

## **Oakland Christian Reformed Church**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” – Romans 12:12*

### **Calendar**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:40 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Family Life Ministries
	10:55 AM	Adult Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	8:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM	Combined Ascension Day Service @ Oakland

### **Preaching Pastors**

May 6	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
May 13	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

### **Offerings**

#### **May 6**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Building Fund
Evening	Forgotten Man Ministries

**May 10** World Hunger

#### **May 13**

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
Evening	Luke Society

### **May Ushers**

Morning	Mike Arendsen, Dan Bosch, Nick Hilbink
Evening	Ruth Busscher, Dale Compagner, Ron Meyaard
Substitute	Andy Krommendyk

### **Coffee Servers**

May 6	Ron and Jean Meyaard
May 10	Tara, Taylor & Kacie Kruithof

### **Greeters**

May 6	Jim and Boots Vellenga
May 10	Rietta Ver Beek

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Power Point**

We are looking for one or two more people to join the power point team. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jordan.

#### **Nursery**

We are looking for a few more individuals that would be willing to volunteer their time in nursery. If you are able to help, please see Jordan.

#### **Vacation Bible School 2018**

It's that time of year! We are starting to think about 2018 VBS and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to plan crafts, games or snacks. If you would be interested, even if it's just for one evening, or if you have any questions please see Brenda Flokstra. Thank you!

#### **Oasis**

We are looking for someone to help going forward for next year with planning and making meals for Oakland Oasis. If you would be interested please see Krista Schout.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **2018 Hamilton Baccalaureate**

You are cordially invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2018, which will be held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, May 20, at Overisel Reformed Church.

#### **Bethany Christian Services – Matching Grant Program**

The Congolese family was recently enrolled in Bethany's Matching Grant program. Matching Grant is a federally funded program with the purpose of helping the family achieve economic self-sufficiency within 6 months of arrival in the US. The program will help support them financially while at the same time providing them with job training skills and assistance in job placement in a couple months. Right now their focus is on learning the language and the culture. In order to fund this program, Bethany seeks the aid of all volunteers who are helping the family. Our church is encouraged to track all time, mileage, donations and gifts. By doing this, Bethany will work with the government to 'match' our contributions dollar for dollar and keep the program running for this family and others who enroll in the future. If you are volunteering your time by tutoring, transportation, assistance with appointments, or making any type of contribution / donation for the family, please make sure it gets logged! The family was officially enrolled as of April 11, so that is the first date we can start tracking. There are extra tracking sheets by the sign up area in the fellowship room. Please turn in the signed form at the end of each month to Tara Kruithof. For one-time donations, talk to Tara directly. We appreciate ALL the many ways our church family has offered to help the family in the last month. On behalf of the refugee committee, thank you!

## **Group Announcements**

### **Prime Timers**

On Thursday, May 17 we are going to a Gospel Music Concert featuring Greater Vision, Jim Brady Trio and many more at Fairhaven church in Hudsonville. Be at church at 4:30 PM to go for dinner. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up no later than next Sunday, **May 13**. Any questions see Judi B. or Ruth K.

## **Safety Team Volunteer**

May 6 Rob Hilbink  
May 10 Curt Schout  
May 13 Lee Ver Beek

## **Coffee Servers**

May 6 Ron and Jean Meyaard  
May 13 Tara, Taylor & Kacie Kruithof

## **Custodians**

Monday – Friday Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956  
May 5/6 Ryan and Allison Kruithof  
May 12/13 Matt and Katie Brower

## **Children in Worship Teacher/Helpers**

May 6 Pat Van Dam, Taylor Kruithof, Joe Hilbink

## **Sunday School Snack Helper**

May 6 Sara Van Dyk  
May 13 Deb Brower

## **Nursery**

### **May 6**

Morning Gabby Brouwer, Susan Jones, Alyssa DeJonge, Cassie Helder  
Evening Jane DeJonge, Rose Kruithof, Ellie Duimstra

### **May 10**

Barbara Hibma, Allison Kruithof, Mandie Compagner

### **May 13**

Morning Julie Duimstra, Kellie Kruithof, Mikayla Hoeve, Erika Kruithof  
Evening Ruth Busscher, Julie Hoeve, Sarah Hibma

