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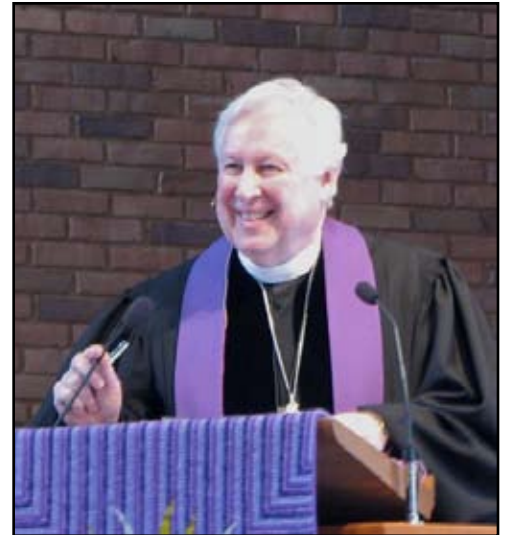
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Celebrate the Arrival of Rev. Charles Webster and wife Melissa

ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF REV. CHARLES WEBSTER AND HIS WIFE MELISSA

OPPC is pleased to welcome Reverend Charles (Charlie) Marshall Webster as our Interim Pastor. His lovely wife Melissa (Mimi) accompanies him and they began their new assignment with us on August 8, 2011. They have relocated to a rental property only 7 minutes from the Church and have already immersed themselves in the life and worship of the Orchard Park Family.

Rev. Webster has a Bachelor's degree in History from Duke University, has studied Biblical Languages and Literature at the University of Edinburgh and Counseling Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, and obtained his Masters of Divinity Degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1970 in Pastoral Theology. He served in two churches as an associate pastor prior to becoming the organizing pastor of a Presbyterian Church in San Jose, California where he served for 9 years. He was then called to do interim ministry work and has been doing so since 1988 in California, Nevada, Oregon, Missouri, Florida, Washington, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Tennessee (and now



Indiana) with congregations ranging from 500 to 5,100 members. Most recently he has served at Germantown, Tennessee, a suburban church of 900 members that ended on May 31, 2011.

Charlie describes himself as "high energy, enthusiastic, warm, caring, accessible, an organizer's organizer, and theologically grounded" and has committed those qualities to God and God's people whom he serves. He has three daughters and three "adorable" grandchildren. His passions and pastimes include his love of scholarship, golf, good coffee, and all Duke University athletics. Mimi has nursing degrees from Auburn, the University of South Alabama, and a certificate in parish nursing from St. Elizabeth College, NJ. Her specialty is geriatric care management.

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From the PASTOR



Mike Ireland

"The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved."
Victor Hugo

I was looking at Herb Miller's The Vital Congregation recently. He has a chapter entitled "The Climate Controls the Crops". Any farmer would accept this as an axiom. The degree to which a congregation possesses a climate of love and acceptance so essential for vitality and growth is determined by the degree to which several factors are present. Since a major portion of my opportunities to serve Jesus here have to do with the Caring Pillar, I was especially pleased to see, among others these two:

1. Does our church have an organized system by which our members, who are home-bound or have long-term illnesses, are visited regularly and remembered in special ways?
2. Does our church have an organized way which ensures that our members feel loved and supported by other lay persons during times of stress, such as hospitalization and bereavement?

The answer to both is "yes". But what does our "yes" look like? It looks like the faces of each of us

as we deliver food, take time to visit face to face, pray for others and follow up over time with one another. It looks like the personal cards we send, the plans we make to meet for conversation and coffee, or a group getting together to build a ramp for someone's house without expecting anything in return. It looks like open faces sharing real love.

In the biblical text of Acts 3:1-10 we are given the account of Peter healing a crippled beggar. The beggar sees Peter and John as they are about to go into the temple. He asks them for alms. Peter "looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.'" The lame man "fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them." Peter and John have no silver or gold to give him. But what they have to give is his for the receiving: just one look.

