



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

April 2019

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Services in April



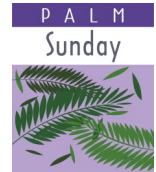
Wednesday, April 3 at 12:15 pm - Community Lenten Service

Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 pm - The Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship

Wednesday, April 10 at 12:15 pm - Community Lenten Service

Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 - Palm Sunday Worship

1:00 - Preschool 40th Anniversary Celebration



Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service



Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 - Easter Sunday Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sunday, April 28 at 11:00 - Worship
Farewell Coffee Fellowship for
Jack and Margaret Thompson

On Great Hour of Sharing Offering - Easter Sunday, April 21

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will read about just a few of these individuals over the coming weeks in bulletin inserts. These stories will help us to see the faces of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands of people served in this important ministry. You are invited to visit the OGHs website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your gift helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the people and projects who receive this support.

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 21 and give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



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40 Years of Our Preschool!

In April of 1978, did Elinor Vasquez and Jean Berkman realize what they were beginning when they approached OPC about starting a preschool as part of the church's outreach? The Orange Presbyterian Weekday School opened in September of 1978, and the rest truly is history. Well over 1,000 children and their families have benefitted from the program over the last 40 years, and many of our recent students are the daughters and sons of graduates. We have had 5 pastors, 4 directors, 18 teachers, and a faithful and hard-working preschool board during these years.



Through the years the preschool has changed with the times, adapting to our society. In the beginning the three and four-year-olds were in the same class, five mornings a week. At a later date, and continuing now, the four-year-olds attend Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and the three-year-olds attend Tuesdays and Thursdays. In 2015 the program experimented with an after-care program. For a majority of the 40 years there was a waiting list, and many happy families received the call that a space had opened up for their child. Countless friendships and connections within the Orange County community have grown.

Change does bring challenges, and the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School has met the challenges with thoughtfulness, energy, and enthusiasm. Field trips, visits from community helpers, and walking trips around Orange have always been encouraged. Over the years Orange Presbyterian Church has supported the preschool with "Christmas in July," scholarships, and supplies. When our current director, Kim Szydlowski, began in 2006, she told The Orange Review, "My emphasis is 'learning through play' and each day we will have lots of opportunities to engage the children in meaningful play."

It is a joy to walk through the church and hear the happy sounds of children at play. It is wonderful to know that several generations can claim the church's preschool as their first school. A constant through all the years has been the love, fun, care, and commitment showered on the children. **There is much to be proud of!**

Please join us on **Sunday, April 14** as we celebrate this milestone. Any graduates at worship will be invited to come up to the front of the sanctuary during A Time with the Children, and Coffee Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be an **Open House** in the Fellowship Hall that afternoon from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**. Plan to attend, and spread the word to others in the community. **We have a lot to celebrate!**

Preschool Corner

March was a very full month for both classes. We started the month with parent-teacher conferences for our four-year-old families. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, made lions and lambs, and had a week of St. Patrick's Day activities which ended with the discovery of a pot of gold left by a leprechaun. We wrapped up the month with hot air balloons and number fun.

The younger class made lion and lamb puppets, shamrocks from green hearts, and teddy bear scenes.

The highlight of the month was waking up their hibernating bears, who were sent home with their new owners. They ended the month with a windsock craft and kites.



After such a busy month, we are looking forward to our Spring Break the first week of April.

See you on the 8th!

