



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

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Congregational Meeting Scheduled

The Session has set a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 8, immediately following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers. The Nominating Committee is bringing the following names to be placed in nomination:

Ruling Elders for the Class of 2019: May Saxton and Joanna Davies

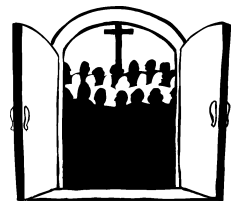
Personnel Committee: Mike Saxton and Dianne Haberland

From the Nominating Committee: Karen Ulan, Lloyd Parcell, Sandy McLeod, and Pastor Liz Hulme Adam

Annual Meeting - February 5

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** of the Orange Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, February 5**, following worship. (The make-up date will be Sunday, February 12, if necessary.)

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 have a presentation of the 2017 budget.



Congregational
MEETING

Packets will be available in the narthex following worship on Sunday, January 22, 2016.

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Christmas Pageant Preview!



From the Pastor

Lately I've been exploring the difference between optimism and hope. While the word "hope" gets bantered around a lot about mundane topics (I hope I find my keys!), the word still retains a theological meaning worth lifting up, and clinging to in times of turmoil or anguish.

After the Sandy Hook tragedy, *Courage and Renewal* facilitator David Henderson wrote this:

"Optimism claims everything will be all right despite reality. Hope accepts reality, the poverty of spirit that underlies all fear, instigates all tragedies, bureaucracy and institutional inertia.... Optimism depends on the world's dark realities relenting - they will not. Optimism requires externals to work themselves out - they will not. Hope, on the other hand, doesn't ignore external realities; it simply knows the human heart's capacity to withstand those realities, and it trusts in the inexhaustible power of our hearts to choose love over fear."

And here is Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on the difference between optimism and hope:

"Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, together, we can make things better. Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one. It takes no courage to be an optimist, but it takes a great deal of courage to have hope. Knowing what we do of our past, no Jew can be an optimist. But Jews have never - despite a history of sometimes awesome suffering - given up hope." (from The Dignity of Difference)

As we approach Epiphany we maintain the same hope that stirred in



the hearts of those wise men from the east. Our own Presbyterian, Frederick Buechner, calls us to remember *"... the hope that into the world the King does come. And in the name of the Lord. And is always coming, blessed be He. And will come afire with glory at the end of time."* (A Room Called Remember)

We claim this hope, together, at Christmas and onward, most emphatically when we are TOGETHER. On our own we suffer from paralysis and discouragement. But together, we are the body of Christ. As we peek into the new year, and what it means for OPC, we do so with hope, that you will use your together-ness to bring about love even in times of fear, you will accept the coming of the Lord as a catalyst for new vision.

On behalf of the Mission Study Team, I will be approaching members individually in the next few months to hear from you regarding your hopes and dreams for OPC. Please call me to schedule an appointment!

Yours in Christ,

Preschool Corner

December was brief, but chock-full of fun! Our elf, Jingle, kept a close eye on both groups. For the younger children, it was all about crafts and a wonderful classroom party on the last day.



The four-year-olds produced presents for their parents, practiced

every day for their program, had Christmas games in the Fellowship Hall, had a Holiday Pizza Party, and, to top it off, they amazed their families (and teachers!) with a program in the sanctuary.

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Ski



January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 Worship Communion	2 New Year's Day Observed - Office Closed	3  <i>Anne Somerville</i> <i>Karen Tinsley</i>	4 7:30 Adult Choir	5 1:30 Blood Drive 4:00 CC&C 6:00 Property	6  <i>Carol Roop</i>	7
8 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 12:15 Youth & CE	9  <i>Jack Samuels, Jr</i>	10 10:30 Presbyterian Women 2:00 W&M	11 7:30 Adult Choir	12 6:30 Finance	13	14
15 11:00 Worship	16  <i>Erin Roop</i> <i>Matthew Gibson</i>	17  <i>David Woolfrey,</i> <i>Sr</i>	18 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	19  <i>Kim Dukes</i>	20  <i>Gene Whitaker</i>	21
22 11:00 Worship	23	24  <i>Shirley Hopkins</i> <i>Ron Rose</i>	25 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	26  <i>Ted Haberland</i> <i>Wyatt Mills</i>	27	28
29 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal	30	31  <i>Mildred Butts</i>	1 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	2  <i>Robin Kendall</i> 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 7:00 W&M	3  <i>Allison Norberg</i>	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

1 Mike and May
Saxton
8 Ted and Suzanne
Sherwin
15 Jack and Margaret
Thompson
22 Pat Stewart
29 Cheryl Lewis

Acolytes

1 Lyndsey Norberg
8 Nathan Norberg
15 Matthew Gibson
22 Ryder Rose
29 Anne Clements

Nursery Helpers

1 Robert and Ellen
Kendall
8 Ralph and Carole
Sue Graves
15 Lynn Clements
Rachel Gibson
22 Martha Clements
Karen Ulan
29 Alice Parcell
Linda Nash

Pray Station

1 Melanie Rose
8 Jennifer Ernst
15 Karen Ulan
22 May Saxton
29 Rachel Gibson

Counters

1 Connie Norberg
Cheryl Lewis
8 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
15 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
22 Shirley Newman
Cindy Reid
29 Buckshot Clements
Karen Ulan

Lectionary Readings for January

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 usually have four readings on Sunday, the lectionary provides an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading to prepare for worship on Sunday.

