

May 2017

Oak Arbor News



A monthly newsletter from the Oak Arbor Church

FROM THE PASTOR

COMMUNITY

By Rev. Derek Elphick

"Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the border of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well." Mark 6:56

"And Jesus took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Living in an electronic age has many advantages - we can send messages around the world instantaneously; we can access huge amounts of information and find answers to complex questions in a matter of seconds; tasks that once required we be physically present now require only the push of a button. Much of life's work can be done without ever having to leave the comfort of our home. Creating community on an electronic device is challenging and limited. Since the dawn of civilization people have gathered in groups to support each other in a common cause. In the New Testament, the Lord created community by being physically present. He didn't live alone. He was always with people, living among them, sharing everyday experiences and reaching out primarily through the sense of touch. Looking someone in the eyes, shaking their hand, giving them a hug, hearing their voice, their tone and inflection; using your body language to show that you are listening, that you care - none of these "spheres" can be substituted electronically. This is why we have church communities - to physically "show up" and support each other in the journey of life. Love is felt powerfully when we are physically present.

"The meaning of touch by use of the hands has its origin in representatives in the next life. People there whose states of life are dissimilar appear far removed from one

another, whereas those whose states of life are similar appear living in association with one another; and those who touch one another there transmit their state of life to another. If this is done by the use of the hands the whole of their life is transmitted."

Secrets of Heaven no. 10023:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weed Patrol is back! All ages and skill levels welcome. **On Saturday, May 6th at 8 AM** we will have our first weed patrol of the season. Weed Patrol is a volunteer program from 8-9 AM Saturdays (May - October) designed to help maintain our church and school grounds. After just 1 hour of trimming, weeding, mulching and transplanting, we meet on the back patio for the most important part...Starbucks coffee and decadent treats! Please don't think you have to commit to coming every Saturday. Just come when you can, even if it is just a couple of times during the summer. Every little bit is a big help. If you cannot join us for the gardening part there are other ways to support the cause like providing the treats. This program saves the church thousands of dollars and it is fun, so come join us on Saturdays at 8 AM!



THIS MONTH

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive - all month

Weed Patrol Resumes - May 6

Lakeville Mill Drop-Off Day - May 13

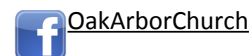
History Night at OAS - May 25

Memorial Weekend Camping Trip - May 26-29

For all our May events see our online calendar at www.oakarbor.org

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Church Volunteer Schedule May 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.

Date	Usher	Greeter	Refreshments	Nursery-kindergarten teacher	1st-3rd grade teacher	4th-6th grade teacher	7th & 8th grade teacher	High School teacher
May 7 E. Acton Worship, 10:30 AM	Craig Steen	Donna Donakowski	David & Laura Cattermole	Nicole Sandstrom	Brent Genzlinger	Ann-Marie McCardell	Nathaniel Brock	Rebecca Barry
May 14 DPE Worship, 10:30 AM	Greg Clay	Cara Clay	Sue Elder	Mother's Day - No Sunday School				
May 21 DPE Worship, 10:30 AM	Dale Genzlinger	Nancy Genzlinger	Francis & Heidi vanLoosbroek	Deb Alrutz	Rachel Mahrle	Kim de Chazal	Pam & Dale Steen	Donna Donakowski & Craig Steen
Memorial Weekend - No Church May 28th								
June 4 DPE Worship with Holy Supper 10:30 AM	Brad McCardell	Kim de Chazal	Dave & Karen Kostick	Rebecca Barry	Kelly Wille	Camille Rodda	Gay Elphick	Heidi vanLoosbroek

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jency Brock	May 1	Jack Elder	May 24
Luke de Chazal	May 2	Jack Genzlinger	May 26
Carly Steen	May 2	Brad McCardell	May 26
Pam Steen	May 3	Caviliene Cook	May 28
Jon Childs	May 4	David Wille	May 28
Dale Steen	May 4	Indigo Buikema	May 30
Rachel Mahrle	May 8	Jane Synnestvedt	May 31
Haden Wasserbaech	May 8		
Delaney Bowyer	May 16		
Derek Elphick	May 17		
Howard Gurney	May 17		
Opal Schnarr	May 18		
Kirk Broome	May 18		
Jim Tesnar	May 18		
Deb Alrutz	May 21		



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Buikema & Sulie Tyler
May 1, 1993

Bob & Kären Heinrichs
May 6, 1961

Aaron & Liane de Chazal
May 10, 1997

Jack & Kären Elder
May 16, 1981



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lakeville Mill Donation drop-off day, Saturday, May 13, 10 AM - 2 PM.

Please come prepared to price and set out your items. Also, volunteers are needed to help assist that day. Contact Sue E. if you can help.

We do not accept VHS videos, music cassettes, outdated TVs, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, or TV entertainment centers.

Official address: 1381 Milmine Rd. Leonard 48367.

Mill sales are scheduled for **Friday & Saturday, June 2nd & 3rd**. Proceeds benefit Oak Arbor!

