



*Overlake Park
Presbyterian Church*

fall 2017

pastor's letter



Dear OPPC,

The most impactful thing I learned this summer came from our Lord's Prayer sermon series. Unpacking the Lord's Prayer each week forced me to recognize the Good News extended to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus, throughout his entire ministry and especially in the prayer he taught us to pray, teaches us to embrace the Kingdom of God on earth. Everything Jesus did – everything Jesus taught – every miracle Jesus performed was Jesus saying 'THE KINGDOM IS HERE! I AM HERE!' The goal of the church today is to live as those who are already a part of what is to come.

This October marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and God's invitation to us, as we enter this new season, is to live into the reformation God is doing in our church, in our neighborhood, and in our world. Our tithes and offerings, our time serving, and the talents we bring together are the instruments God uses to reform His world and take hold of the hearts of people. Never underestimate your part in our church's purpose to live as those already transformed by the love, grace, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is crazy about you,

Pastor Becki
Senior Pastor

sunday mornings

FALL SERMON SERIES: Sermon on the Mount ~ A New Thing



This October marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther nailed the famous 95 Theses to the doors of the church and what sparked was the complete reformation of the Church. Protestantism was born and the lives of people everywhere were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. This revival sparked complete reformation in the church and the lives of Christ's followers.

This Fall, our own lives will be challenged as we dig into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and consider the reformation God is doing in our lives together. "What new thing is God doing?" will be the question we ask each week as Jesus calls us to lean into a new life in Him.

Suggested Readings

Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Bonhoeffer as a Youth Worker by Andrew Root

Prayers of the Reformers by Thomas McPherson

CHANCEL CHOIR: 2017 Fall Choir Season

Thursdays starting September 7 (7:30 p.m.)

There is nothing quite like singing together in a group as one voice, with one purpose: to celebrate the Love of Christ and to lead our congregation in musical worship on Sunday mornings. If you have ever thought about what it would be like to get involved in the OPPC music ministry, the choir is a great place to start. Do you love to sing? Can you match pitch? Then **YOU** qualify to join our choir and add your voice to the music we are preparing for the upcoming worship season! We welcome singers of all skill levels and encourage anyone who is interested to come try it out.

The OPPC Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings in the sanctuary at 7:30pm. Our Sunday involvement schedule is also available to anyone who would like to see it - just ask me! If you have any other questions about joining the choir or about our upcoming season, please contact me via email or stop by to say hello in person. I'm in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and of course I'd love to chat Sunday mornings.

Looking forward to the new season,

Rachel Krohn
Worship Director

welcome, rev. ht lee!

OPPC is excited to announce the arrival of our new Temporary Associate Pastor, Rev. HT Lee. HT comes to us with extensive ministry experience and a deep, abiding love for Jesus Christ. He and his family are thrilled to join our church family and engage in children, youth, and adult ministry. His pastoral care skills have been sharpened by chaplaincy at UW Medical Center, as well. HT brings a great sense of humor, excitement for ministry, and wizardry in technology.

We are blessed to have him with us and equally thrilled to get to know his amazing family!



HT is thrilled to join the OPPC Ministry Team! He was born in South Korea and raised in Western Washington. HT is an alum of the University of Washington and Fuller Theological Seminary. His ministry emphases include: children's, youth, college, adult ministries, creative and technical ministries, and chaplaincy at UW Medical Center. HT also coordinates the UNITE youth retreat and ministry partnership, connecting a diverse group of youth around Western Washington. He is married to EJ, and they have two daughters, Maddie and Ava.



Special thanks to our Temporary Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:
Peter Ku (Chair), Sharon Bowler, David Meyer, and Gerri Tyler.

A note about the pastor hiring process: The hiring of a Temporary Associate Pastor Search allows for the Session to vote on a Temporary Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (TAPNC) from members of Session. As the position is temporary, Session approves the salary and terms of call for the new pastor. This process was approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Seattle Presbytery and was recommended because it allows churches to move much more quickly in the hiring of Associate Pastor positions. If all parties agree, Temporary Pastors may become installed pastors after one year by 2/3 vote of the Presbytery.

