings with badge work, Bible study, and special events. Highlights of the entire group year included the Pinewood Derby (22 cars racing), family roller skating party, and pajama night. We continued to emphasize service and, early in the fall, we led a sing-a-long at Orchard Heights Nursing Home and then returned there to carol at Christmas. We made fleece blankets and scarves for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. For the tenth year, we collected and distributed Christmas cards for the shut-ins and nearly shut-ins of our church. Our offerings went to Happy Tummies in Guatemala. We had two bring-a-friend nights during the year to introduce new girls to club.

Unfortunately, because our year ended in mid-March, we had to cancel our date night, Salvation Night (where every group discusses salvation simultaneously) and closing ceremonies. We kept in touch with the girls through emails and sent the Canaski's Sunday School videos each week. At what would have been the end of our year, we delivered goodie bags to each girl.

Looking ahead:

Our prayer request for the coming year is to keep our families safe and healthy and growing in Christ through this time of crisis. We pray that we will all be able to return in the fall and that all of the families who were with us this year return and bring friends!

Special thanks to:

Pioneer Girls is blessed by a wonderful team of leaders and helpers who teach about Christ, plan crafts, play games, and cook yummy food. Thanks to Kelly Canaski, Linda Haas, Sue Orzech, Tiffany VanDerBeck, Joyce Bush, Elaine Sheldon, Kathy Lilley, Anna Agro, Jenn Skinner, Alyssa Agro, and Kellee Ruhl.







Christian Service Brigade #2047 will shortly be ending it's 58th year!

**Battalion** leadership is Kinglsey Haas, Kevin Struebel, & Tim Ruhl. **Wednesday Stockade** Brad Pyle, Jim Payne, Peter Fowler, Jake McClure and Junior Leaders. **Tuesday Stockade** Mike Jaworski, Dave Tharnish, Will Fowler and Junior Leaders. I am involved on all 3 nights of Brigade.

Stockade could not operate without the work and dedication from our teenage "Junior Leaders". These 9 teens can be annoying but they are an amazing group that put a great deal of time and effort in this ministry. Half of them are leaving us this for college and military.

We are continuing to operate as a combined group of Christian Service Brigade and the Christian Cadets Corp. All 3 nights are now using Cadet materials which has improved the quality of our ministry. Remaining with Brigade has enabled us to participate in local activities further providing ministry opportunities.

Twice during the year a couple leaders from our group participated in leadership training from the Ontario Cadets. It has been years since we have been able to participate in fellowship of this kind and it was worth the time and effort.

Some items of information and praise-

- We have adult men and teen guys willing to give of themselves to reach boys.
- Battalion has 19 boys involved, Tuesday has 17 boys and 5 junior leaders, Wednesday has 30 boys involved and 6 junior leaders. There is some overlap of boys/teens and the total numbers are 46-50 Stockade aged boys, 19-25 teenagers and 7 Adults.
- 95% of our guys are from outside the church with 75% of those are marginally or not involved in a local church.
- All visitors and regular attendees are followed up on through regular phone calls, post cards, etc. This necessitates an additional 2 evenings a week besides 3 nights of meetings.
- Our group is holding virtual meetings twice a week that is interactive and follows our regular meeting schedule of Games, Small group time and Devotions. No other Cadet or CSB group is meeting the way we are. We have had other groups join us from Kansas, New Jersey and Vancouver.

### **Prayer Needs**

- The quarantine situation has affected our ability to meet with the boys in person
- Family situations we encounter.
- Energy!
- We should already be starting promotion for next year but everything is on hold.

### **Prayer Praises**

- Family situations we encounter and the assistance and guidance we are able to supply.
- Boys who are growing in Christ.

After 41 years as a leader I have participated in 3,300+ weekly meetings, 368 overnights in the gym and too many milk shakes and pizzas with kids - I am still consider myself blessed to be a part of our ministry team that is reaching boys. Our

church is making a lifelong impact on boys which is setting the foundation for Godly men for the future. If we invest the time and energy now it will result in stable and Christ centered homes in the future. We don't win all the battles and we certainly don't know the real successes of this ministry but God has shown us just enough to know that He is in control and He will use us as a tool to reach these guys.

We have a quality ministry that knows how to reach boys and young men AND build and develop leaders. There is no other group that I know of anyplace that does it like Orchard Park Wesleyan - that's a testament to our leadership team and our church.

Jim Szczodrowski  
Chairman CSB/CCC #2047

## Women's Ministry Report 2019/2020

Thank you to the committee serving the woman: Karen Jones, Debra Wright, Sue Orzech

Our intentions are to have woman come together to enjoy each other's company, share joys and hurts and become united in supporting one another in friendships that will grow and deepen over time.

Our theme: Celebrate

October 19<sup>th</sup> was "Celebrate Life, your Life" and we celebrated with 28 ladies with a Birthday party, cupcakes and ice-cream, games, and a portable photo album craft, Char Cooke was our guest speaker.

February 1<sup>st</sup> was "Celebrate Love" and we had 25 ladies come out for a brunch, games and snowman craft, Michelle Walker as our guest speaker.

We had a third event scheduled but had to cancel due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Respectfully submitted: Karen Jones

## **Men's Ministry Report Fiscal Year 2019 / 2020**

Plan's for our Men's Ministry started out promising but was certainly disrupted by the COVID 19 Virus.

Our ideas and planned activities were more weighted towards the spring early summer 2020.

We were able to have two Men's Breakfasts at our Church. All men were welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship together. We had no shortage of guys willing to help. As a result the work was easy. Thank you Men of OPWC!

One of the best parts of the breakfasts were the testimonies that were given after we had eaten. Both were powerful and enjoyed by all that attended.

Our own Pastor Andrew shared his testimony at the 9/21/2019 Men's Breakfast. This was an excellent way for us to get to know Pastor Andrew better and hear from his heart. We had 18 men attend. Among the attendees there were a few men that were not members of our Church. These guys were invited by our OPWC Men. This is a wonderful way to introduce others to our Church in a less formal manner. Thanks to you guys that did that!

Our own John Reynolds shared his testimony at the 2/15/2020 Men's Breakfast. This was a very moving and relatable testimony enjoyed by all. We got to know John better and I believe the group attending really appreciated him sharing his heart with us. We had a total of 22 attendees. A few members of the Emanuel United Methodist Church from just down the road joined us.

I am looking forwards to whatever our new normal will be and pray it will allow us to gather and fellowship once again.

In support of the Men's Ministry, I would ask that you pray God causes us to yearn for fellowship with other Christian Men, that he humbles us so that we would allow ourselves to be mentored, strengthens us to be mentors to others, inspires us when we study his word, that he causes us to have a heart for the lost, and most of all, encourages us to act immediately when he whispers ever so lightly in our ear...

In His Service

Chuck Campbell / Men's Ministry Leader