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# VIRTUAL ART IN THE PARK

Join us for an online art viewing experience as members from the congregation share their artistic talents!

- · Saturday, May 30th
- 7pm on our Oak Park YouTube Channel



Join us for a virtual art show while sitting in the comfort of your home and celebrate the many talents God has gifted our congregation with. Artists from our congregation have sent in submissions and we will be displaying their work in an "Art in the Park" video. All kinds of mediums will be displayed, including painting, photography, music, quilting, drawing and more! Some of the art will be for sale.

See page 3 for instructions on how to view our YouTube channel.

# Do You Need Help?

## Please let us know if you need any of the following:

- -Financial Support
- -Groceries picked up -Errands completed and delivered
- -Prayer

# Are You Able to Help?



Please contact the church if you would like to help in any of these ways:

- -Financial donations for those in need
- -Grocery shopping and delivery for others
- -Running errands for others

Call us at 403-251-5150

Email us at office@oakpark.ca

## **Online Services**

Good news! We are streaming our Sunday services online!

How to view our online services:

- 1. Go to www.youtube.com
- 2. Search for "Oak Park Church of Christ"
- 3. Select and subscribe to our channel
- 4. Select the Sunday service video that streams at 10am on Sundays

### **Parent Resource Centre**

Hey parents! Here are some helpful resources and links for you and your families.

1. Focus on the Family has set up a free streaming service with a lot of fun content such as Adventures in Odyssey and McGee and Me. For more information visit:

https://www.focusonthefamily.com/streaming/?fbclid=lwAR3atcoLWN6VTsNeRnxQbp747sJ\_X5nrloOpdXnKzV6wZFrflAPI2Z\_NS7F

2. Another Family Ministries Pastor put this video together talking about how we can know when our children and youth are struggling.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9yj-92A\_cw

Additional video lessons and supporting documents can be found at: www.falconridgefamily.com/kids.

3. Looking for some dinner conversation starters? Check out this website:

https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/

4. Family Fun Calgary also has a page on their website with some fun ideas!

https://www.familyfuncanada.com/calgary/category/covid-19/



Eat Well. Spend Jess.



May 13

June 10

#### Any one can order one or more Good Food Boxes.

Boxes must be pre-ordered and paid for in cash (exact change) on or before the order by date. You can pre-purchase your next box when you pick up your order. Boxes must be picked up, before 6pm. (Note: Boxes not picked up will be donated - no refunds will be given.)

Good Food Boxes come in the following sizes:

LARGE	40 lbs	\$35.00
MEDIUM	30 lbs	\$30.00
SMALL	20 lbs	\$25.00

	2020	
ORDER BY		DELIVERY DATE
January 13		January 22
February 3		February 12
March 9		March 18
April 13		April 22

September 7 September 16 September 28 October 7 October 26 November 4 November 30 December 9

For information call Oak Park Church office at (403) 251-5150 or email office@oakpark.ca

May 4

June 1



Volunteers pick up a shopping list from the church (after May 20)



Go shopping!

FOOD BANK JUNE





Drop off shopping at the church at your convenience (before June 10)



Submit receipt for reimbursement\*







Client packages delivered in our community



Volunteer drivers arrive at the church, at scheduled times to maintain social distancing rules



On June 10 client packages are assembled, combining shopping, bread, used clothing, perishables, toys/household goods, and Good Food Box parcels



#### What is it?

Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic began to impact the lives of Canadians, an organization called 'Food Rescue' reached out to enquire about forming partnerships with not-for-profit organizations that help those in need of food. Oak Park church became a partner with Food Rescue and immediately became eligible to apply for a \$10,000 portion of a COVID-19 Relief Grant Food Rescue received from the Federal Government. Great News! Our application was approved!

#### What does this mean?

This means that we are now able to help many more families and individuals who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by adding to and enhancing our Food Banks, Emergency Grocery Hampers, and more.

#### Who will we help?

As specified in our application, this relief will go toward helping low-income families and families that are new to Canada, as well as those who have lost their jobs, first nations families, and the homeless.

#### What will we do?

- In consultation with Mike & Kerry Grant, we are now able to run two additional Food Banks during the summer months before our usual Thanksgiving Food Bank.
- We will keep on hand in the church building a quantity of Emergency Food Hampers to be given out to anyone in need.
- We will also have on hand a number of \$100 Grocery gift cards.
- We will partner with Lifeline Christian Mission to pack meals for The Mustard Seed.
- We will help local Elementary Schools (when they are open again) provide breakfast for children who are being insufficiently fed at home.

