

Presbytery of Ohio OUTREACH Spring 2016

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Grace Fellowship OPC/Huron, OH (Covenant OPC/Mansfield overseeing session.) Outgoing RHM Larry Oldaker has been on sabbatical since mid-May as he prepares to take up pastoral duties at Grace Fellowship in Huron. The Oldakers sold their home in Mansfield and have been hard at work renovating their new home in Huron. The congregation is looking forward to Pastor Oldaker's installation as organizing pastor on Friday, July 29. During his absence Pastor Jason Kirklín from Columbus has been filling in. Please pray that four new families would be added to the congregation and that Pastor Oldaker would be strengthened to take up his labors on July 1 after a sabbatical that has been filled with a great deal of hard work.



Kalynn & Larry

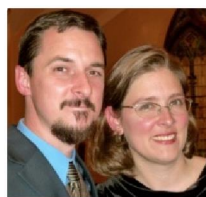


Martha & Tom

Redeemer OP Mission/Pittsburgh, PA (Covenant OPC/Grove City overseeing session) In the Lord's providence, the month of May has brought a season of change to ROPM as farewells were said to three seminarians and family members at their graduation. While there is rejoicing at having been useful in their preparation for the gospel ministry, there is sadness as well. Their departure has cut the number of attendees in half. Financial support has also come to an end and Pastor

Albaugh has announced his plans to retire soon. Please be in prayer for how best to promote the Gospel of Christ in the area.

Living Water OPC/Springfield, OH (Covenant OPC/Vandalia overseeing session). Living Water has continued to experience God's blessings. The church's permanent presence in its own building is starting to be noticed and has begun to attract inquiries and visitors from the immediate neighborhood. New families from other parts of town have begun to attend as well. Worship attendance has been averaging around 50 each week. Five new members have been added in the past three months, and there are presently six people working through the membership class. Please pray for the summer outreach study through the Gospel of Luke. A team from the church recently canvassed the neighborhood and invited people to attend. They had a number of really good interactions with the neighbors, many of whom expressed an interest in attending, but no one showed up on the first night. Pray that God will grant fruitfulness to these labors in the weeks to come!



Brad & Cinnamon



Jeremy

Knox OPC – Mt Vernon, OH Knox OPC – Mt Vernon, OH Pastor Jeremy Logan reports that attendance is in the upper 50s. The mission is being blessed financially. The church is putting the final touches on their outreach video. They have scheduled an evangelistic study starting in July. They also are launching a "Nurture the Children" event designed to minister to foster care children. Pray for these activities, that God might be glorified and His Son magnified.

Good Shepherd OPC/Cincinnati, OH Pastor Chris Malamisuro reports that the congregation is seeing new visitors and interest in membership. An inquirer's class was started in June to accommodate this interest. This is an encouraging addition to the 30-40 in regular attendance at their morning worship services. The summer schedule at Good Shepherd is shaping up first with plans for two home-based Bible studies to reach a wide geographical area. Along with this, they have planned a special 10-week series for Sunday evenings geared toward the discussion of sermons and fellowship. Please continue to pray for Pastor Malamisuro, his family, and all the saints at Good Shepherd OPC, that they would continue to see people rejoicing to hear the Word preached and grow as disciples.



Ann & Chris

Developing Opportunities:

Living Hope Fellowship Sharon/Hermitage, PA: Worship services continue at 3:00 each Sunday afternoon, meeting in the Fellowship Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sharon. This outreach, while organized and overseen by the COPC-Grove City session, is actually a joint ministry of the saints with folks attending from several of our congregations and nearly a dozen ministers from our Presbytery taking turns leading in worship. While few in number from the actual community, there are guests each week, most who know little or nothing of Christ. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would move and open the eyes of the blind that they might see clearly their need for Christ, and that a core group might be established in the area.

Lancaster, OH: There is still an interested in seeing if God has any of His people interested in starting a mission work in Lancaster, OH. Providence OPC/Pataskala, OH is planning an informational meeting at the end of the summer. If there is, this would lead to a Bible study. Pray that God would move in the hearts of those interested in the doctrines of Grace to attend the informational meeting.

Other Developments: RHM Larry Oldaker has accepted a call at Grace Fellowship OPC. The CHEX committee is seeking to absorb most of the duties of the RHM. If your church has an interest in (a) a presentation on Home Missions in the Presbytery or (b) discussing starting a church plant, please contact Mike Diercks, chairman of CHEX. He can be reached at mike.diercks@gmail.com or 614-937-1018.