**HT joins our staff on
Sunday, Oct. 22!**

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WOMEN'S RETREAT - TELL THE SECRET

Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24
Larson's home at Alta Lake



After an hiatus of three years, there will be a Women's Retreat this Fall! It is being organized jointly by the Adult Ministries Committee and the Presbyterian Women. It will be Friday, Sept. 22 - Sunday, Sept. 24 at the gorgeous Alta Lake home of the Larson's. We expect beautiful fall weather, a great program - "Tell the Secret" - by Sharon Bowler, and lots of fellowship! Don't worry; there will be carpools! This is a great way to get to know other women in the Church. Register today in Fellowship Hall.

Cost: \$60

Register after worship in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Sept. 17
For more information, contact Cindy Coleman at senorac@frontier.com or
Sharon Bowler at sharon.bowler@gmail.com.

HEAVENLY HANDMADES BAZAAR

Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4

Mark your calendars now! The Heavenly Handmades Bazaar will be here before you know it! Save Friday evening, Nov. 3 for the OPPC Bazaar Preview Party! It's an evening of fellowship - complete with pie, ice cream and SHOPPING! Then, tell your friends to put Saturday, Nov. 4 on their calendars for the BIG BAZAAR DAY! We hope to see you there!

In order to get everything ready, Drop In Circle needs more hands! We have projects ready for sanding, painting, gluing and assembling. Come lend your hands and share the fellowship as we work. We meet in Fellowship Hall every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. when we share a simple pot luck lunch.

mission

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING ~ Proclaim Christ's Peace

Sunday, September 3 - October 1

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near..." - Ephesians 2:14-17

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports every level of the PC(USA) to work for peace and respond to injustice both near and far. Christ is our peace and we are bound together in him; we join in Christ's proclamation of peace no matter where we are. As we gather at the table where we proclaim Christ's body is present and thus proclaim that our peace is present, we gather surrender hatred and hostility in order to proclaim peace.

*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

On the second Friday every month of the year, groups from OPPC take the responsibility of serving dinner to our Crossroads neighbors. This is a complete meal with a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, often fruit and dessert and juice and milk. Warm food and gracious service both minister to those who come. For many of those who attend, this is their only meal of the day. We hand out Snack Sacks as the guests leave to help tide them over the weekend. The whole congregation helps assemble these bags quarterly after worship. The grateful smiles and their warm thank yous tell us how much it means to them.

During the summer the Deacons, ABC book club and the congregation as a whole served delicious dinners. The fall schedule is:

September 8 ~ OPPC Presbyterian Women
October 13 ~ OPPC Congregation

November 10 - OPPC Youth
December 8 - OPPC Session

If you'd like to help and be a part of this ministry, contact Dave and Carol Bosworth at dcboworth@aol.com or (425) 821-3046

SALVATION ARMY SNACK BAGS

Sunday, October 1 (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. 2. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) VOLUNTEER

Weekly (time varies)

Do you love organization? Does neatly stacked drawers and closets make your heart go pitter pat?

OPPC has been asked to support our local DSHS with the gift of organization! The DSHS has a small closet which holds various donations of clothing, toiletries, and small toys for incoming foster children. Social workers use the closet when children are placed into foster care to find items of comfort and need for children. We are looking for 1-2 people who will keep the closet stocked from storage and organized for the social workers. Items are donated thru Union Gospel Mission and will be stored on the OPPC Campus. This would be a weekly or every other week commitment and done during business hours on your own schedule. A great way to support DSHS and get an organizational fix! Contact Pastor Becki if you are interested.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to the Eagle Scout project of Harrison Devine, the attention of our Tuesday morning Grounds Crew, and our Sunday School kiddos, we have a garden of organic food on our property! Many things are ready for harvest NOW. Please stop by the garden and take what you can use.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (CFH)

August was a successful month for OPPC hosting the men from Congregations For the Homeless. This month, the program was at capacity allowing for 35 men to find shelter and warmth in our Fellowship Hall and Community Building. Partnering with Newport Presbyterian, the Bellevue Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and other local congregations, our guests were well fed, three meals a day. We have had a great response from OPPC members who are willing to help with this ministry. The men are very grateful for this help in their lives. We want to give a BIG thanks for Nancy Escott and Mia Femling, who have organized and coordinated this year's service, and to the weekly captains.

adult education

THEOLOGY ON TAP

*2nd and 4th Tuesdays of September, October, and November starting Sept. 12 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
at Daman's Bar and Grill, 14810 NE 24th St. Redmond, 98052*

Theology on tap is a way for people to get together and have deep, meaningful, and thought-provoking conversation. We will broaden our theological and philosophical reflection amongst friends at our local tap house! Topics will come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and no question is off limits. Invite friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join the discussion as we respectfully learn from one another and find common ground in our differences. Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 12, Pastor Becki will host the conversation and begin with a thought-provoking question. Hope to see you there!

