



OVERLAKE PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

fall 2018

pastor's letter ~ rethink christ



Dear OPPC,

We all long for community. We all long for the presence of God. We all long to recognize Jesus Christ in our world and in one another. As we live our faith in Jesus Christ, the debris of our world and busyness of our lives can distract us from seeking to explore the Spirit's mysterious work.

Join us in worship this Fall as we explore scripture and read *Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr, in book study groups that meet weekly to explore theological questions and the mystery of Jesus Christ's Spirit in our midst. We will remember church history, study scripture, and explore Rohr's concepts as a way of deepening our faith in God and call to serve together.

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Fall Sermon Series & Book Study

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HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Create a small group to read and discuss each week's topics together. If you have a regular group you meet with, that may be an easy place to form a group. Or, contact others from OPPC (or not!) in your neighborhood to meet together. Self-select a Group Coordinator and you are ready!

We have a Group Contact Sheet for you to complete once your study group comes together. If you need help finding a book study group, just contact the office and the staff can help facilitate connections.

- On Sunday, September 8th, we will have time following worship to help people form groups and get started! We will also have a few books for sale if you forget to order your copy.
- Pastor Becki and HT will provide a book study outline and each week's reading can be found online. Each week, in worship, we will touch on the chapter(s) and connecting scripture in worship.
- Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation has a podcast that you can also use to expand your questions and thinking called *Another Name for Everything*.

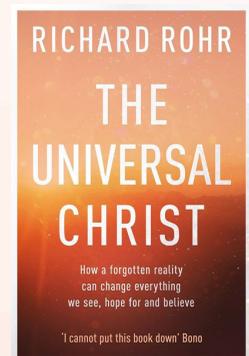
We chose this book because it asks expansive questions and provides tons of space for contemplation. This series is designed to allow us space to reThink Christ in a way that reforms our faith in Jesus Christ and the work of ministry we are called toward together.

WHY THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST?

Last year, I picked up a copy of *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr, and tuned into his Center for Action and Contemplation's Podcast, *Another Name for Everything*.

My heart exploded and my brain thanked me. It wasn't because I agreed with everything Rohr taught, but because of the grace and space he offers in his teaching. I was challenged to think critically, pray deeply, and consider how my frame of faith might be 'growing in knowledge and depth of insight' as Paul prayed for the Philippian Church.

I hope you find reThink Christ an exciting and expansive spiritual journey.



GET YOUR BOOK!

Limited copies available in the office for \$16.

Amazon link available at www.oppc.org.

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FALL KICK OFF AND BBQ

Sunday, September 8 (after worship)

Join us for the Fall Kick-Off after worship on Sunday, Sept. 8! After we kick off our ReThink: Christ Fall Sermon Series and Book Study, we'll have a potluck lunch and enjoy time together. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Hot dogs, drinks, games, and fun will be provided!

CHANCEL CHOIR: 2019 Fall Choir Season

Thursdays starting September 12 (7:15 - 8:30 p.m.)

If you have ever felt a nudge to get involved in the OPPC music ministry, the Chancel Choir is a great place to start. The OPPC Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings in the sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. Singing a minimum of two Sundays/month, their schedule is typically planned well in advance so you can work it into your schedule. If you have any other questions about joining the choir or about our upcoming season, please contact Rachel Krohn (rachelk@oppc.org) or stop by to say hello in person Tuesday or Wednesday. Singers of all skill levels are welcome and anyone who is interested is encouraged to come try it out.

OPPC MARINER GAME & FIREWORKS NIGHT

Friday, Sept. 27 (7:10 p.m.) vs. Athletics

Join OPPC for a Mariner Game Night! All are welcome to attend (minimum of at least 20 people per game needed). \$20/pp includes your tickets and a pizza dinner! RSVP to office@oppc.org and get excited to cheer on the M's!



OPPC VISION GATHERING LUNCHEON

Sunday, Oct. 6 (after worship)

OPPC Vision Gathering Luncheon after church on Sunday, Oct. 6. Join us as we continue to discern God's call for our future redevelopment.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, Oct. 13 @ Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum

WOW! It's coming! The Women's Retreat this year will be at Camp Koinonia, near Cle Elum, on Friday, Oct. 11 thru Sunday, Oct. 13. We will start after dinner on Friday, and enjoy each other's company until about lunchtime on Sunday. Four meals will be included - three on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. We will do a Bible Study, a craft project, sing, and have time to hike, have a massage, or just relax. This is always a great time to get to know each other better. Cost is \$100, with \$8 extra if you want them to provide your sheets and towels - or you can bring your own. Presbyterian Women will cover the rest. Watch for sign-ups after church in late September and early October. Carpools available.

OPPC HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19

Friday, October 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. is the Church Family and Friends Preview Night for the Holiday Craft Fair. We would love to have you join us for browsing the holiday crafts, home-baked goods and Collectibles. This year, we have lots of new designs for everything from ornaments, wrapping options, cards, team items and nativities to make your holiday shopping easier. The Craft Fair will be open to the public as well on Saturday, Oct. 19 starting at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20 for about an hour after worship.