Mrs. Ski

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  <i>Elinor Vasquez</i> <i>Liz Hume Adam</i>	3 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:00 Covenant Review 6:00 Property	5	6  <i>Fedie McClung</i> <i>Theresa Torian</i>
7 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	8	9 10:30 Morning Circle	10 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	11 7:00 Finance	12	13 9:00 Church Clean-Up Day 9:00 Craft Club
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship 1:00 Preschool 40th Anniversary Celebration	15	16  <i>Jonathan Stewart</i> 7:00 Session	17 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	18 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	19  <i>Jackson Warmack</i> <i>Avery Warmack</i>	20  <i>Yasmin Huerta</i>
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	22  <i>Nathan Gibson</i>	23	24 5:00 Preschool Board 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	25  <i>John Huerta</i>	26	27
28 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 Farewell Coffee Fellowship	29	30	1 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	2  <i>Dean Sherwin</i> 1:30 Blood Drive 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation	3	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

7 Dave and Karen
Ulan
14 The Rose Family
21 Lloyd and Alice
Parcell
28 Winnie Higgins

Acolytes

7 Anne Clements
14 Nathan Norberg
21 Matthew Gibson
28 Ryder Rose

Nursery Helpers

7 Karen Ulan
Ryder Rose
14 Alice Parcell
Melanie Rose
21 Jim Reid
Millie Tyner
28 Robert and Ellen
Kendall

Pray Station

7 Melanie Rose
14 Karen Ulan
21 Rachel Gibson
28 May Saxton

Counters

7 Ralph Graves
Cindy Reid
14 Dianne Haberland
Connie Norberg
21 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
28 Cheryl Lewis
Karen Ulan

Session Meeting Highlights

Highlights of the March 19th Stated Session Meeting:

- A report on the February 16th POJ Stated Meeting was presented by Commissioner Carole Sue Graves.
- Approved a recommendation by the Finance Committee, "Proposal for Funding Mission and Outreach for the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School."
 - **Background:** It is possible the continuation of the Weekday School through school year 2019-2020 will require financial support from OPC. The Weekday School will raise the student tuition and attempt to recruit a minimum of 24 students by July 1, 2019. If recruitment is successful, these numbers will support the budget for a successful self-sufficient preschool. The session agreed to support the Preschool with up to \$8,000 for the 2019-2020 school year, if needed.
 - **Plan for Funding:** The responsibility for oversight of the Weekday School will be moved from the Spiritual Formation Team to the Mission and Outreach Committee since it is a mission of the church.
 - If the above funding is necessary, the \$8,000 will be moved from the General Fund to a Pass-Through Account titled OPC Weekday School. Use of this fund will be the responsibility of the Mission and Outreach Committee only.
 - The Orange Presbyterian Church budget for 2020 will show a new line item within the Mission and Outreach Committee budget.
- We continue to look for a treasurer.
- The OPC History Covenant Group is prioritizing projects leading up to our 175th anniversary in November 2020.
- Approved collecting the Five Cents-a-Meal Offering monthly.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee reported that things are beginning to move forward with serious negotiations with a candidate. The committee is optimistically hopeful, but nothing is certain at this point.
- Spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 13 with April 20 as a rain date.
- Approved a motion by the Worship and Music Committee for the church to cover the registration fee and meals, up to \$350, for the Director of Music to attend the Church Music and Bible Conference at Massanetta Springs in July 2019.
- Ralph Graves shared information from the Small Church Communications Workshop that he attended on March 9.
- The Covenant Review Team requested that committees/teams send their 2019 ministry goals to Mike Saxton for discussion at the April stated session meeting.
- A chairperson/session liaison is still needed for the Discipleship Team.

Session minutes from 2018 and 2019 Stated Session Meetings are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. See May Saxton, Clerk of the Session, with questions.

Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions. Remember that you are always welcome to attend our open stated meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Joanna Davies, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator)

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	22,680.06	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	10,103.50	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 162.95
Expenses	\$	6,911.44	Music Fund	\$ 584.44
Ending Balance	\$	25,872.12	Memorial Fund	\$ 30.00
			Mission Trip Fund	\$ 500.00
			PNC Fund	\$ 1,874.12
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,145.68

Lectionary Readings for April

These readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and are often the basis for the sermon and anthem. These readings are offered to help in your preparation for worship on Sunday.

While we don't necessarily have four readings on Sunday, the lectionary provides an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading.



