



Orange
Presbyterian
Church

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At work during
the pandemic

Orange Presbyterian Church



664

Worship Video
Views



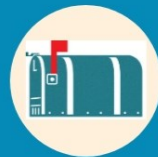
1266

Website Visits



117

Children and Youth
Outreach Items Distributed



560

Letters and Cards
Sent to Shut-ins



13

Weekly Devotionals
via Zoom



12

Weekly BYOB&B
Sessions via Zoom



6

Sunday Morning
Communal Prayers
via Zoom



100+

Facemasks Made
for Health Workers
and Congregation
Members



2

Sponsored Red
Cross Blood Drives



40

Sponsored Gift Bags
for Hospital Nurses

Thank you!

We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. While we all miss being together as a worshipping body, our first priority is the health and safety of our physical bodies. The safety team has been assessing the situation monthly. When a decision about reopening has been made we will do everything we can to get the message out. Again, thank you and God bless you all!

-The Safety Team

Pastor's Ponderings

Let's talk about stewardship!

Maybe it seems a bit early in the year to have such a discussion, but really, we are stewards of God's good gifts all year long, so why not talk about them all year long? Last year's stewardship campaign was "I love to tell the story." We talked about how God has provided for humanity since the very beginning, and continues to provide for us even today. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, and great losses, and society tension, God is providing. God provides space for us to have difficult but deep conversations. God provides us resources to be God's hands and feet in

this world. God provides us hearts and minds that seek to do God's will. God provides. The question of stewardship is - what will we do with all that God has provided? What will we do with the time, the talents, the treasures, the influence, the privileges we have been given? As disciples, as good stewards, these are the questions we must ask ourselves all year long.

So as we continue in this unprecedented year, let's consider these questions in unprecedented ways. As the story of God's love continues to be told, let us do our part in the story. Let's keep telling the story, let's love to tell the story.

Pastor Rebekah

Preschool Corner

Thank you so much for the warm welcome from Orange Presbyterian! I am so excited to be joining this family of faith as the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School's new director. I look forward to continuing what is already a beautiful relationship between the church and the school.

In the coming weeks, I will be settling into the school space and will begin setting up for children's arrival in September. Please feel free to drop in and say hello!

As you all know, there are many unknowns due to the ongoing Coronavirus epidemic. I ask for your prayers as I navigate the ever-changing guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our stu-

dents. We plan to open as usual on September 8, and provide a welcoming, comfortable, and safe place for parents to leave their children.

Luke 2:52 says, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." My home is that at OPWS, the children will grow just as Jesus did, in mind and in body, but also spiritually and socially. To work along side me in this endeavor I am fortunate to have Ms. Ellen Kendall and Ms. Mary Beth Miller. I know this "dream team" of ladies will ensure our students receive wonderful teaching and lots of love.

Best,
Caroline Baldwin



MUSIC NOTES

Greetings from the music corner! I want to know how you're exercising your talents and creativity from home. Does your child love to sing? Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Please consider submitting video to us for OPC shout-outs! Also, the choir will be hosting two virtual

learning experiences in the month of July. These sessions will tell you the back story behind some of your favorite hymns and church music. This is designed for all! You can find dates and Zoom links in upcoming weekly memos from Ralph.

Chelsea Holt

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 Online Devotional	2 10:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3	4
5 10:45 Online Community Prayer 11:00 Online Worship	6	7 5:00 Safety Team	8 10:00 Online Devotional	9 7:00 Finance	10	11
12 5:00 Online Hymn Sing	13 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 History Group	14	15 10:00 Online Devotional	16	17	18
19 Synod of Mid America: Online Worship Service	20	21 7:00 Session	22 10:00 Online Devotional	23	24	25
26 10:45 Online Community Prayer 11:00 Online Worship 5:00 Online Hymn Sing	27	28	29 10:00 Online Devotional	30	31	



Leslie Barnes 7/5
 Joanna Davies 7/6
 Sharon Mohrmann 7/7
 Sandy McLeod 7/13
 Peggy Fitch 7/14
 Ellen Kendall 7/15
 Karen Ulan 7/15
 Phoebe Warmack 7/17
 Carol Couch 7/21
 Bill McClellan 7/27
 Caleb Tinsley 7/31



Pastor Rebekah will be on vacation from July 6, 2020 to July 20, 2020. Ralph Graves, Clerk of Session, will be available during this time for Pastoral Care emergencies. He can be reached by email at clerkofsession@orangepc.org or by phone at (540) 672-4192.

Thanks from Ann Taylor

Ann Taylor Mohrmann Jones would like to thank the Orange Presbyterian Church Family for all of their support to the Duke ICU Nurse Hero Project. She was able to gain sponsors for all 108 lunchboxes. Your monetary donations, emails and notes have kept her motivated and upbeat during this busy time at the hospital. She was able to fill

the lunchboxes to the top with donations from the Holly Springs vendors. They were very generous! She continues her love of giving to others in her new community of Holly Springs, NC that she learned from all of you at OPC. She would love to hear from you. Her new address is:

Ann Taylor Jones, 5529 Spence Plantation Lane,
Holly Springs, NC 27540

Session Meeting Highlights

The Session took the following actions at their June 9 2020 stated meeting:

- Appointed Elder Carole Graves delegate to the June 16th Presbytery meeting.
- Tabled a motion from Property Committee to pay the HMS invoices for testing and replacement of fire extinguishers in the amount of \$1,000 from church funds.
- Agreed with the Safety Team’s recommendation to revisit the opening of the facilities no later than mid-July.
- Heard a report from the 4th Week Food Co-op Task Force.

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 May 2020

Beginning Balance	\$ 29,278.67	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$ 9,266.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$704.83
Expenses	\$ 11,072.70	Memorial Fund	\$12,135.38
Ending Balance	\$ 27,471.97	Mission Trip Fund	\$318.13
		Music Fund	\$5.42
		OPC Weekday School Fund	\$5,027.50
		Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$9,240.53

Prayer Concerns

- Lavinia Phillips has suffered a major stroke. Prayers of comfort, peace, and strength are requested for Lavinia and her family..
- Students, teachers, school administrators, and parents as they plan for the next academic year.
- Racial inequalities in our country
- Worshipping communities around the world making difficult decisions
- The effects of COVID-19 on each of us and our friends
- Melanie's family following the passing of her step father, Gene
- Johnny Stewart
- Chelsea Holt
- Carra Davies as she continues chemotherapy
- Shirley Sprouse's cousin, Kenny White, and his wife, Glenda
- A world changed by this pandemic
- Our friends at Dogwood Village



OPC History: Did you know...?

Orange Presbyterian Church during the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu Pandemic

United States 1918-1919 Pandemic Timeline--

- March 1918—first wave of Spanish Flu in the United States
- September – November 1918—second wave—most of the total deaths happened during this wave
- January 1919 – Summer 1919—third wave

Highlights of OPC Session Records from February 1918 – April 1921

We were hoping to find some details of what OPC looked like during the Spanish Flu Pandemic, but records are scarce. With only one member of Session (the Clerk) during much of this time, there is a lack of recording of what was going on in the life of the church.

February 1918—Rev. S. E. Coxe resigned as pastor of Waddell Memorial and Orange Presbyterian Churches. He had been pastor since 1908.

December 1918—A congregational meeting was held to call a pastor from Georgia. This must have fallen through because another congregational meeting was held 3 months later.

March 1919—A congregational meeting was held to extend a call to Rev. Edgar Graham Grammon of Hampton Sydney, Virginia. This was a joint calling with Waddell with an annual salary of \$1550 plus a manse.

As of March 31, 1919, the OPC Ladies Aid Society had 29 members. Boy's Circle—6 members. Sabbath School--officers and teachers--6, scholars--30. Elders—1 (the Clerk of Session was the only member), Deacons—4, Residents Communicants—60, non-resident communicants—60, for a total of 70 members.

Apparently Rev. Grammon did not accept the call. Congregational meetings were held in July 1919, August 1919, March 1920, June 1920, October 1920 for the purpose of extending pastoral calls. The minutes from the March 1920 meeting mention that this pastor was being called as Stated Supply from June 1-September 1. Finally in January 1921, Rev. J. A. McQueen accepted the call to be the pastor of Waddell and Orange. The two churches had been without a pastor for over 3 years. Rev. McQueen served from 1921-1923.