BINGO WITH BECKI

Friday, November 1 (5:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 1st, OPPC will host our first ever all-church Bingo Extravaganza! All ages welcome as Pastor Becki tries her skills at Bingo calling, corny jokes, and laughter for the whole church family. Dinner will be provided before we try our luck at traditional, four corners, blackout and more! You won't want to miss this hilarious evening of fun. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. but don't worry, you can join the game (and grab a bite) all evening. We will Bingo until our prizes run out and our numbers are exhausted.



OPPC LIBRARY

Work continues on the database of the books in the Library. Ann Woodling and Cindy Coleman, with help from Bob Woodling, add more books to the collection each month. We have some new titles about raising children in the digital generation, and several new kids books. We love donations, but nothing before ©1990 please. Come in and "check out" the New Additions, or other books.

SAVE THE DATE ~ MARCH 2020 NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Be on the look out for a new members class in March 2020. Whether you're wanting to join OPPC, have recently transferred your membership, or just want to know more about the Presbyterian Church - we'd love to have you join us! More info will be available after the new year!

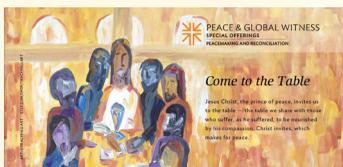
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PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING ~ Peacemaking and Reconciliation

Sunday, September 1 - October 6

Come to the Table

Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, invites us to the table - the table we share with those who suffer, as he suffered, to be nourished by his compassion. Christ invites, which makes for peace. Our Peace & Global Witness Offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers; enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Look for Special Offering envelopes in the sanctuary or visit the website listed below to donate online.



*This is one of two Special Offerings that OPPC collects throughout the year.
To learn more, visit presbyterianmission.org/peace-global*

SALVATION ARMY DINNER SCHEDULE

Second Friday of Each Month

We want to thank the Bosworths for their long tenure, leading of the dinners at Salvation Army on the second Friday of each month!! They have started a ministry that we hope will continue for a long time to come. Various groups will lead this dinner each month. Please see the bulletin and online sign-up to participate.

The fall schedule is:

September 13 ~ OPPC Congregation October 11 ~ OPPC Youth Group

November 8 ~ OPPC Congregation

SALVATION ARMY SNACK BAGS

Sunday, October 6 (after 10:00 a.m. worship)

Join us in helping to feed others after we are fed by the spirit in communion on Sunday, Oct. 6. We'll be packing the Snack Sacks that we hand out once a month at the Salvation Army dinner. After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall as we pack assembly line fashion. Many hands make light work! Thank you again for your support of this mission.

CORNER TO CORNER: DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES (DCYF)

Our church continues to partner with DCYF to help foster kids and families in the Crossroads area!

DID YOU KNOW OPPC...

- Maintains a storage shed with supplies to be given to children brought into the foster network? (We are in need of a manager of the shed - contact Cindy Coleman at senorac@frontier.com or Carol Taylor at catprtr@hotmail.com for more info.)
- Deep-cleans the visitation/play rooms at the Crossroads office? The next opportunity is Friday, Oct. 4, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.! RSVP to the office at office@oppc.org if you'd like to help!
- Donates requested items as the need arises?
- Offered discounted tuition to all foster kids for Vacation Bible School?
- The Presbyterian Women's Mission Tea honored a group who works with foster kids as well?

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (CFH)

OPPC has just welcomed approx. 30 men to our Congregations for the Homeless shelter for the month of August. Many of you have signed up to serve, make sandwiches, or bring chips, salsa or cookies for this program. Meals were provided by Newport Presbyterian and the Latter Day Saints Church, Bellevue Stake. Our GREAT leaders this year were Neal Nelson and Patricia Tuor, with weekly captains to help. **Thank you all so much!** The men really appreciate your caring and friendship.

adult education

ABC BOOK CLUB

First Sunday of the month (11:30 a.m.)

ABC Book Group invites all to participate in our discussions of one book each month. We meet in the church library at 11:30 a.m., following the coffee fellowship after the Sunday worship service. No RSVP is needed, so grab a copy of the book and join us! We look forward to seeing you!

Sept. 1 - ***The Paris Architect***, by Charles Belfoure

Oct. 6 - ***The Richest Caveman: The Doug Batchelor Story***, by Doug Batchelor

Nov 3 - ***Where the Crawdads Sing***, by Delia Owens

BIBLE STUDIES @ OPPC

Looking for a way to study the Bible and get plugged in to OPPC? Join a Bible Study Group! With four groups meeting regularly in the church library, we hope you can find a group that works for you!

GOLDEN RULE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings, 7:00 a.m.
(ongoing - join any time!)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 p.m.
Fall Book Study: *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr
(beginning Sept. 10)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m.
Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments
(beginning Sept. 18)

The study explores what it would mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a hard list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God. The author, in discussion of each of the nine lessons uses the "words", instead of "commandments", which is not used in Scripture. Each lesson begins with an explanation of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts.

