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# The Oakville News

FALL 2014

## PASTOR DAVID ABDO—INTERIM SUMMER PASTOR

As I began my time here at Oakville I preached a sermon on gratitude. Now it's time to practice what I preach. It seems like the summer has flown by. Only yesterday Dana and I arrived (with Cookie & Skyler) knowing no one in the Willamette Valley. Now it feels as if we have a church full of lifelong friends. This was made possible solely by the graciousness of the Oakville congregation. From the very first week you have taken us in and welcomed us as one of your own. In talking with Don Wirth about the possibility of serving here during Pastor John's sabbatical I felt we were an excellent match but never could I have imagined the depth of the bond that we have formed in a mere nine weeks. Thank you for welcoming us into your hearts and lives.

As I think back on the summer I remember the joy of playing a small part in the Vacation Bible School. In meeting the children of the church I was able to see the legacy you are leaving for the next generation. The intergenerational ministry that goes on so naturally here at Oakville is a joy to behold. To see Samantha and Bridgette leading the program each morning and Jane coordinating the entire ministry, continually filling gaps on the fly, was a wonderful sight. And Franz, with his wonderful wood-shop, creating projects for the kids to proudly parade in front of their parents on the last day; a birdhouse and cutting board that will remain as reminders of "that summer at Vacation Bible School." I still have a few of the projects I made when I was in vacation Bible school. Then there were all the volunteers working as teachers and helpers in the classroom. They have formed bonds with the children that I'm sure will not soon be forgotten. And the kitchen crew, oh the kitchen crew, with wonderful snacks and hot coffee that Sue would bring to me each morning. And all of this took place in only our first week in Oakville. For these things and many more I say again thank you.

Each Sunday we were greeted as if we were part of the family. The warm embrace of this congregation was experienced every time we walked through the door. To all those who invited us to share a meal together we are sincerely grateful. Many of you opened your homes to us to spend the evening getting to know one another, sharing our lives and a few good stories. I am grateful to Rex Watkins who gave me the opportunity to go after the big boys in the ocean and Pastor John who invited me to fish the Metoleus: a fly fisherman's dream. Patty Proctor has been a tremendous help to me. She assisted "the new guy" in finding his way in unfamiliar surroundings. Thank you Patty. To the entire Coon family who gave us the run of the farm, the use of the bunkhouse for nearly 2 months and let us fish off the gravel bar, we can't say thank you enough. And to Don and Marianne Wirth who opened their home to us as the first to welcome us to Shedd, who put up with 45 lbs. of bouncing puppy and taught us so much about farming in the Willamette Valley, we remain in your debt.

And finally I am grateful to God who introduced me to Don Wirth through an email sent looking for someone to fill the pulpit while Pastor John was on sabbatical. It has been my privilege to become acquainted with this congregation through Don and John as I prepared to minister with and among you. Pastor John has been incredibly gracious in allowing another Shepherd to tend his flock while he was away. It is my prayer that I am placing them back in your hands with the same care you showed when you gave them to me.

I know I have forgotten someone so I ask for your forgiveness in the omission. You are truly wonderful people and forever in our hearts. Dana and I will always consider ourselves part of the extended family of the Oakville Presbyterian Church.

With much love and gratitude,  
 Pastor David and Dana Abdo (and Cookie)

Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from this mailing.

## FRIDAY DATE NIGHTS

OCT 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014 6:00 – 8:30 pm  
 At Oakville Presbyterian Church

**DINNER • MOVIE • CHILDCARE**  
 Only \$10 per Couple per evening



The "movie" portion of the evenings will be a series of video presentations and discussions on *The Keys to a Healthy Marriage*.

Couples of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend all four dates! These dates will be fun, entertaining, and will provide great tools to make your marriage (or future marriage) the best it can be!

Make your reservations through the church office.

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### Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sept - May

(10:00 a.m. June - Aug )

### Sunday School for all ages Sept - May 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. John S. Carpenter  
 Church Secretary: Patricia Proctor

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work..” — 2 Timothy 3:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

**Sunday School**

Sunday School classes for all ages  
September 14, 2014 from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Our classes include:

**Children’s Nursery** for Infants to 5 year olds.

This safe, loving child care allows parents to attend the Adult Sunday School class so that the whole family can study, learn and grow in their faith.

**Elementary Classes**

The children learn Bible stories and lessons that provide a foundation for living out our faith in today’s world.

**High School class** for Jr/Sr High School Class

Students will work through the book “Mere Christianity” by C. S. Lewis with a married couple

sharing their relationship with God in a more theological fashion with the class. This group is ready to begin tackling tough questions about life and faith.

**Adult class** is being taught by a newly wed couple, and will build on the long series of Bible classes we have pursued for generations.

**Sunday School Kick Off Potluck Breakfast**  
9:45 a.m.

**September 14, 2014**  
Bring a breakfast dish to share and come ready to learn more about the many exciting Sunday School classes Oakville will be offering this year.

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**Youth Group Sundays—4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Middle School and High School youth gather Sunday afternoons at the church to enjoy frolic, fellowship, and thoughtful faith. Oakville Presbyterian Church is blessed with a young couple actively leading the youth group, using a combination of games, trips, topical Bible studies, and service projects.

**Women’s Bible Study—Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Our Women's Bible study begins September 16th beginning with a salad dinner at 6:30 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. We are doing the Beth Moore study, *Children Of The Day*, which is on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians.

**Youth Discovery Class** This is a course that is designed for Middle School and High School youth that explores what it means to be a Christian. We will cover the basics of Christian belief, the theology and traditions of our particular branch of the Christian “Family Tree”, and how all of that is lived out in our lives both in the church and in the world. This serves as a “Confirmation Class” and those who complete it are invited to join as members of Oakville Presbyterian Church. Dates and times of our gatherings are to be determined. Please contact the church office at 541-758-0647 for more information.



Man's fall from grace is nearly as old as mankind, and during David's fourth sermon at Oakville we learned that "perfection bit the dust when Eve bit the apple." Well, David, you did get close to perfection in your short stay here at Oakville. You made a nearly seamless transition with your warm greetings, easy adjustments, pastoral care and lively sermons. With a deep sense of gratitude we thank you for shepherding us on this short journey while Pastor John was gone. Godspeed to you and Dana on your own journey ahead.



**Welcome Back Potluck**

Sunday, September 21st  
12:00 Noon

There will be a potluck after the worship service with the meat and home made ice cream provided. celebrating Pastor John's return from his sabbatical.

**Pastor John Slide Show**

Sunday, September 28  
6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall  
Dessert Potluck

**Harvest Party**

October 2014  
4:00 pm

Coon’s Farm Shop  
Bring apples, containers for cider, seasonal snacks to share, lawn chairs and as many guests as you like.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
National Collection Week is mid- November. Stay tuned for more information

**Ladies Fun Weekend**

A Ladies Fun weekend to Lincoln City is October 24th-26th at a beach house in Lincoln City. Plan to arrive there Friday night after 4 pm and we will need to leave Sunday by 11:00 am. This is a weekend of games, movies, murder mystery, walking the beach, and just resting and relaxing. Please let Shawn Wells know if you plan to go. More information will be shared as the time gets closer.

**Fall Calendar of Events**

Sept 7th	Worship Time changes to 11:00 a.m.
Sept 14th	Sunday School Kick-off Potluck Breakfast 9:45 am.
Sept 16th	Women’s Bible Study begins 6:30 p.m.
Sept 21st	Welcome Back Party for Pastor John - after worship service
Sept 28th	Pastor John’s Sabbatical Slide Show at 6:30 p.m.
Oct	Harvest Party at Coon’s Farm Shop 4:00 p.m.
Oct 24 - 26	Ladies' Fun Weekend at the Coast
Nov	Family Night TBA

**About our new Janitor**

Jenna Hart began serving as our Janitor in June. She and her husband, Jeremiah have a small, local family janitorial and facilities maintenance business called Ethos Maintenance. Their children Elijah, Silas, Ezra and Sarah often join them as a cleaning team.



**Mission Outreach**

Ever wonder what effect a small country church has in the local community and even the world? Here are some of the Mission and Outreach ministries that Oakville Church supports throughout the year.

- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Church Planting
- FISH of Albany
- Habitat for Humanity
- House of Engedi
- Love INC
- Medical Teams International
- Mid-Valley Fellowship
- Options Pregnancy Center
- Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship
- StandUpGirl.com
- T.E.A.M.

Volunteers are always welcome to be involved in any of these ministries. Contact the church for more information.