

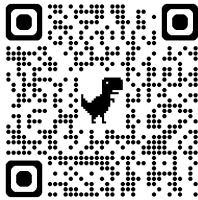
**Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park  
Midweek Ministries**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new year of midweek ministries! This year we are excited to be working together to host our weekday ministries under the goal of creating family ministries that minister to boys, girls, and youth by incorporating collective events in our programs. Some of the newer aspects of our midweek ministries will include a quarterly dinner for the entire midweek program (parents are welcome to stay). We hope that by having a meal prepared at the church, perhaps this would make for a less hectic day. A calendar will be available shortly for you to see all of these events. But to whet your appetite, some of these events will be: the Kickoff, closing Bonfire, sledding, family night bowling, a service project, and even a cookoff! Please find more information regarding each program below.

This year our programs will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m on Wednesday nights. We will begin the year with our fall kickoff event on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Bring the family for a night of fun and learn more about our programs for this upcoming year. There will be pizza, cotton candy, inflatables and games! You can pre- register your child for any of these programs at [www.opwc.org](http://www.opwc.org) or use the QR code below.

Pre-register your child for midweek ministries here!



### **Pioneer Girls:**

This year, our Pioneer Girls ministry will be coordinated by Lauren Ruhl and will be open to all girls entering Kindergarten-5th grade for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Our goal is to provide a fun and safe environment for every girl to know the love of Jesus Christ and to learn more about a life with Him. This year we will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will continue to follow the format that Pioneer Girls has utilized in years past by beginning our night together for announcements in the sanctuary and breaking off into small groups afterward. Girls will have the opportunity to learn more about God and the Bible, and participate in crafts, games, and activities in the gym and kitchen through their small groups. Please plan on coming to the building to drop off your child at the beginning of the night. You may also come in to pick up your children if you wish, but we will have someone stationed at the door to help facilitate pick-up as well. We are excited to bring back some of our regular Pioneer Girls events this year as well as add in a few more that will allow opportunities for all of our ministries and families to enjoy time together. Please refer to our midweek ministries calendar for upcoming events and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the program by emailing me at [lauren@opwc.org](mailto:lauren@opwc.org). We look forward to seeing you and your families this year!

Lauren Ruhl

### **Boys Mid Week**

Come and check out our revamped Boys Mid Week (BMW) program for grades 2 thru 5! Our goal coincides with all other ministries here at OPWC: To live a life that reflects Jesus Christ in such a way that others want to know more about Jesus and to follow him too. For the boys, we want to be the best examples possible. We want them to feel included and loved while teaching them biblical principles that will help them as they grow in life, while doing this in a fun, safe environment.

We are excited to incorporate a couple different elements into this year's program. Though more details are forthcoming, a normal Wednesday evening will include:

- Free time (gym)
- Game time (gym)
- Small groups/Craft time (West Room)
- Snack time
- Lesson time
- Cleanup and Announcements

We are very excited about this year! With so much being new, we do ask for your grace and patience as we continue to tweak and to build this ministry. We are looking forward to meeting you and building meaningful relationships.

Pastor Rob Engler

## Youth Group

We are very excited to bring our youth program under the umbrella of Wednesday night family ministry this year! Youth Group at OPWC is a welcoming environment for students in grades 6-12 to encounter the love of God. An ordinary night will include free time, a time of prayer and reflection on Scripture, and a fun activity that could be anything from team sports to one of the group's favorite night games. The goal of our group is that every student would know that they are loved by God and would build a strong relationship with Him in a community that will last a lifetime.

In addition to regular Wednesday night youth group meetings, 6-12th graders are invited to monthly fun events on Sunday nights, starting with our scavenger hunt on October 6. For 8-12 graders that want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus there will be a teen Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Sunday night of every week. For a full list of our monthly fun events and dates for Bible study, you can refer to the backside of the Family Ministry Schedule available on our website (OPWC.org).

You can always reach me at my email ([andrew@opwc.org](mailto:andrew@opwc.org)) with questions or concerns!

In Christ,

Pastor Andrew Sherman

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