



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

February 2017

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## Annual Congregational Meeting

### Sunday, February 5, following worship

(The make-up date will be Sunday, February 12.)

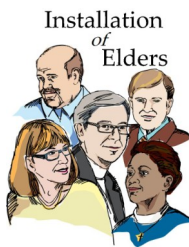
The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to review the ministry of the Orange Presbyterian Church for the past year. At the meeting, we will hear reports from our various session committees and other groups to highlight our work and ministry from 2016. We will also have a presentation of the 2017 budget.

If you haven't picked up a copy yet, copies of the annual reports will be in the narthex on Sunday before worship.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## Installation Planned for New Elders - Sunday, February 19



Elder training is in progress! We plan to install the Class of 2019 on Sunday, February 19. The session will examine elders-elect for installation: Joanna Davies and May Saxton. We give thanks to Al Packard, Ellen Kendall, Ted Sherwin, and Leslie Clements for their service on the session, and to Karen Ulan, Lloyd Parcell, Sandy McLeod, and Pastor Liz for their service on the Nominating Committee.

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## The Eleventh Annual Chili Cook-Off

### Coming in March!

OK all you great chili makers - it's that time of year again when we test your skills. Whether it's spicy, white, made with chocolate, or another secret ingredient, let us decide the champion! Watch your bulletin toward the end of the month for further information about signing up to enter a chili or bring other goodies, and everyone join us for our annual Chili Cook-Off in March after church. Good luck to everyone!



## From the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends,

I begin with a shout-out to Melanie, Ryder and Sierra, for showing up consistently for worship. Sierra is shaping up to be an attentive theologian! As “friends of the church” they have committed to the rhythm of worship and the importance of fellowship. I raise them up because I am looking ahead at what will be important for your next minister. Your next minister will need you to show up. Embedded in the word “discipleship” is discipline. A healthy congregation requires disciples who take seriously the commitments to service, worship and fellowship. We are impoverished when one of you is not in our midst - we need the variety and challenge of everyone’s presence.

The Mission Study Team is wrapping up its responsibilities. As we give our reports and meet with the Committee on Ministry about next steps, we invite you to continue your own contribution to the process by praying for the church. You can also consider what makes for a good relationship with your next pastor. Here are some suggestions I borrow from others who do interim work - I think they’re a good start:

1. Make an effort to get to know your pastor and become known by him or her. Seek to understand as well as to be understood. Deep relationships

require time, to be sure; they also require shared experiences and commitment and effort from both sides.

2. Communication is key. Aim to be honest and forthright, direct instead of indirect. Avoid speaking through others or on behalf of others. Expect and ask for the same from your pastor.
3. When there are concerns (there are always concerns!), speak personally with the pastor, not anonymously or through messengers. Don’t let concerns fester and become wedges that undermine trust or jeopardize the relationship.
4. Respect that boundaries are essential to any relationship. Availability is important, but also unavailability, especially in a digital age when many of us stay online (guilty!). A pastor will be your confidant, your spiritual support, a teacher and guide, but pastors are in need of the same, outside the church she/he serves. For longevity pastors need opportunities for renewal and time away.

Next month I will address the topic of the pastor’s role and accountabilities. It will be important for the church and the pastor to maintain a shared understanding about both.

*Liz*



## Preschool Corner

January was a surprisingly productive month, thanks to no snow days. The one icy day, we were able to have preschool thanks to Ted Haberland working his magic on the parking lot.

The older class went to International Day at St. Thomas’s preschool, walked to the Orange County Public Library, and explored the world of hibernating bears. They made cinnamon cocoa bears, sandpaper bears, and paper caves.

The younger children, a bulging group of 22 students, have made remarkable progress since

Christmas. They are beginning to work on name recognition and writing, and cutting (paper, not hair!). We’ve made biscuit bears, penguin puzzles, and bear rubbings.

We just successfully completed our licensing process. Thank you, Lloyd Parcell, for keeping up with monthly inspections of the fire extinguishers and exit sign lights!



Warm wishes,

# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Robin Kendall</i> 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3 <i>Allison Norberg</i>	4 <i>Winnie Higgins</i> <i>Ryan Gibson</i>
5 <i>Ted Sherwin</i> 11:00 Worship Communion 12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting	6	7 <i>Dianne Haberland</i> 2:00 W&M	8 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	9 <i>Elsa Southard</i> 6:30 Finance	10 <i>Gail Hassmer</i>	11
12 11:00 Worship 12:00 Youth & CE	13	14 10:30 Morning Circle	15 <i>Olivia Ernst</i> 6:15 Bell Choir	16	17	18
19 11:00 Worship <i>Installation of Elders</i>	20 President's Day  <small>Presidents Day</small>	21	22 6:15 Bell Choir	23 <i>Taylor Gibson</i>	24	25
26 <i>Lynne Clements</i> 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	27	28	1 <i>R. Wayne Modena</i> 6:15 Bell Choir	2 1:00 Blood Drive 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3	 <b>Indicates</b>