## **Transportation Team**

May 6 Dale Compagner  
May 13 Jerry Compagner

## **Happy Birthday**

May 6 Andrew Flokstra (18), Paxton Hassevoort (5)  
May 8 Mike Hoeksema  
May 12 Sophie Jones (8)

## **Bulletin Wish List**

\*(4) New chairs for the narthex - \$700.00 / chair

\*(1) Smart TV and Computer for classrooms in Branch - \$1,100.00

## **Office Hours**

CLOSED

## **Bulletin and Oakleaf Material**

Bulletin Announcements Due: Thursday by 9 AM

Oakleaf Material Due: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### **Happy Anniversary**

May 6 Mark and Katie Baker (13)  
May 7 Steve and Rhonda Bosman (13)

### **Please Pray For**

**Our Missionaries:** Rev. Troy Bierma, Navy & Ly Chann-Chhay, Scott Geurink, Steve Holtrop, Mark & April Homkes, Dr. Mike Johnson, Sandi Nyboer, Tom Post, and Rev. Guillermo Serrano

**Our Home Bound Members:** Carole Engelsman, Lavina Schipper, and Arlyene Wolters

**College Students:** Jacob Busscher, Megan Compagner, Melanie Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Jennie Hibma, Rebecca Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Shawn Kroll, Taylor Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, Derek VerMerris and Josie Zoerhof

### **Continue to pray for...**

Continue to pray for the Shindano family. The children / teens have begun school and are making new friends. Again, they are so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of love from the Oakland Church. If you want to know more or maybe get involved you can talk with one of the Refugee Team members.

### **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Ascension Day**

This Thursday will be our combined Ascension Day service with Drenthe CRC and Bentheim Reformed here at Oakland at 7 PM.

#### **Family Night**

Our first family night of the year is Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. There are sign up sheets available in the narthex. Please sign up to provide a green salad, pasta salad, fruit salad or a dessert. Thank you and see you there!

#### **Profession of Faith Class**

Pastor Vern will be holding a profession of faith class in May. If you are curious about what making profession of faith is all about or if the Holy Spirit has pricked your heart to make your public profession of faith, please sign up for the three week class in the narthex.

#### **Vacation**

Jordan will be on vacation from May 4 – May 13. All bulletin material for the May 13 bulletin is due no later than Thursday, May 10 by 9 AM to OaklandCRC@gmail.com or to Katie at mk\_baker@hotmail.com. Anything received after that will not be included in the bulletin. Thank you!

### **Oakland History**

Do you have any old Oakleaf newsletters, pictures, Sunday school papers or anything Oakland church related? I am interested! I would like to start posting some Oakland history in our Oakleaf and would love to have some contributions from you. If you do not wish for your item to leave your possession it can be photographed or scanned. Please see Jody Rietsma with any questions or ideas. Thank you!

### **Christian School Society**

We will be having a meeting on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### **Church Between the Borders**

Have you ever wondered what all is involved in coming to America as a refugee? Kelsey Herbert, from the CRC's Office of Social Justice, will be leading a 4 part series during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary to help us better understand the plight of Refugees and how churches can stand between the borders as Christ's hands and feet.

### **College Graduates**

If you have a student graduating from college this year, please let Jordan know as soon as possible. I would like to run their information in the June Oakleaf. Thank you!

### **Looking For!**

If anyone has outdoor items (lawn chairs, etc.) or other outdoor toys you would like to donate for the Shindano family, please see Kris, Cindy or Tara. Also, we will be collecting summer clothing and shoes for a couple weeks, for those who mentioned they still had items to donate. Bring the clothes/shoes to the Branch and place in the area under the coat rack. Since all donated items qualify for the Matching Grant program, please take one of the forms above the coat rack, and simply sign your name on the top line, and place it with your items. We will take care of the rest, completing the form and itemizing the clothes donated. Again, all other one-time donations - please pick up a form in the back of church and turn in to Tara Kruithof.

Thank you for your continued donations and support!