April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

April 14

Palms: Luke 19:28-40
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
 Isaiah 25:6-9, 65:17-25
 Psalm 114, 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, 15:19-26
 John 20:1-18
 Luke 24:1-49

April 28

Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 118:14-29, 50
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31

Worship Services in April

Below is a list of our guest pastor and service volunteers for the month of April. We will let you know by Friday of the week of services what is needed of you on Sunday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Pastor</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
4/7	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Sharon Mohrmann	Carole Sue Graves	Carole Sue Graves
4/14	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Sharon Mohrmann	Lynn Clements	Lynn Clements
4/21	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Sharon Mohrmann	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
4/28	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Sharon Mohrmann	Anne Somerville	Anne Somerville

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Stewart or Al Packard.

Easter Lily Memorials



Plan now to honor or remember a loved one on Easter. The Worship and Music Committee will purchase lilies for \$10.00 for our Easter service.

Please fill out the form below and attach your check or cash. You can drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Please note "Lilies" in the memo section of your check.

After worship on Easter Sunday, April 21, you can take a lily home. We will place a listing of all the Easter memorials in the bulletin on April 21.

I/We would like to place a lily *In Honor of* or *In Memory of*: (circle one)

Your Name _____

(Please turn in your form by Sunday, April 14.)

Community Lenten Services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
April 3 and 10 at 12:15 pm

The Community Lenten Services are being hosted by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 119 Caroline Street. The service will begin at 12:15 pm and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Below are the pastors who will lead the services:

April 3 Rev. Jim Beavers
 Christ Anglican Church

April 10 Rev. Josh Munnikhuisen
 Trinity United Methodist Church

Chili Cook-Off Update

Thanks to all, especially the chili makers, for providing another delicious and fun March get-together. We had several delicious chili recipes to enjoy, and all were very different and unique. There was also an amazing cheesecake that was unofficially voted best dessert! With pleasure, we announce that the Gibson family were our overall winners!



Church Clean-Up Day –

Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 am

On Saturday, April 13, we will gather for our Spring Clean-Up Day. There are many tasks inside as well as outside of the church that we are hoping to tackle. Even if you are not interested in working outside, please come. The goal is to get the church ready for Easter. Things will start at 9:00 am.

If you cannot help on the 13th, you can still help out. Contact me and we can work out a time that better suits you. The rain date will be Saturday, April 20. I look forward to working with you.
 Anne Somerville 540-672-0746.

Hebrance Scholarship

The Hebrance Scholarship was established by the family in 1985 to provide financial assistance for deserving students in the church family who are continuing their education after high school. These awards are made directly to the scholarship winner's school.



If you are interested in applying, please submit a one-page essay which includes the following: 1) your future educational plans; 2) your activities in the community; and 3) how OPC and the church family influenced your life and goals. Send this to May Saxton, Clerk of Session by May 15 at clerkofsession@orangepc.org.

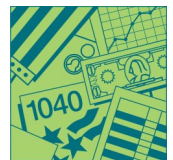
Farewell Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, April 28 after worship

Join us for the Coffee Fellowship on April 28 to say goodbye to Jack and Margaret Thompson. They are moving to Harrisonburg and we want to be sure to give them a great send-off. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Tax Benefit for You?

Do you need to take out a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA this year? Although interest earned from your IRA generally is not taxed in the year earned, it isn't tax-exempt interest. Taxes on your traditional IRA generally are deferred only until you take a distribution. But there is a way not to pay taxes on the RMD.



Donating all or part of that RMD, directly from the trustee of your IRA to a qualified charitable organization, such as the church, allows you to show that amount as a tax-deductible contribution. You must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for any charitable contribution and as indicated, it must come directly from your IRA trustee.

Consult with your tax advisor first, and consider donating your annual pledge from your RMD and save yourself some taxes.