Memorial Day Camping and Canoeing Weekend Friday May 26th - Monday May 29th

We like to have new families join us, and we like people to bring friends. Come join us Friday night, and stay as long as you like!

To reserve your place, call the campground directly: LUDINGTON EAST / PERE MARQUETTE RIVER KOA, 800-562-6350. Mention "Brent Genzlinger/ Group Reservation"; if you are tent camping then you need to be prepared to tell them:

- Number of Adults (age 19 or older)
- Number of Children (ages 6 thru 18)
- Number of free children (ages 5 and under)
- Number of dogs (not to exceed 2)
- Credit card (V or MC)

They have a night 3 minimum stay, even if you're just staying for 2 nights. If you are bringing an RV or want electrical hookups, special pricing applies. They have some "glamping" options if you want to sleep further from the ground, and some of the rustic camping spots now have electricity, for an extra fee. After you have made your reservation - please drop Brent an email so he can keep track of who is coming: Brent@genzlinger.com .

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive - all month

Don't throw those old shoes away!

Soles4Souls is a charity that distributes footwear to people in need all over the world, or uses the materials for repairs.

The collection boxes are in the school and church lobbies until May 31st. Please secure your shoes together in pairs, and make a donation (suggested \$1 per pair) in the envelope to help with the delivery costs. Thank you!



Oak Arbor Softball Team: Oak Arbor is putting together a softball team (ages 15 and up) for the local Rochester co-ed church league. If you are interested in playing, get in touch with Mike Wille (mike@brilliantchemistry.com). The league plays Thursdays evenings, June 1 - Aug 17.

GENERAL CHURCH

Laurel Camp: A Spiritual Retreat for Families and Friends - Registration is NOW OPEN!

Camp Dates: July 30th - August 5th

Laurel's mission is to build spiritual community based on the Lord's Word. Our camp is a chance to spend a week out in the beautiful woods of Laurel Hill State Park, and experience a unique kind of spiritual community with friends of all ages. Each day contains worship, small groups, shared meals, and lots of music. Come sleep in a cabin, swim in the lake, and spend time by the campfire.

The Pastoral staff of 2017: Solomon Keal, Calvin Odhner, Elmo Acton. This year's theme: "The Middle". Whether it is pleasant or difficult, what comes between the beginning and the end is usually an important part of life. Come explore the Middle with us this summer at Laurel Camp!

Register online at laurelcamp.org



Swedenborg and the Arts Conference,

June 5-9, 2017. Bryn Athyn College is hosting the first-ever international conference dedicated to examining the influence of Emanuel Swedenborg's writings on the arts. More than 25 scholars from 10 different countries will be at the conference to explore and discuss Swedenborg's substantial influence on literature, painting, architecture, music, and other forms of art. To join us for this exciting event, please visit our registration page at [Swedenborg and the Arts Registration](#) or go to the Bryn Athyn College/Swedenborg and the Arts page and follow the links.

The 2015 – 2016 **Academy Journal** has been posted on both the Bryn Athyn College and the Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools websites. To view the Journal, please go to either of these links: <https://brynathyn.edu/alumni/> <http://www.ancss.org/one-school/>

FROM THE OAK ARBOR SCHOOL

Feed the Mind, Touch the Heart, Prepare for Life
Kindergarten - 8th grade. Our 39th year! 1978 - 2017

Enrollment Open

Applications and inquiries are welcome for the 2016-17 year. For more information contact Mandy Steen (248-652-3420 x 107, msteen@oakarbor.org)

Spring Musical Revue & Performance at the OPC

The students performed vocal and instrumental pieces, all celebrating the theme of "Music Makes Pictures". Songs included everything from Renaissance recorder music to the Harry Potter Movie theme song.

Thank you once again to Traci Bartell for her excellent oversight of the Musical Revue and performance at the OPC. We are blessed to have such talent leading our young musicians!



Pancake Breakfasts

Last month we had the final of 3 pancake breakfasts for this school year. The dollars raised at these events support the upper school's spring field trips - trips that have become looked forward to, valuable experiences for our students.

We are so grateful to Aaron de Chazal for his oversight of these events from the kitchen!



Medieval Feast

Miss Erika's 3rd & 4th graders celebrated their study of Medieval times with a feast, followed by entertainment and games (such as jousting). Here they are posing with the helmets and shields that they made.



American History Night at Oak Arbor School, Thursday May 25th at 7 PM

Come enjoy learning about recent studies in American history from Oak Arbor's 5th - 8th grade students!

5th & 6th graders will be costumed and sharing their learning about an early American craft or trade.

The 7th & 8th students will be giving presentations on why George Washington was elected as our first president, and why the north won the Civil War.

Please join us and bring friends, family, and, perhaps, anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about our school.

Boxtops

We recently received a check from Boxtops for Education for our school for \$180! Thank you, and please keep submitting your boxtops! Collection boxes are available in the school foyer, and various classrooms. Or you can turn them into the front office.

Boxtops are found on the following brands: Annies, Cascadian Farm, General Mills, Lysol, Ziploc, and more!

