



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

February 2018

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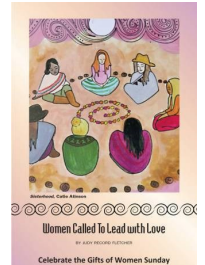
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## Celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday

February 25, 2018

The theme for worship is *Women Called to Lead with Love*. Please join your sisters in Christ as we plan and lead all aspects of the worship service. Think about the many ways girls and women lead in our world, and what our world would be like without them! If you would like to help in this celebration, please contact Pat Stewart or Ellen Kendall.



## Birthday Offering - Welcome to this Place



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

*"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* (Hebrews 4:16 NKJV).

In conjunction with Women's Sunday, the Orange Presbyterian Women will provide the Coffee Fellowship and collect the 2018 Birthday Offering at that time. Since 1922 the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women has funded nearly 100 major mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children. The offering will be collected in the East Room.

## Community Lenten Services

**Orange Baptist Church  
Wednesdays at 12:15 pm  
Starting February 14, 2018**

The Community Lenten Services are being hosted by Orange Baptist Church, 123 West Main Street. The service will begin at 12:15 pm and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served in the fellowship hall.

An offering will be received during the service and given to a local organization to help people in need who live in Orange County.

We begin with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14, and continue for the next five weeks.

# Farewell Luncheon for Liz



# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 2:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Covenant Review Team 6:00 Spiritual Formation	2 <i>Robin Kendall</i>	3 <i>Allison Norberg</i>
4 <i>Winnie Higgins Ryan Gibson</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i> 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	5 <i>Ted Sherwin</i>	6	7 <i>Dianne Haberland</i>  6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	8  6:00 Finance	9 <i>Elsa Southard</i>	10 <i>Gail Hassmer</i>
11 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	12  7:00 History Covenant Group	13  10:30 Morning Circle	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:15 Community Lenten Service  6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	15 <i>Olivia Ernst</i>  7:00 Session	16	17
18 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	19	20	21 12:15 Community Lenten Service  6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	22	23 <i>Taylor Gibson</i>	24
25 <i>Women's Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	26 <i>Lynne Clements</i>	27	28 12:15 Community Lenten Service  6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	1 <i>Wayne Modena</i> 2:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Covenant Review Team 6:00 Spiritual Formation	2	  <b>Indicates Birthday</b>

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
4 Lee and Linda Nash	4 Ryder Rose	4 Martha and Anne Clements	4 Karen Ulan	4 Connie Norberg Karen Ulan
11 Lloyd and Alice Parcell	11 Taylor Gibson	11 Karen Ulan and Ryder Rose	11 Ellen Kendall	11 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
18 Chris Wynkoop	18 Zachary Ernst	18 Alice Parcell and Melanie Rose	18 Jennifer Ernst	18 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
25 Winnie Higgins	25 Anne Clements	25 Jim Reid and Millie Tyner	25 Rachel Gibson	25 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis



# 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.



## February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

## February 18

Genesis 9:8-17  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:9-15

## February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Psalm 50:1-6  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9

## February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
 Psalm 22:23-31  
 Romans 4:13-25  
 Mark 8:31-38

# Session Meeting Highlights

This was a joint meeting of present, rotating-off, and newly-elected Elders.

- Much appreciation was expressed to our Elders who are rotating off Session; Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, and Karen Ulan, for their service to our church over the last three years.
- Much appreciation was expressed to Pastor Liz for her able and caring leadership over the past couple of years as our interim pastor.
- Margaret Thompson was re-elected Treasurer for a term of one year.
- May Saxton was elected Clerk of Session for a term of one year.
- The Covenant Review Team informed us that all staff are being reviewed using a new process and form that includes results from the Annual Congregational Survey.
- The Ash Wednesday evening service will be

combined this year with the Community Lenten Service at Orange Baptist Church at noon on February 14.

- The Prayer Board will be moved from the wall by the office to the East Room for more visibility.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee is preparing to start first interviews.
- \$1 contributions will be collected following worship on Souper Bowl Sunday to be used to buy items for the Blessing Box.

Please contact any member of Session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.