#### Why are we doing this?

The short answer to this question is, of course, because the love of Christ compels us to. In addition, we are all familiar with the truth that giving has a twofold blessing. The one who receives is blessed because they now have something they desperately need, but the one giving is also greatly blessed for what they have done.

#### How can you be part of this?

- 1. You are already well experienced at helping with our Food Banks and we invite you to participate in our two additional summer ones as well. The first of these will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the date of the second one still to be determined.
- 2. We want to partner with you to help people you know who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by letting them know there are Food Hampers available at the church for pick up or delivery.
- 3. We also want to empower you to bless a struggling family or individual by personally taking one of our \$100 Grocery gift cards to them.
- 4. Lastly, you can help us stretch this blessing to reach even more people by adding a tax receiptable donation to our Food Rescue Fund.

Please consider which of the above options works best for you and help us bless, bless, bless...

By Pastor Martin



Search for our "Oak Park Church of Christ" channel for access to our videos including:

Daily Devotionals The S&S Show

**Weekend Services** 

## **Haiti Meal Pack**

On behalf of Lifeline Christian Mission we want to thank you for supporting, packing and praying for the meals. The household meal packs have been going great! You are helping pack nutritious meals that will go to Port Salut, Haiti to be used to help those in need and, most importantly, allowing leaders to share the good news while distributing food.

We have noticed people from your congregation are inviting others to pack meals and those who have been invited are wanting to come back and pack more meals! It is so encouraging to see everyone who is participating and even non-church goers come to a church and pack meals for people they have never met! Continue to extend the invitation and God will do the rest.

It's been a bit different trying to communicate while wearing masks and building relationships while social distancing, but God is good and we've been able to have people of all ages participate with their households in serving those around the world.

Once again, thank you for partnering with Lifeline. We have been so blessed by our time at Oak Park Church of Christ. If you missed your chance to pack meals, there is still time. To sign up visit this website: "https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b44aea82aa6f85-send"

Lifeline Canada Team



# Phone Call Ministry

The staff and elders at Oak Park are diligently staying connected with the congregation via phone calls. A ten minute phone call once or twice a week is a huge source of encouragement, especially in a time like this! If you have a heart to stay connected with people and would like to help in this area please contact Pastor Martin at martin@oakpark.ca.

## Prayer Ministry

We receive many prayer requests via phone and email throughout the week and we pray for people in our congregation regularly. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Pastor Dawn at dawn@oakpark.ca.

# Oak Park Missions Update Graceland Missions



Graceland is "ZOOM"ing towards the end of the semester with all classes continuing online. As well, some people from North America have joined in with their classes. A Master Counselor will be leading classes on 'Calming the Storm Within: Steps to Control Anger' and others are welcome to join. As always they have great

creative ideas to provide humor – here's a team member's idea for Covid 19

protection. Colette is doing fairly well healthwise but needs an adjustment for her leg brace which she will not be able to get until June. Please continue to pray that God would continue to keep both her and Jay safe from this virus.



#### Norm Weatherhead



Norm Weatherhead urgently needs your prayers that he will be able to arrange flights to get home. He is managing okay in Papua New Guinea and is able to work with his translators who are now back in the village. However he is running out of his pain medications and they are not available in PNG. There is a possibility of connecting flights leaving May 15th but it requires a 3 day layover in Australia and he is waiting on permission from Australia for this.

# Oak Park Missions Update Vienna Moilliet

Vienna Moilliet in the Philippines is very happy to tell you her visitor visa problem has been solved. The Bureau of Immigration has eased restrictions on extending visitor visas, saying that if the visa expires during the quarantine, as long as it is filed within 30 days of the lifting of the quarantine, there will be no extra fees. This is very good news! Thank you everyone for your prayers. It is extremely hot there, temperatures are in the high 30's. There are no confirmed cases of Covid in her province and they are praying it remains that way. They have a group of pastors who have a 24 hour prayer chain set up so each pastor has an hour or two where he/she prays for the protection of the province.





### **Your Giving Matters!**

### **April Financial Update**

#### Current year compared to prior year

	Jan - Apr 2020	Jan - Apr 2019
Funds Received:		
- General Fund	113,051	96,287
- Other Revenue	16,647	16,158
	129,698	112,445
Disbursements:	-136,333	-132,472
Deficit	-6,635	-20,027

#### Current year compared to budget

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	Actual	Budget		
	Jan - Apr	Jan - Apr		
	2020	2020		
Funds Received:				
- General Fund	113,051	108,263		
- Other Revenue	16,647	13,115		
	129,698	121,378		
Disbursements:	-136,333	128,048		
Deficit	-6,635	-6,670		









Did you know Oak Park has an app? Download to your smartphone to access online sermons & event information. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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