Healing comes for the crippled beggar as Peter and John read his face, as they gaze upon him with an invitation to look upon them in return—a face-to-face look with love. In this encounter, the suffering one allows his nothingness and nakedness to be seen by others in the revealing of his face. And in that light—that is love—a possibility for new life emerges that can only be seen, and received, as a gift. It is equally the gift of holy transparency on our part that is empowered by the presence of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

We are set free in Jesus, to go "face to face" with the other. After all, Paul writes

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

~2 Cor. 4:6

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Place your orders at the Welcome Center for copies of Sermon CDs. You can use them for personal study or share them with others. Consider sending them to college students away from home or share them with missionary families in the field.

The cost is \$5.00 each.

Messenger Due Dates

If you would like to submit content for publication, please do so by the following date.

**Nov/Dec 2011 Article Due Date:
October 17th, 2011**

You can submit content via email to newsletter@orchardpark.org or you can place it in the Messenger's mailbox to the right of the front office.

First Tuesday Presents:



Denise Saxman, MSW, Care Consultant for the Alzheimer's Association will be presenting the program.

As people age, many start to worry about forgetting things and worry if it could be Alzheimer's. This program will address normal memory changes as well as the warning signs for Alzheimer's disease. Information about the programs and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association, including the Care Consultation program will be covered.

Make reservations for October 4th with the church office or sign-up in the Blue Book. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.



The Galanti family departed for New Zealand in January of 2009 knowing little more about the country than "it's somewhere near Australia". Tricia had taken a job at a medically underserved rural hospital there, sight unseen. She had never planned on doing something like this, but God had different plans for her and the family...

Please come to First Tuesday at Noon on September 6th to hear Ben Galanti talk about their experiences and about this fascinating country. Learn a little about the culture, the beautiful scenery and life as a rural 'Kiwi' in this oft overlooked jewel.

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Rev. Webster is deeply committed to discerning God's will for his life and for the congregations he serves. He has exceptional qualifications and experience and is adept at assisting churches through their search for a new Senior Pastor. He is a man of vision and committed to furthering the strategic vision of OPPC and preparing Orchard Park for its new Pastor. He is theologically sound, evangelistic in his focus, gentle in spirit, and nurturing in dealing with others.

We are blessed and privileged to have Charlie and Mimi join our Orchard Park Family. Please join Session, and the Interim Pastor Search Committee in providing them a warm OPPC-welcome and in rolling up your sleeves and pitching in as God leads us during this time of great opportunity. We are excited about the future and anticipating the Holy Spirit's guidance as we embark upon this next phase of the OPPC Journey. To quote one of Charlie's favorite scriptures from Micah 6:8, "God has told you what is good and what God seeks from you: to do justice, to love integrity, and to walk humbly with your God."

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kitchen we had cleaned the day before. But of course it wasn't all work! We also filled our bellies with Chicago-style pizza, attended church at mega-church Willow Creek and finished our Sunday with a cruise on the Chicago river and Lake Michigan. We want to send out a big THANK YOU to the members of Orchard Park who made this trip possible!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

KidsConnection

Celebration Sunday and Fall Kick-off:

September 11

Children and Teachers, wear your KidsConnection t-shirts on September 11th for our annual fall kick-off!

Children's Classes, teachers and Classrooms are as follows:



Toddlers and Twos

Jane Bashir and Shaila Melanta
Room 127

Three year olds

Jeremy/Erica Strahm, Megan Pesek
Room 131
John/Stephanie Kimble,
Marian Cochran

Fours & pre-K 5's

Kristen Strege & Brian Kelley
Room 132

Kindergarten

Chris & Jenny Hamilton
Room 133

1st Grade

Starry McCall
Room 134

2nd Grade

Michelle McKeown/Andrea McKechnie
Room 209

3rd Grade

Mike Miller * Rick Giesel
Room 212

4th Grade

Kevin McKechnie
Room 213

5th Grade

Nancy Grenda
Room 214

Junction 25

Junction 25 resumes in Room 212 Sept. 11th at 10:00 am for all 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Kids, don't miss this weekly opportunity to chat with friends, sing some camp songs, learn Bible verses, participate in mission projects AND enjoy a light snack. Junction ends at 10:15 and all children transition into their classrooms.

