

February 2018

# Oak Arbor News



A monthly newsletter from the Oak Arbor Church

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

### Show and Tell Your Loves to Others

By Rev. Elmo K. Acton

*In the spiritual world, all are conjoined together in accord with their **inner affections**, and not in accord with their outward **affections**, unless these are in harmony with their inner affections.*

*True Married Love: 273 (emphasis added)*

The quote above is not just informative, but prescriptive. In order for the ones you love to be with you to eternity, they must share your deep and good motivations.

What is a simple way to “stack the deck” in favor of you and your spouse or loved one spending time with you in heaven? Well, by giving them a Valentine’s Day card, of course! Ha! You may think I’m kidding, but there is actually some truth to this. How can a person know your *inner affections* unless you **show** or **tell** them? The more we broadcast the will of our spirit to the outside world, the more people can “tune” into our “station.”

When is the last time you told the person you love specific things you love about them? When is the last time you shared with them specific things *you* love that you’re not sure they share interest in? We should all be reminded to take special note of our loved one’s interests and work to love the good things they love as if they were our own. This February, write something special to a loved one, but shock them! Let them know you love how they love football, old books, tiny glass pigs, vintage paper dolls, or whatever quirky thing they enjoy, but they don't think you do. Let them know you’re willing to try and enjoy it too. Try to share all your loves and interests with the ones you love. Show people around you the good things that motivate you. If it is hard to show them, then tell them. Lastly, personally work to

make your good *inner affections* drive all of your habits, because that is the best Valentine’s Day gift you could give anyone - the ability to know the good that is with you and the opportunity to be affected by it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2018 Journey Program, “[Practicing Forgiveness](#)”, Feb. 4th - March 4th

To participate fully, join a small group that meets once a week for the 5 week program, along with daily readings in the program book and attending weekly Sunday services.

Please contact Rachel if you’d like to be part of a group: [rachelmahrle@wowway.com](mailto:rachelmahrle@wowway.com).

# PRACTICING Forgiveness

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## THIS MONTH

Mark Elder Memorial Service - Feb. 10

Pancake Breakfast - Feb. 11

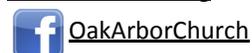
High School Vespers - Feb. 11

Youth Group - Feb. 18

Fix it or ‘Nix it - Feb. 23

*For all our February events see our online calendar at [www.oakarbor.org](http://www.oakarbor.org)*

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## Church Volunteer Schedule February 2018

*Get involved by volunteering at an upcoming Oak Arbor worship service. Please contact the church secretary at 248-652-3420 or [office@oakarbor.org](mailto:office@oakarbor.org).*

Date	Usher	Greeter	Refreshments	Nursery-kindergarten teacher	1st-3rd grade teacher	4th-6th grade teacher	7th & 8th grade teacher	High School teacher
<b>Feb. 11</b> P. Buss Jr. <i>Worship,</i> 10:30 AM	Brad McCardell	Susan Kendig	Suzanne Green	Nicole Sandstrom	Suzanne Green	Rachel Mahrle	Elmo Acton	Kim de Chazal
<b>Feb. 18</b> EKA <i>Worship,</i> 10:30 AM	Jim Pafford	Kim de Chazal	Bob & Karen Heinrichs	Abbie Acton	Brent Genzlinger	Judi Pafford	Kim de Chazal	Heidi vanLoosbroek
<b>Feb. 25</b> DPE <i>Worship,</i> 10:30 AM	Greg Clay	Kim de Chazal	Francis & Heidi vanLoosbroek	Gay Elphick	Kelly Wille	Kim de Chazal	Liane de Chazal	Pam & Dale Steen
<b>Mar. 4</b> DPE <i>Worship,</i> 10:30 AM	Scott Mahrle	Gavin Rodda	Amy Elder	Nicole Sandstrom	Camille Rodda	Sue Elder	Laura & Dave Cattermole	Sulie Tyler

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Sandstrom	Feb. 1
Greg Pafford	Feb. 3
Barbara Owens	Feb. 6
Everest Elder	Feb. 8
Rachel Elphick	Feb. 8
Heidi vanLoosbroek	Feb. 8
Jed Mahrle	Feb. 11
Carolyn Pafford	Feb. 12
Keir Buikema	Feb. 15
George Cattermole	Feb. 15
Bonnie Quinn	Feb. 16
Bill McCardell	Feb. 17
Hannah Wasserbaech	Feb. 19
Kayleigh Curtis	Feb. 26
Tom Steen	Feb. 29

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

David & Laura Cattermole  
February 15, 2001



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Youth Group Dates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming youth group events! (All Sundays, 7:00 PM at the church)

High School Vespers (9th-12th grade): **Feb. 11th, Mar. 11th, Apr. 8th**

Whole Group Activity (7th-12th grade): **Feb. 18th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 22nd**

### “Fix it or Nix it” session

Who: **Oak Arbor Men’s Group**, high school juniors and up.