All women are invited to join for study, fellowship and light refreshments.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.
The Church's Songbook
(beginning Sept. 24)

Paul encouraged the church at Ephesus to "speak to each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs".

Since the very beginning, Christians have encountered God in their hymnals. Perhaps this is because the very best of the Church's music is based on Scripture. Join us this year as we take a tour of the Church's songbook - ancient, traditional and modern - and take a deep dive into the Biblical background of each song.

OPPC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

The Adult Education Committee was very pleased to award six scholarships from the Memorial Scholarship fund this past spring. Our church family and friends have been very generous in donating to the fund and we are very thankful for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Because of this generosity, we are able to help these church members pursue their dreams and further their education. We are very proud to congratulate the following recipients of the Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Matthew Ahn	Emma Heinonen
Jared DeBruin	Hannah Heinonen
David Demaree	Aaniya Samuel

*Congratulations to all the students, and thank you to all the contributors.
OPPC is blessed and thankful for all you do.*

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YOUTH GROUP

Sundays Mornings (11:30 a.m.)

Our youth meets regularly after church on Sundays with a meal. (No youth meetings on the first Sundays of every month.) Join us for lunch, study, laughter, and friendship!

Other monthly events to come.

UNITE YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Save the dates: December 26-29

OPPC is excited to participate in our third Unite Retreat at Tall Timber Ranch in Leavenworth, WA. This is an opportunity for our youth to meet and engage with over 120 students from all over the greater Seattle and Tacoma area, who have the same passion and love for Jesus Christ. Mark your calendars now: Dec. 26-29, 2019 and plan to join us for this great retreat!

children

2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Fall is just around the corner! Please get a jump start on the year by registering your child(ren) for Sunday School! We always like to know who's with us and if any of your family's information has changed! Forms can be picked up in the narthex. Drop off in the marked box or return to the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS FALL

Sunday Mornings

Teaching Sunday school is one way we fulfill the promise we make during baptism to help raise children up in faith. It's also a fun way to interact with and get to know our kiddos. Starting in September, we will have three Sunday School classes!

Nursery - Pre-K
Kindergarten - Third Grade
Fourth - *Sixth Grade

To help our children grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus, there is need for committed helpers to assist our Lead Teachers. If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office at office@oppc.org.

**Sixth Grade students are invited to come to Sunday school or remain in worship.*

SAGEBROOK RETIREMENT CENTER WORSHIP

The 4th-6th grade class will be participating in and leading the Sagebrook Retirement Center Worship occasionally throughout the year with Patricia Tuor. The 2019-20 Sunday School registration includes a waiver your kids will need to participate.

presbyterian women

MISSION TEA benefiting Bridge Receiving Center

The Mission Tea this year honored Bridge Receiving Center, a brand new "camp" for new foster kids. It helps them to know what will happen to them in the Foster Care system, and to feel secure that someone cares for them. This ties in with our mission work with the Department of Children, Youth, & Families (See "Mission").

Women attending heard a presentation and enjoyed goodies and beverages in the home of Cindy Coleman on Aug. 17. If you were unable to attend, you missed a good time! Watch for next year's tea!

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS GOOD START BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Presbyterian Women again led this drive for school supplies for low-income kids in the Bellevue School District. These backpacks, with all a child needs for school, equip the students with the supplies they need to have a Good Start Back to School. The number of kids being served this year is 35% more than last, so there is a big need. The total amount donated was just around \$400! Thank you!!

calendar at a glance

For a complete list of church activities, meetings and events, we invite you to visit our website at www.oppc.org or sign up for our weekly email.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 1: Breakfast Worship Service
Sunday, Sept. 8: Fall Kick-off
Thursday, Sept. 12: Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins
Friday, Sept. 13: Salvation Army Dinner (OPPC Congregation)
Friday, Sept. 27: Mariners Game & Fireworks Night

OCTOBER

Friday, Oct. 4: Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) Cleaning
Sunday, Oct. 6: OPPC Vision Gathering, Salvation Army Snack Bag Assembly
Friday, Oct. 11: Salvation Army Dinner (Youth Group)
Friday, Oct. 11 - Sunday, Oct. 13: Women's Retreat @ Camp Koinonia
Friday, Oct. 18 - Sunday, Oct. 20: OPPC Holiday Craft Fair

NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov. 1: Bingo with Becki
Friday, Nov. 8: Salvation Army Dinner (OPPC Congregation)

STAY CONNECTED WITH OPPC



Stay connected with OPPC throughout the week by signing up for our **Weekly Email or "liking" our Facebook Page!** You'll get up-to-date information on the week's events and offerings, links to our online sermon series and mailers, and prayer requests.

To sign up for our weekly email, visit: <http://www.oppc.org/weekly-email/>
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FALL KICK OFF & POTLUCK Sunday, Sept. 8 10:00 a.m.

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