ADULT ED CLASS - A PLAN FOR WHEN I'M GONE

Sunday, October 22 (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Making plans for our death is one of the most important gifts we can give to our loved ones. But, have you ever considered the gift it would be to you? Thinking through our most significant moments, people, and values often decreases our anxiety and provides opportunity for meaningful connection. Pastor Becki will walk us through the process of thinking about what is most important to you in your last days and provide resources and time for us to create a memorial service for our loved ones. From who would you like to be at your bedside to what hymns would you like at your service, this class will prepare you to live joyfully knowing your plans are set and your wishes known.

*Please RSVP to office@oppc.org by Wednesday, Oct. 18.
This class will include lunch and Five Wishes curriculum with a suggested donation of \$10.
Childcare available if requested ahead of time.*

ADULT ED CLASS - WHAT IS THE BIBLE AND HOW CAN WE READ IT? with Rev. Dr. Sara Koenig

Sunday, November 12 (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Have you ever wondered when the Bible was written? How books of the Old and New Testament were selected? How was it put together? Have you ever struggled with how to interpret and apply these ancient texts to your life today? This class will assume that the Bible is God's word for God's people, written in particular times and languages, used by the Holy Spirit to show us who God is and who we are called to be. We also admit that the Bible can be hard to read and understand what it means, so we will discuss options for faithful and relevant reading of God's word in our lives.

Rev. Dr. Sara Koenig is an ordained pastor in the PC (USA). She serves at Seattle Pacific University, where she is an Associate Professor of Old Testament. Sara is a native of the Northwest, born in Tacoma, and raised in Gig Harbor (with the exception of four years in Hong Kong when she was young!). She did her graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she and Pastor Becki Barrett met. Sara lives in Magnolia with her husband Matthew, and her two kids, 11 year-old Madeleine and 8 year-old Max. Her ideal day would include drinking strong coffee, reading a novel, and walking her dog.

*Please RSVP to office@oppc.org by Wednesday, Nov. 8.
This class will include lunch with a suggested donation of \$5.
Childcare available if requested ahead of time.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

3rd Wednesday of the Month starting September 20 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

The Book of Hebrews is unlike any other writing in the New Testament. Its authorship is not determined and its nine major themes which cover theology, metaphor, comparisons and spirituality relate to other parts of our faith traditions. The author of the study, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews", Melissa Ban Sevier, ties them all together with the overarching motif of community.

The author approaches Hebrews through the lenses of peace, peacemaking and hope and includes in the lessons women who have been part of the Cloud of Witnesses to the faith in Jesus the Christ. Each lesson is based on the community of faith that supports and surrounds each of us in our own journey of faith. We will be guided through our discussion to recognize and appreciate the communities of which we are a part.

All women of the church are invited to participate as the Presbyterian Morning Circle meets on the third Wednesday of each month, September to June, in the library at 10:00 a.m. for friendship, study and lively sharing as we learn together. No reservations are required - just come join us.

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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Mark: Discover Jesus

Tuesdays beginning September 12 (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

The Weekly Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library! We'll continue our study on the Gospel of Mark using Mark: Discover Jesus (18 Bible Study Discussion) by Q Place. Copies of the study will be made available in the office for \$12. Please join us for a fun, interactive way to grow deeper as you follow Jesus.

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!