When: **Friday, February 23rd, 7:00 PM**

Where: **Aaron de Chazal’s workshop** (or garage if needed).

Bring something from home that’s been broken/not working and bugging you like lamps, electronics, furniture, dishes etc. We’ll work together to determine if we’ll fix it or “nix” it. Nothing is too large or small.

There will be age appropriate refreshments for those under and over 21. Whether you have something needing attention or not, come enjoy some camaraderie with the Oak Arbor Men’s group and maybe pick up a new skill!

### Save-the-Date: Young Men’s Weekend

Incoming high school boys and up are invited to join a Young Men’s Weekend **August 10th - 12th, 2018**.

Details to come, but for now, please ask your young men if they’d like to join in and consider adjusting your summer travels to allow for their attendance, if they are interested. These weekends have been very valuable, fun events in the past.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** Oak Arbor friends for all you have done for my family during brother Bill’s journey to his ultimate home. The cards, visits, meals, snacks, flowers, errands, prayers..... everything..... were so genuinely appreciated. The love everyone has poured out for us healed us then and still does now.  
Donna, Craig and Harrison



### Memorial Service for Mark Elder, Saturday February 10th at 2 PM

Mark, age 59, died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 31st, at his home in Eaton Ohio, after a short illness. His family lived in Oak Arbor and were members of our church and community from 1999-2017. His wife Julie taught in our school for many years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the extended Elder family.

As requested by his family, **donations in memory of Mark** can be made to Oak Arbor School.

Checks can be made payable to:

**Oak Arbor School** (memo: Mark Elder Memorial)  
**495 Oak Arbor Circle West Rochester, MI 48306**  
OR

Donations can be made through our secure **PayPal** account.

Go to [www.oakarbor.org](http://www.oakarbor.org)

Click **“Donate”** on the left hand side and follow the PayPal instructions. (Add memo: Mark Elder Memorial)

**Thank you** to everyone for your love and support during the time we said goodbye to our father and father-in-law, Jean. All the offers of help with the service and reception, the food, flowers, messages and kind words were much appreciated. Jean loved this church and we are so grateful for all of you. Edmond & Kim de Chazal, Greg & Cara Clay, Aaron & Liane de Chazal

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As requested by Jean, all donations will be forwarded to Oak Arbor School’s education endowment. This money will be invested and benefit students in our school for generations to come.

# FROM THE OAK ARBOR SCHOOL

*Feed the Mind, Touch the Heart, Prepare for Life*  
*Kindergarten - 8th grade. Our 40th Year! 1978 - 2018*

## Scrapbooking Fundraiser

After covering expenses, this year's scrapbooking event raised \$5,425 for the school! Second highest profit numbers! Thanks again to everybody working together so well to make this event a success.

## March 24th School Benefit

Our theme this year: celebrating the colorful and spirited people and rhythms of Africa!  
Please consider making a donation to one of our auctions. Let Nathaniel know if you have something in mind - [nbrock@oakarbor.org](mailto:nbrock@oakarbor.org)  
The entertainment: Mark Stone - Associate Professor of World Music and Percussion at Oakland University - together with Chinelo Amen-Ra - Music Director of "Sangana" African Dance Company at Wayne State University - will present a program of traditional West African xylophone music and drumming, featuring music of the gyl and the djembe.  
Looking forward to sharing a memorable evening with you all!



## Open House Wednesdays, 9 - 11 AM

We will have an Open House each Wednesday morning, for the months of February and March, between 9-11 AM.  
If you know of anyone who is interested in finding out more about Oak Arbor School, please tell them they can stop in, have a tour, ask some questions and see what we do here. Thank you!

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

### Sunday February 11th, 9 - 10:15 AM

Come and enjoy a hot breakfast before church! Oak Arbor School's 5th-8th graders will serve you in the Social Hall from 9 to 10:15 AM. Make a donation in the basket as you arrive (cash or check to *Oak Arbor School*); proceeds will help fund field trips. Thanks for your support!

## The **REAL** Story of Little Red Riding Hood

Our 5th - 8th graders will present their spring play "The Real Story of Little Red Riding Hood" on **Thursday March 1st and Friday March 2nd at 7 PM.**

Admission is free, donations towards the drama program will be accepted at the door. All are welcome!



K-2 had fun finishing up our unit about the Arctic and Inuit life. They did a great job sharing their arctic animal reports at our writing workshop celebration.