Parents, watch for your on-line copy of the Junction 25 newsletter before Sept. 11th. The Bible memory verse for September will be included.

Trunk or Treat:

Sunday, October 30, 4:00 pm
Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this highly anticipated annual family event.

Route 45

Connecting Friends to Jesus

This popular fellowship for all 4th and 5th graders will meet on Sunday, September 18th at 12:30 pm for lunch, then laser tag in Carmel. Watch for details coming soon!

Save the DATE: Sunday, October 16, 12:30 pm will find Route 45 at the Zionsville Country Market for lunch and fall fun.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation will be on Sunday, October 16th during the 9:00 am service. All 3rd graders will receive a new Bible from their OPPC family.



Spark Family Magazine

Spark Family Magazine for children is available on the information table outside Room 127. These will arrive quarterly. Parents, Spark indeed can 'spark' conversation about faith with your children if you will share the magazine with them!

JUNIOR HIGH Fall Schedule 2011

SEPTEMBER

4	No Meeting	Labor Day Weekend
11	Service Project	Time TBA
Sat. 17	Jr. High Lock-in	5:30pm-1:30am
25	Human Stratego	12:30-2:00pm

OCTOBER

2	Apple Orchard	12:30pm
9	Katie Games	12:30-2:00pm
16	Hamilton County CROP Walk	
23	No Meeting	Fall Break (all)
30	Trunk or Treat	4pm (Youth to Decorate & Help)

NOVEMBER

6	Chili Cook-off	5:00pm
12-13	Fall Retreat at Pyoca	
20	Thanksgiving Baskets	12:30-2:00pm
27	No Meeting	Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

4	Climb Time	12:30-2:00pm
11	Jeopardy Finale & Christmas Party	12:30-2:00pm
18	Christmas Caroling	12:30-3:00pm
25	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

SENIOR HIGH Fall Schedule 2011

SEPTEMBER

4	No Meeting	Labor Day Weekend
11	Service Project	Time TBA
18	House Call	6-8pm
25	Frisbee Fun	3-5pm

OCTOBER

2	Bonfire	6-8pm
9	Tie-Dying Shirts for CROP Walk	Time TBA
16	Hamilton County CROP Walk	
23	No Meeting	Fall Break (all)
30	Trunk or Treat	4pm (Youth to Decorate & Help)

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Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m.

Heritage Worship
11:05 a.m.

REGENERATION Worship
11:15 a.m.

Christian Education
10:10 a.m.

Nursery Available

College-Age mission trip to Chicago



News Day Care Center and see a little bit of the work they are doing for Urban Chicago in the name of Christ was a privilege. Here is a little taste of the work that 10 Orchard Parkers (8 college-age, 2 chaperones) Linda and Ms. Pearl did: We scrubbed clean a church kitchen which is used for a soup kitchen and prepared the main room for the next day's breakfast, painted a floor after removing carpet and drywall which had been flooded in the day care, organized a closet, put together a lawn mower, helped Ms Pearl edit her newsletter (taught her a few things about her computer!) and stuffed, addressed and stamped it, and helped the Here's Life summer staff move. Ms. Pearl also shared her moving testimony with us, allowing us to see the hard life she had and the miracles that God had worked in it. The next morning we woke up bright and early to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless in the

We said an extra prayer for safety before we left on our college-age mission trip, knowing the Agape Center on the south-side of Chicago is not in the safest part of town. Well God blessed us, not only with safety but a fabulous experience! Getting to know and work alongside Linda Cotton, who works for Here's Life Campus Crusade for Christ and Ms. Pearl who runs the Good

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