Oct. 2 - *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman
Nov 12 - *Gifts From the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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SCOTTY PROPHET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

The Deacons were very pleased to award six scholarships from the Scotty Prophet 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. The Deacons are very proud to congratulate the following recipients of the Scotty Prophet Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Jared DeBruin - pursuing a degree in the sciences at Gonzaga University
David Demaree - pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at George Fox University
Harrison Devine - pursuing a degree in business and accounting at Saint Martin's University
Mia Femling - pursuing a degree in Nursing at Cascadia College
Emma Heinonen - pursuing a degree in Health Sciences at Seattle Pacific University
Tamara Ramsay - pursuing a Master's Degree in Education at University of Washington-Bothell

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

children's ministry

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 (Lead Teacher: Tamara Ramsay)
Kindergarten - Third Grade (Lead Teacher: Cathy Scheibner)
Fourth - *Sixth Grade (Lead Teachers: Glen Ferguson, Paul Harvey, and Dave Meyer)

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.

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

presbyterian women

MISSION TEA benefiting Price Ministries

The Presbyterian Women (PW) at our church held another successful Mission Tea on July 15 at the home of the Larson's. The weather was wonderful and we could see all the way across Lake Sammamish to the mountains beyond! Seventeen women listened to a presentation by Suzanne Price Dull from Price Ministries. She displayed many clothing items that were damaged (on purpose) when shipped to the US for buyers of dept. stores. This organization of volunteers fixes the clothing in various ways and then gives it to missionaries from all over the world, for their own use, or for them to take to their mission countries. We felt very happy that our women and the PW donated \$2225 to this worthy cause.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS GOOD START BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Thanks to all the caring members of our community and the Kids Camp kids, we gave \$704 in money and items to this year's drive! YEA! We also want to thank you for buying off the list, as it made it much easier for us to tally the items. For those who gave a check, please see Cindy Coleman for a receipt. Thanks to all! - Carol Kinsman and Cindy Coleman

birthdays and anniversaries

SEPTEMBER birthdays

9/1 David Swenson
9/4 Liz Neuzil
9/6 Trish Heinonen
9/9 Keith Hunt
Kevin Konen
Gerri Tyler
9/10 Joan Foster
9/12 Fred Fu
9/13 Bob Turner
9/18 Debra McAuley
9/23 Christina Nichols
9/25 Linda Tachiyama
9/26 Logan Leadley
9/29 Stacey Hesterley

SEPTEMBER anniversaries

9/11 John and Cindy Larson
9/13 Dave and Val Meyer
9/15 Kevin and Anne Konen
9/18 Keith and Gerry Hunt

OCTOBER birthdays

10/1 Sharon Tumbleson
Laurie Friberg
10/2 Gweneth Bliss
Anne Konen
10/4 Margot DeBruin
10/6 Patricia Tuor
10/9 Bobb Peters
10/16 Carol Kinsman
10/17 Barbara MacDonald
10/18 Charles Dawson
10/20 Jim Claypool
10/21 Jeff Rogerson
10/22 Alma Lee Hooker
10/23 Gary Tachiyama
10/26 Lois Wahlin
10/27 Sydney Ku
10/28 Art Henderson
Allie Robertson

OCTOBER anniversaries

10/8 Bob and Lin Peggs
10/18 Kirk and Nancy Devine
10/22 Austin and Erika Ashenbrenner
10/23 Dave and Kathy Moehring

NOVEMBER birthdays

11/3 Carol Grimm
11/4 Brian Page
11/8 Scott Leitch
Nita North
11/12 Rev. Becki Barrett
11/13 Ruth Riley
11/16 Mia Femling
Paul Harvey
11/18 Carol Bosworth
11/20 Monika Hoke
11/21 Erik Engen
11/23 Martha Ashbaugh
11/28 Kathleen Masters
11/29 Larry Bliss

NOVEMBER anniversaries

11/8 Glenn and Sue Kost
11/9 Gil and Illone Long
11/29 Russ and Laurie Friberg

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

Let us know!

*Contact the office at office@oppc.org
so we can celebrate YOU!*

PRAYER

"Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." - N.T. Wright

Don't forget to try out some prayer practices in your life this fall! Prayer is the part of our day that keeps us connected to the source of life and hope. Where do you need God's Kingdom come?

- Pray a section of The Lord's Prayer each day with all it includes.
- Set an alarm on your phone to take a deep breath and look for Jesus throughout your day.
- Wake up early and write your prayers in a journal.
- Turn off the radio and use your commute to pray for God's will to be done.

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