

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

October 16, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of
Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian,

For 150 years, the faithful members of Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, have met to worship the beauty of God in this beautiful place.

Through years of sacrifice, devotion to their call to serve, and generous monetary support, the members and friends of OLCCP have demonstrated their love for the Lord and their willingness to help one another.

May the Lord find us faithful in our time to serve and give.

Thanks to your financial support, the Church now operates with a full staff ministering in God's name.

Thanks to your financial support, a tremendous amount of maintenance and physical improvements were accomplished this year:

- The south stairwell was completely renovated with new stair treads, paint, and repaired banisters;
- Multiple storage spaces were reorganized, cleaned, and emptied of unnecessary materials;
- Window maintenance, exterior and interior window cleaning, building power washing and carpet cleaning were completed;
- Room contents of the whole building were documented for insurance purposes;

- Lawn maintenance, weeding, and mulch spread; trees trimmed, a few trees removed, and stump grinding completed;
- The exterior of Heritage Hall repaired and repainted.

This list represents only a portion of the work of our Trustees and those who assist them. Hundreds of hours of labor, along with tens of thousands of dollars, were spent to maintain our lovely Church.

Thanks to your financial support, your gifts continued many avenues of life-changing ministry to our community:

- Our Church-sponsored Scout troop met throughout the year in Fellowship Hall;
- Vacation Bible School welcomed nearly twenty children and their families to learn God's word, sing, play, and enjoy fun together;
- Dozens of local and international Mission groups, tangibly sharing the love of Christ, received life-giving financial support from OLCCP;
- Two different home groups of Alcoholics Anonymous met weekly in Fellowship Hall to offer guidance and support;
- Adult Bible Study classes were offered in the Spring, Summer, and Fall;
- Numerous Fellowship events were held:
 - to celebrate members and friends who shared their faith and knowledge through pulpit supply;
 - to welcome new members;
 - to welcome neighbors and families on the Fourth of July;
 - to celebrate seasonal occasions to reconnect after worship;
- Nearly a dozen youth connected to OLCCP and their friends enjoyed fun, fellowship, and faith development offered by GLU and youth trips;
- Excellent music inspired all to give glory to God as the Chancel choir, our paid staff, volunteer soloists, and guest musicians created melodies of faith each week;
- A "Big Tent" Ministry Fair highlighted the joy of our fellowship and the opportunities for service within our congregation;

- Sacraments of the Christian faith were celebrated, God's word was studied and preached, and the weekly worship of Almighty God was offered in person and to any who wished to join us online.

The spiritual witness of your congregation in and around our community does not take place without your constant prayers and financial support. Your continuing support is humbly requested.

Just as higher prices across the board confront your home, the Church is similarly challenged. Please consider increasing your financial pledge as we celebrate 150 years of worship and service on the shores of Orchard Lake.

On or before **Sunday, November 12th**, please return your completed pledge card or submit your pledge online through the form on the Giving Tab on our website. If you are present for worship on November 12th, you may place your pledge card in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

May future generations look back on this time and find us faithful.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

With Gratitude,

Rev. Richard Lapehn, D.Min.