History Covenant Group

Our group met on March 11 and had a great time looking at pictures, newspaper articles, bulletins, etc. that Lulu Sherman and Anne Somerville shared! A special treasure was an article from the "Orange Review" from our 100th anniversary in 1945! If anyone would be interested/able to transcribe this article into a digital format, please let us know!

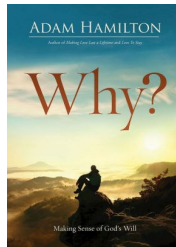
Realizing that our 175th anniversary is only 20 months from now, we talked about prioritizing our various projects to ensure that what we have gathered and learned will be preserved in a format that can easily be accessed and used for the 200th anniversary in 2045. At our May meeting, we plan to talk in particular about the preservation of the oral history interviews conducted by Carol Couch and Winnie Higgins.

Please consider joining this fun group! Our next meeting will be either May 6 or May 20, at 7:00 pm in the East Room! Please watch weekly bulletins and the May newsletter for the meeting date.

If you have any questions, please ask Carol, Winnie, Lulu, Anne, Jennie, Mike, or May.



Adult Spiritual Formation Book/ Bible Discussion



Starts Wednesday, May 1 at 5:00 pm

We will start our "Why?" adult spiritual formation group discussion on Wednesday, May 1 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!) at 5:00 pm, in the East Room with a potluck supper. The discussion will run for four weeks, ending Wednesday, May 22.

If you have not signed up, we still have spaces available! We look forward to some good discussion and fellowship! To sign up or for information, please see or contact May Saxton at saxton-family@comcast.net or 540-661-7694.

Camp Hanover - Upcoming Events

Camp Hanover hosts many different events year-round, for children, youth, and adults alike. Coming up in April:

- April 18, 7:00 to 10:00 pm - Common Chords - Fellowship, Live Music, Open Jam (monthly event March - July)
- April 27 - 28 - Middle School Retreat
- April 28, 2:00 to 6:00 pm - Camp Fun Day

Visit www.CampHanover.org for more information about events and summer camp.



Magazine Ministry

Many thanks to Orange Presbyterian Church for your continued support of the Magazine Ministry. In this ministry, we are cooperating with several other churches to place gently-used, family-friendly magazines in waiting rooms and social service venues in our communities. We accept magazines from 2016 to the present and add to the monthly distribution some devotional magazines that our churches supply. The collection point for your magazines in good condition is the designated box in the narthex.

Craft Club

Join us on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 to 10:00 am! We will finish the Christmas tree farm that we started in March, then join the church clean-up!



Camp Hanover - Wish List

Camp Hanover can only provide experiences for kids with help from you. There is a booklet in the narthex that has lots of items that they need listed, or visit www.CampHanover.org.

You can donate online, by mailing a check, or by purchasing through their Amazon Wish List.



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Presbyterian Women

Celebrate Spring by joining the Orange Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will study lesson eight, *God With Us as the Holy Spirit* from *God's Promise: I Am With You*. Nancy Crowder will lead the discussion and Carole Sue Graves will provide a snack.

Many thanks to all those who supported the Birthday Offering in March. We raised \$350.75 to aid programs that help women and children in the United States.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Things are beginning to move forward. We are in serious negotiations with a potential pastor. Before we can tell you more, several official steps with Presbytery must be completed. Please continue to pray that all goes well.



May, Lynn, Cindy, Rachel, Louise

Prayer Concerns

- Lavinia's son-in-law, Fred
- Joanna's friend, Janet
- Alice and Lloyd's son, Stan
- Jack Samuels
- Shirley Newman
- Pat's family - Richard, David, and Jean
- Anne's brother and nephew in Honduras
- Ed Marks



- Jennifer Ernst
- Rachel Saxton
- Chris Wynkoop at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Our Christian sympathy to Sandy McLeod's family following the passing of her father, Dwight Calhoun, on Sunday, March 24. There was a viewing on Wednesday, March 27 at Preddy's Funeral Home, with interment in WV on Friday.