Nancy Crowder  
 Joanna Davies  
 Shirley Newman  
 Pat Stewart  
 Mike Saxton  
 May Saxton (clerk)

## Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	22,963.61	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	16,412.27	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 244.64
Expenses	\$	9,610.34	Music Fund	\$ 1,112.53
Bazaar Transfer	\$	2,493.80	Memorial Fund	\$ 5,196.78
Ending Balance	\$	32,259.34	Mission Trip Fund	\$ 3,000.00
			Joy Gift	\$ 97.00

## Magazine Ministry

The magazine ministry is expanding! Your contributions of gently-used family-friendly magazines and the church's daily devotional guides are being taken to places where people need help and have time to read - doctors' offices, nursing homes, food distribution centers, etc.

You may leave your donated magazines in the Magazine Ministry box in the narthex. If you'd like to volunteer to help with magazine distribution or to suggest places where the magazines would be welcome, please phone Lee Packard at 672-3322.

## Souper Bowl Sunday

There is ONE more Sunday to bring your soup cans for Souper Bowl Sunday! This Sunday, February 4, we will see if OPC can correctly predict the winner of the



game! Put your cans in the box in the Narthex that represents your favorite team - the Eagles or the Patriots! Half of the cans will be donated to the Love Outreach Food Pantry and half will be kept for our own Blessing Box.

At the conclusion of Worship, look for soup bowls and soup pots in the Narthex in which you can put \$1 bill contributions (or more if you feel so inclined!). Proceeds will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box. Thanks so much in advance for your support!

## Pastor Nominating Committee

Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues the search for the pastor that is a good fit for OPC. The first round of interviews with several candidates will be conducted on January 31 and February 7. We will continue to receive and review Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from new candidates throughout the process.

As always, we need and appreciate your patience and prayers. If you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions, please contact any member of the PNC: Rachel Gibson, Lynn Clements, Cindy Reid, Louise Whitaker, and May Saxton.

## Sermon Discussion Covenant Group

You might see a few people slipping out of Coffee Fellowship next Sunday, headed toward the back of the sanctuary with folding chairs. They are part of the Sermon Discussion Covenant Group, which meets 10 minutes after the beginning of Coffee Fellowship for a discussion about the sermon, with an emphasis on how we can apply certain aspects of the sermon to our lives during the following week. The discussion will end by 1:00 at the latest. You don't have to join the group every Sunday. Try it out!



## Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School 2018.

- June 25-29
- Co-sponsored by Orange Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and possibly other community churches
- Theme: Rolling River Rampage
- Rafting Ready Verse: *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.* (Isaiah 43:2)
- For ages 4-13
- Plans are being made for a culminating mission event on the last night.
- Volunteers will be needed!
- Watch newsletters and bulletins for more information!



# Worship Services in February

Since we currently have no consistent pastor for Sunday worship, we have developed a plan for having congregational support for worship services. Many of you have agreed to help. Below is a list of our guest pastors and individuals for the month of February. These volunteers may not have a lot to do depending on the pastor’s preferences. Some want to do most of the work; others may want complete support. We just need to be ready. We can let you know by Thursday of the week of services since they are asked to submit all of their information by that time.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Pastor</u>	<u>Children’s Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
2/4	Rev. Olin Herndon	Martha Clements	Susan Southard	Chris Wynkoop
2/11	Rev. Josh Andrzejewski	Ellen Kendall	Gene Whitaker	Gene Whitaker
2/18	Rev. Wayne Bernardo	Jennifer Ernst	Ted Haberland	Ted Haberland
2/25	Women’s Sunday	Sharon Mohrmann	Amy McClung	Cynthia Peterson

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

## Volunteers Needed

Please remember to check the sign-up sheet for the Coffee Fellowship in the East Room. There are several open dates in the next couple of months. Join with a group of friends and make it a team effort!

Aren’t the flowers in the sanctuary always beautiful? Are you interested in providing them for one service? You can raid your own garden and make an arrangement or order one from a local florist to deliver here! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

## Thank You!

Dear OPC,

I want to thank my church family for their kindness and support during my hospital stay. The big basket of cosmetics, flowers, cards, and prayer shawl were all appreciated. I even got a ride to the doctor one day. Thank you.

Love,  
Carol Woolfrey

## Preschool Corner

January was a short month for both classes: two snow days, a holiday, and a late start after Christmas.

The four-year-old class has begun a more rigorous academic schedule with daily “Kindergarten” activities. We made snow crafts, bird feeders, and newspaper bears.

Unfortunately, after the holidays we had another student move away in the younger class, so we are down to 11. Of course, it works in our favor and we are taking full advantage of it. We have planned three field trips, which we’ve never felt comfortable doing with our three year olds before.

Our state licensing is almost complete and I will breathe a sigh of relief when it is done. A huge thank you to Lloyd Parcell for keeping everything up to date for the Fire Marshall.

I’d also like to thank Gene Whitaker for acting so quickly when the temperature plummeted. He had an outlet installed in our little girl’s restroom and bought a heater immediately!

Looking forward to warmer days!  
Mrs. Ski

## Church Directory Online!

The OPC church directory is now available on your smart phone! You will need to email Melanie at the church office ([melanie@orangepc.org](mailto:melanie@orangepc.org)) to get the link and log on information.

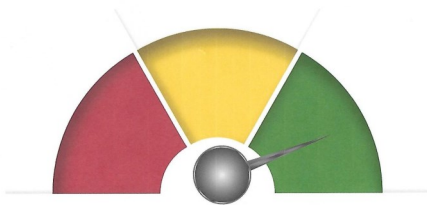


# OPC Dashboard Update

Our quarterly dashboard of healthy church indicators shows some areas to celebrate! Average worship attendance has gone from yellow to green and year over year revenue has gone from red to yellow. The other measures remain a healthy green.

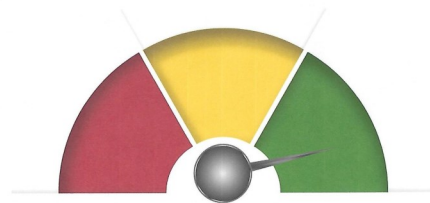
Covenant Review Team

## OPC Healthy Church Dashboard – Jan 2018 Avg Worship Attendance Last Qtr - 58



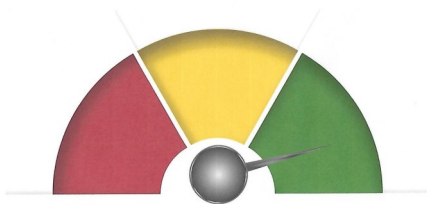
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|---|---|---|
| <b>Red</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Green</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below 25% of active members</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 40-49</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 and over</li> <li>2016 average attendance was 57</li> </ul> |

## OPC Healthy Church Dashboard – Jan 2018 Number of New Covenant Groups – 5



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|---|---|---|
| <b>Red</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Green</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 new group</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start 2 or more new groups by end of 2017</li> </ul> |
- New for 2017 -Healthy Living, OPC History, Sermon Discussion Group, God's Bounty (struggling due to low participation), Methodist/Presbyterian Youth Group (dissolved)  
Existing Covenant Groups – Presbyterian Women, Choir

## OPC Healthy Church Dashboard – Jan 2018 Income/Expense Ratio YTD – 1.1



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|---|--|---|
| <b>Red</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>  | <b>Green</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income/expense is less than 90% of amount budgeted year to date</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income/expense is 90-99% of amount budgeted year to date</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income/expense equals or exceeds amount budgeted year to date</li> </ul> |

## OPC Healthy Church Dashboard – Jan 2018 YTD Year over Year Revenue - 0.97

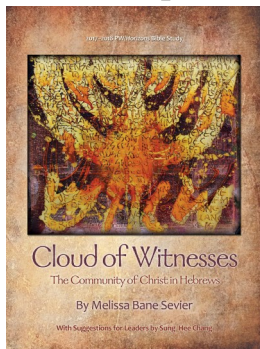


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| <b>Red</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Green</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revenue declining by more than 3% compared to previous year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revenue flat (-3 to &lt; +3%) compared to previous year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revenue exceeds previous year by minimum of 3%</li> </ul> |
- 2016 Revenue YTD: \$ 151,241      2017 Revenue YTD: \$ 146,155



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## Presbyterian Women



The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30 am in the East Room. Since the January meeting was cancelled we will discuss “In Community with the Tradition of the Past and with the Reality of the Present” from *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Nancy Crowder and Fedie McClung will lead the lessons. Shirley Newman and Lavinia Phillips will provide refreshments. For more information, contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081.

## Prayer Concerns

- Betty, the Whitakers’ daughter
- Dwight Calhoun, Sandy McLeod’s father
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village

- Harold McCauley
- Pastor Liz and her family as they start their new journey