### Greeters

- 5 Millie Tyner
- 12 Robert and Ellen  
Kendall
- 19 Anne Somerville
- 26 Buckshot and  
Margie Clements

### Acolytes

- 5 Zachary Ernst
- 12 Taylor Gibson
- 19 Lyndsey Norberg
- 26 Nathan Norberg

### Nursery Helpers

- 5 Linda Nash  
Millie Tyner
- 12 Jennifer Ernst  
Melanie Rose
- 19 Ralph and Carole  
Sue Graves
- 26 Robert and Ellen

Kendall

26 Jennifer Ernst

### Pray Station

- 5 Jennifer Ernst
- 12 Martha Clements
- 19 Ellen Kendall

### Counters

- 5 Connie Norberg  
Dianne Haberland
- 12 Ralph Graves  
Cindy Reid
- 19 Louise Whitaker

# Lectionary Readings for February

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 to prepare for

worship on Sunday.



Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

## February 5

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:1-20

## February 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

## February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

## February 26

# Session Meeting Highlights

At its January meeting, the session, among other actions:

- Approved recommendations from the Finance Committee that \$7,000 from our General Fund be placed in the Benevolence Fund, and \$13,000 from our General Fund be placed in the Hamilton Fund
- Approved collection of the following offerings for 2017: Joy Gift (December), One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter), Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering, 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering at the end of each month, and the Presbyterian

- Women's Birthday and Thank Offerings.
- Approved a motion that the OPC Administrative Manual be amended to stipulate that the Session be composed of nine ruling elders rather than twelve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Graves

Clerk of

Session



## Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$	28,300.74	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	11,410.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 293.28
Expenses	\$	(11,158.64)	Joy Gift	\$ 288.00
Transfer from Bazaar Fund	\$	6,089.39		

## Souper Bowl Sunday

It's Souper Bowl time again! We need your help to collect non-perishable food items for the Love Outreach Food Pantry. We will collect cans of soup through Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. Thank you for helping our children and youth support a local organization!



Youth & CE Committee

## Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship on Sundays after worship. The sheet to sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the East Room.



Feel free to find someone to host with you and make it a group effort. Shepherds are encouraged to have your flocks host a Coffee Fellowship and any other church groups are welcome to host as well. This is a way to show hospitality to members and

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The floral arrangements are either delivered by one of the florists in town or some folks use their own flowers and creativity to make an arrangement for everyone to enjoy.



Flowers are often provided in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you choose to provide flowers for this purpose, please alert the church office, and we will list the note in the announcement

## Mission Study Team

The Mission Study Team wants to thank everyone again for your active participation in multiple surveys and small group meetings. Your input has been invaluable. We have incorporated your perspectives into a Ministry Information Form (MIF) that will be used as the basis of our search for a permanent pastor. The *draft* report will be distributed at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5. The following Sunday, February 12, we will hold a discussion and feedback session after worship for anyone who would like to provide additional comments.

The *final* report will be submitted to Session by the end of February in preparation for a meeting with the Presbytery regarding our pastor search options. Carson Rhyne, General Presbyter, Presbytery of the James, will be here Sunday, March 12 to lead worship and meet with Session and the Mission Study Team afterward, regarding options for next steps.

The total *draft* report will be close to 100 pages primarily composed of actual survey and feedback results. The initial section, approximately 5 pages, provides an overview and our congregation's answers to questions found on the PC(USA) Ministry Information Form. The questions basically summarize who we are and what we are looking for. This is the portion we will distribute by hard copy at the Congregational Meeting. The other 95 pages will be available by email or hard copy upon request from Melanie.

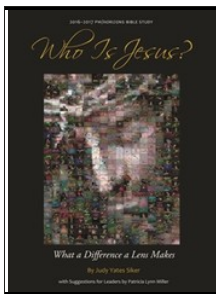
What makes us hopeful is that at a level surprising to many of us, based on anonymous surveys, multiple small group discussions, and one on one interviews, there is a strong consensus and growing unity of spirit around virtually every issue we face. That is not to say we agree on everything, but we have reached a point where we can celebrate and respect different opinions that accompany that unity. In short, there is a sense that we are ready to move on and embrace the future.

With appreciation for your continuing engagement,



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## Presbyterian Women



The February meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be in the East Room on Tuesday, February 14, at 10:30 am. Ellen Kendall will lead the Bible study "*According to Hebrews*," and Linda Nash will provide refreshments.

For more information, please contact Ellen Kendall at 540-672-3081. We welcome you all to join us!

## Prayer Concerns

- Martin and Cinde Dodson
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Bugs Gardner at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley

