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House Talk

Sing along with me now...It's beginning to look a lot like....

A house! Orange County Habitat for Humanity is making some above ground progress with their project on Peliso Avenue. Drive by sometime and take a look! It won't be long until the roof is finished, the siding is on, the doors and windows in, and then the real fun begins---all the interior work! We will have to limit our volunteer work crews, stay socially distant, and do our best to stay safe, but we will continue to work on this house. We have a wonderful, hard working young mom eagerly anticipating her purchase of this house. We'll keep you posted! If you need any more information about Habitat work in this community, contact Cindy Reid.



Pastor's Ponderings

Happy one year anniversary OPC! I can't believe my first Sunday here was June 2, 2019 - what a year it's been!!

As we move into the summer I hope we are able to safely meet together soon. I look forward to the day we are able to gather together in worship. But I also hope and pray that we are all doing everything we can to stay safe. At the beginning of the year, I shared with you all that my New Year's resolution would be to spend more time in prayer. At the time I had no idea how necessary that spiritual practice would be. Throughout this pandemic I have been praying for each of you - for your health and safety; for your healing and whole-

ness. I have practiced different prayer techniques and found different ways to attune myself to being in direct communication with God. Now I would like to share some of those things with you all.

Starting in June we will be going through a sermon series about prayer using the Psalms. We will be focusing on four different types of prayer over four weeks. One way to remember these different types of prayers is through the acronym ACTS. This stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. As we look forward to this new sermon series, I invite you to pray with and for me, and I will continue to pray with and for you too. Blessings,

Pastor Rebekah

Preschool Corner

Orange Presbyterian Weekday School is proud to announce new director/teacher Caroline Baldwin and teacher Mary Beth Miller beginning fall of 2020. Returning teacher Ellen Kendall, will join them as well.

Caroline is a 2003 graduate of George Mason University. She has an extensive background in music and music education. She has been a director of children's ministry and has worked as a preschool assistant in the past. Caroline lives in Orange with her husband and six-year-old son. She looks forward to working with OPC.

Mary Beth is a 2009 graduate of University of Virginia. She is the wife of Pastor Alan Miller of Orange Baptist Church. Mary Beth also has a background in children's music ministry, young life ministry, and has a great love for books and reading. Mary Beth has twin 8 year olds and a recent spring 2020 OPWS graduate.

OPWS hosted a wonderful drive-thru graduation ceremony the afternoon of May 24, on the Orange Baptist Church property, located on route 15 N. The children all received gift buckets with all sorts of goodies, a balloon, graduation cap, and diploma. The ceremony ended with a celebratory parade and lots of smiles.

-Rachel Gibson

Music Notes

First off, I'd like to thank the congregation for sending me a congratulatory note regarding my graduation! The recognition made me feel special in the midst of an anticlimactic end to my undergraduate career. COVID-19 has brought on some interesting challenges to the musical side of things. Worshiping through music is a collective experience, after all. However, I have enjoyed the opportunity

to get to know various software platforms that have allowed me to record the music for our virtual services. Members of the choir have expressed that they miss singing together, and I feel the same way. This down time has certainly made me yearn for the comfort and company of others, and I know it will be all the more special when we can return.

- Chelsea Holt

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:00 Safety Team	3 10:00 Online Zoom Devotional	4 10:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 7:00 Finance	5 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	6
7 10:45 Community prayer—Zoom 11:00 Online Worship	8 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 History	9 7:00 Session	10 10:00 Online Zoom Devotional	11	12 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	13
14 10:45 Community prayer—Zoom 11:00 Online Worship	15	16	17 10:00 Online Zoom Devotional	18	19 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	20
21 10:45 Community prayer—Zoom 11:00 Online Worship	22	23	24 10:00 Online Zoom Devotional	25	26 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	27
28 10:45 Community prayer—Zoom 11:00 Online Worship	29	30				



Robert Kendall 06/04

Connie Norberg 06/29

Albert Packard 06/04

Cindy Reid 06/25

Melanie Rose 06/02

Sierra Rose 06/24

Denise Samuels 06/21

Mike Saxton 06/29

Mark Shepherd 06/30

Rick Sherman Jr. 06/26

Carol Sine 06/06

William Taylor 06/17

Louise Whitaker 06/17

Thanks from Nan

To all the wonderful people at OPC,

A very happy Eastertide to all of you! In the midst of the anxiety, fear, and isolation of this pandemic shutdown, we hope you know that both Rich and I surround you all with our prayers and blessings.

And I also surround you with my sincere gratitude for all the cards and notes you've sent during my cancer treatment. Your support means more to me than I have words for. I visualize you through every procedure and treatment, and I am sincerely

thankful for all your kindness and care.

Everything is going well; and I've just completed my radiation treatment. I've had great medical care, but I think my excellent prognosis is also thanks to your spiritual care. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Be well, dear friends, and stay safe. We love you all and miss you.

With love from us both,

Nan

Session Meeting Highlights

Over the last 30 days the Session held three called meetings. There was no stated meeting in May. The next stated meeting is June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

At the April 29 called Session meeting:

- Establish a team to investigate the feasibility of starting a 4th Week Food Co-op. This co-op would be a sustainable food distribution system for low-income families and individuals. The committee would report their findings at the stated Session meeting in June, 2020.

At the May 12 called Session meeting:

- Approved a motion from Worship and Music Committee that OPC hold virtual Communion. This will be held Sunday, June 7th, and be done in accordance with PCUSA guidelines.
- Rescinded all previous Session decisions about communion in 2020 (excluding just-approved motion for June 7th virtual communion). This includes the motion from the January 21, 2020

Stated Session Meeting to hold communion the first Sunday of every month, and the March 17, 2020 Called Session Meeting to hold communion the first Sunday the congregation physically gathers together for worship.

At the May 15 called Session meeting:

- Approved the hiring of Caroline Baldwin as the new Orange Presbyterian Weekday School director.
- Approved minutes for our 2020 Stated Session Meetings are available on request from the church office. Have a question, concern, or suggestion? Contact a Session member!

Remember you are always welcome to attend our open stated session meetings. Contact Rebekah for a Zoom conferencing invite.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves

Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report as of April 2020

Beginning Balance	\$ 21,397.31	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$ 15,084.08	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$519.83
Expenses	\$ 7,202.41	Memorial Fund	\$11,135.38
Ending Balance	\$ 29,278.67	Mission Trip Fund	\$318.13
		Music Fund	\$0
		OPC Weekday School Fund	\$5,027.50
		Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$9,240.53

Face mask update

100 homemade face masks have been delivered to Orange Family Physicians! If you need a face mask, one of our OPC sewers can make one for you. Contact May Saxton at 661-7694 to place your order.



Joys and Concerns

Joys

- OPC graduates--middle school--John Huerta, Jackson Hamilton, high school--Anne Clements, Nathan Norberg, college--Cameron Motley, Chelsea Holt

- Melanie's stepfather, Gene, is off the ventilator and was able to talk to them via Zoom

Concerns

- Our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Pat Stewart upon her death on Wednesday, May 27th. The family will hold a graveside service at some point in

the future, when it is safe to do so.

- Carole Sue and Ralph Graves
- Anne Somerville
- Pat's brother in law, Bill and her sister, Linda
- Lavinia Phillips as she is recovering from a car accident

Continued Prayers for

- Melanie's stepfather, Gene, and her mom, Kay
- Billie Mills
- Carol Couch
- Cynthia Pedersen
- Our friends at Dogwood Village
- All affected by COVID-19

OPC Special Memories

The OPC History Covenant Group would love to hear your special memories of our church family! We would like to compile a booklet of these memories to share with our congregation for our 175th Anniversary Celebration on November 8, 2020. Please use this space and return this by mail to the office or send your memories to saxton-family@comcast.net . We have three memories so far.

