

# Oak Arbor News



A monthly newsletter from the Oak Arbor Church

## FROM THE PASTOR

### 98% Inspiration or Perspiration?

By Rev. Derek Elphick

*"On the seventh day God ended His work which he had done, and He rested on the seventh day."*

Genesis 2:2

Most great works of art, literature, inventions, advances in science and industry are born, not out of idleness or luck, but out of incredibly hard, persistent, concentrated work - from, as the saying goes, 2% inspiration and 98% perspiration! But when we view the result, the finished product, we see the sheer "genius" of it and quietly assume it was 98% inspiration and 2% perspiration! This is because there's a hidden force in this world that makes us think we can get "something for nothing," that breakthroughs of any sort are reserved for the gifted few. This mindset wants us to bypass the labor, the hard work, the persistence that our marriages, our jobs, our parenting requires. The Lord's ratio is 6-1, six days of labor to one day of rest (*not* 6 days of rest for 1 day of labor). Our sense of peace and happiness is based on our work, our labor. Our sense of value and purpose is proportional to our work; the greater the effort and determination, the greater the "rest." In reality, no inspiration or insight can come to us without conflict and struggle which is why our "six days of labor" is always worth it in the end.

Further reading: AC 92; TC 694:7

### Red Cross Blood Drive at Oak Arbor - Monday, July 17th, 1 - 7 PM.

Call 586-879-9857 to schedule an appointment, or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: oakarbor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Student Send-Off, Tuesday August 15th at 7 PM.** It's our tradition to celebrate the students who will be departing for high school or college away from home.

Please join us at the home of Mike & Suzanne Green (500 Oak Arbor Circle E.) Bring a sweet or savory snack to share.

Gifts for the students are not expected. Just come and wish them well!

Students 9th grade and up are welcome to stay for a bonfire afterwards.

### Family Field Games, Sun. July 30 and Sun. August 27 at 7 PM

A night for the whole family (adults included) to enjoy games out on the Oak Arbor Field, and ice cream too.

Bring your friends!



## THIS MONTH

RANH Collection - until July 31

Red Cross Blood Drive - July 17

Family Field Games - July 30 & Aug. 27

Summer Vespers (high school) - Aug. 6

Student Send-Off - Aug. 15

For all our July & August events see our online calendar at [www.oakarbor.org](http://www.oakarbor.org)

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## Church Volunteer Schedule July & August 2017

*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
<b>July 16</b> DPE Worship 10:30 AM	Todd Elder	Gavin Rodda
<b>July 23</b> E. Acton Worship 10:30 AM	Craig Steen	Donna Donakowski
<b>July 30</b> E. Acton Worship 10:30 AM	Greg Clay	Cara Clay
<b>Aug. 6</b> E. Acton Worship 10:30 AM	Dale Steen	Pam Steen
<b>Aug. 13</b> DPE Worship 10:30 AM	Brad McCardell	Kim de Chazal
<b>Aug. 20</b> DPE Worship 10:30 AM	Jim Pafford	Susan Kendig
<b>Aug. 27</b> DPE Worship 10:30 AM	Todd Elder	Marcia Bradin
<b>Sept. 3</b> TBD Worship 10:30 AM	TBD	TBD

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Camille Green July 1  
 Daisy Mahrle July 1  
 Peggy Gall July 3  
 Ian Genzlinger July 3  
 Karen Lehne July 4  
 Elena Madak July 4  
 Carol Curtis July 8  
 Craig Steen July 8  
 Amy Elder July 12  
 Serena Elphick July 13  
 Ana McCardell July 13  
 Karen Elder July 16  
 Sarah McCardell July 16  
 Mack Elder July 19  
 Taylor Alrutz July 22  
 Dylan Genzlinger July 24  
 Nathaniel Brock July 25  
 Georgia Barry July 26  
 Paul Rogers July 26  
 Marge Gurney July 28  
 Aaron de Chazal July 29



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Liane de Chazal Aug. 1  
 Jim Pafford Aug. 1  
 Celeste de Chazal Aug. 2  
 Luke Elder Aug. 2  
 Cara Clay Aug. 9  
 Craig McCardell Aug. 11  
 Cameron Goulding Aug. 12  
 Annalise de Chazal Aug. 13  
 Bob Heinrichs Aug. 16  
 Weston Pellani Aug. 16  
 Andrew Madak Aug. 20  
 Lee Bonnette Aug. 23  
 Gavin Rodda Aug. 24  
 Dawn Goulding Aug. 26

### JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Pam Steen - July 2, 1994  
 Mike & Kelly Wille - July 7, 2007  
 Paul & Amy Elder - July 15, 1995  
 Kurt & Alberta Synnestvedt - July 15, 1995  
 Steve & Ana McCardell - August 14, 2000  
 Derek & Gay Elphick - August 19, 1990  
 Scott & Rachel Mahrle - August 19, 2000  
 Joel & Sarah Pellani - August 21, 2011



**Weed Patrol** continues throughout the summer. Come and join us any Saturday at 8 AM for some light gardening, then coffee and snacks on the back patio. A great way to start your day, and help maintain our beautiful church gardens! (No Weed Patrol July 29, Aug. 12 & 19).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ushers/Greeters/Refreshments

The schedule for next year, Sept. - June, will be made soon. If you would like to be on our rotation for refreshments, greeters or ushers (even once or twice a year) please send an email to Liane ([ldchazal@oakarbor.org](mailto:ldchazal@oakarbor.org)) by August 1st. Thank you!

### New Church Day Gifts

Thank you to Bryn Brock and her group of volunteers for the gifts that were distributed to the children at our New Church Day celebration on June 18th. A lot of love and thought goes into the creating and selecting of these gifts!

### Rochester Area Neighborhood House Backpack Program

We are once again collecting school supplies for local children in need through this program. The collection box for your donations will be in the church foyer **until July 31st**, and the list of supplies is below.

Thank you! Questions, ask Sherry McCardell (248-651-8983, [shermc1111@msn.com](mailto:shermc1111@msn.com))

#### RANH Backpack Program Supply List:

- backpacks for children (ages 6-18)
- Flash Drives (8 or 16 GB)
- colored pencils & markers
- black sharpies or fine point markers
- red & blue pens
- highlighters
- glue sticks (large)
- scissors
- plastic rulers with metric
- black and white composition notebooks
- spiral three-subject notebooks
- college-lined filler paper
- 2-pocket folders
- loose-leaf binders (3-ring, size 1 1/2")
- loose-leaf binder dividers (sets of 5&8)

Rochester Area Neighborhood House is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

### Lakeville Mill

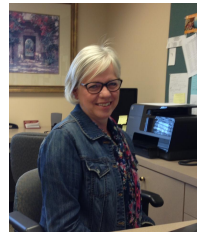
Thank you to Todd & Sue Elder for providing the space for the recent sale at the Mill, and for all the volunteers who helped with the sale. We made \$5,500 for Oak Arbor!  
Another sale will be scheduled sometime this Fall.

## FROM THE OAK ARBOR SCHOOL

*Feed the Mind, Touch the Heart, Prepare for Life*

### Farewell

For many years now, Mrs. Mandy Steen has served the Oak Arbor School with dedication. From working the front desk several years after the opening of our new facilities to working alongside the pastor and principal of the school as an administrative assistant, Mrs. Steen has been a tremendous help in the smooth running of the school and a champion of our cause. We will miss her cheerful, can-do attitude as well as the insights and expertise she brought to the job. We wish her many blessings as she moves on to the next chapter of her life.



### Congratulations!

We wish our 8th grade graduate the very best as he moves onto high school!



Our end-of-year slideshow can be watched at this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=s7yRr8D7skk](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=s7yRr8D7skk)

We wish all our families a happy and relaxing summer!

## GENERAL CHURCH

Speakers for the **2018 Boynton Beach Retreat** Announced!

Bob Brickman, chairman of the Boynton Beach Retreat, is pleased to announce the speakers for the 2018 Boynton Beach Retreat will be the Rt. Rev. Tom Kline, Chara Daum, and the Rev. Barry Halterman. Mark January 29 through February 1, 2018 on your calendars and plan to join us.

**New Church Vineyard Announcement:** The New Church Vineyard website ([www.newchurchvineyard.org](http://www.newchurchvineyard.org)) is changing! General Church Education is in the process of redesigning the site, with many additional resources and a new user interface to help you find exactly what you want. Look for the new version in September 2017.