January 1

Isaiah 63:7-9
 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23

January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:15-17

January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42



January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

January 29

Micah 6:1-8
 Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Matthew 5:1-12

Session Meeting Highlights

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

- Accepted the Preliminary Budget presented by the Finance Committee as the church's operating budget for 2017.
- Approved a recommendation that committee chairs do not have to be members of Session. At least one Ruling Elder must be on the committee, however, to report back to Session.
- Approved the church's Covenant Agreement with Rev. Liz Hulme Adam for 2017. This agreement is in effect from January 1 through December 31, 2017.



Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves
 Clerk of Session

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has turned in pledge cards and Time and Talents sheets!

By turning in pledge cards, the committees and session are able create a realistic budget for the upcoming year.

By turning in your Time and Talents sheets, Melanie was able to create schedules for all the volunteer positions we need filled each Sunday, such as Acolyte, Greeters, Nursery Staff, and a Pray Station Supervisor. We also thank everyone who has volunteered to count the offering each Sunday, and for those who provide sanctuary flowers and host the Coffee Fellowship after worship each Sunday.



Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$	23,517.30	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	12,174.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 293.28
Expenses	\$	7,390.56		
Ending Balance	\$	28,300.74		

Holiday Bazaar Update



The Holiday Bazaar was a great success again this year! Thanks to all the people who worked so hard making crafts, baking things, cooking soup, setting up, and cleaning up. Also, thanks to all the shoppers. We collected over \$6,000!

A top-selling item this year was the pressed flowers in picture frames. So simple, yet so pretty! The gift baskets were thoughtful and the greenery arrangements that were created were beautiful!

Total proceeds will be split between Orange County Habitat for Humanity and OPC. Thanks again for all your help.

Thank You from the Staff

Thank you, OPC, for your generosity and graciousness to me and my family during the Christmas season. Your gifts, your warmth, your support, is noticed and valued!

Pastor Liz

Dear OPC,



We sincerely appreciate your generosity to us during the holiday season, and throughout the year. Thank you for the care and time that went into providing us with a Christmas bonus and we look forward to serving for another year!

Melanie, Al, Theresa, Rialand, and Veronica

Poinsettias

Gifts were made to the Glory of God and In Honor of:

- Ellen Dees by the Kendall Family*
- Martha Clark by Cindy and Jim Reid*
- Pat Stewart by Mike and May Saxton*

Gifts were made to the Glory of God and in Memory of:

- Dorothy C. Browning by her children*
- Joseph and Ida Hebrance by Carol and Joan Hebrance*
- Lewis Hutchison by Winnie Higgins*
- Lee and Mary Win Brown by Winnie Higgins*
- Julius and George Dees by the Kendall Family*
- Janet, John, and Jo Kendall by the Kendall Family*
- Alan McClung by Ophelia McClung*
- G. Page Wright by Ophelia McClung*
- Richard and Pauline Crone by Lee and Linda Nash*
- Bob and Jerry Nash by Lee and Linda Nash*
- Our parents by Al and Lee Packard*
- Joyce Palmer by Syd Palmer*

- Larry O. Phillips by Lavinia Phillips*
- John and Helen Reid by Cindy and Jim Reid*
- John, Wanda, and Lois Sherwin by Ted, Suzanne, and Dean Sherwin*
- Richard and Ethel Rhodes by Ted, Suzanne, and Dean Sherwin*
- Etzell and Virginia Stewart by Pat Stewart*
- Ed Tyner by Millie Tyner*
- Our parents by Bob and Elinor Vasquez*
- Our loved ones by Chris and Maya Wynkoop*



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 5, 1:30 to 7:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 5, from 1:30 to 7:00. For any who want to donate, please stay well hydrated that day and maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet in the weeks before your donation.

There is an app available to make appointments, you can schedule an appointment on the Web site, or just walk in. For more information about requirements or scheduling an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org.



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. Find some friends to help or host on your own. This is a wonderful way to show hospitality to visitors and members of our church.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 5

We are collecting cans of soup for the Love Outreach Food Pantry for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday festivities on February 5.



Beginning Sunday, January 15, we will have containers in the Narthex for you to place your cans of soup. Help us provide soup for those in our community who are hungry! Thank you!

Sanctuary Flowers



The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The floral arrangements are provided by church members who make arrangements with one of the florists in town to deliver the flowers or the flowers come from their own gardens for everyone to enjoy.

Often flowers are given in memory or in honor of a loved one, and some are given out of love for the church. There is a Flower Calendar in the Narthex to sign up for a Sunday (or two!).

Winter Weather Schedule Changes

In the event of winter weather affecting our area, Orange Presbyterian Church will make every attempt to hold Sunday School at 9:15 am and Worship at 11:00 am. We will do our best to clear our parking lot and walkways to ensure the safety of members and visitors.

If the weather situation becomes unsafe, we will cancel services and activities at the church. Our practice is that the pastor confers with the Clerk of Session to make the decision about cancelling the service. Shepherds are immediately notified to make calls to the members of their flock.

We make every effort to contact the local radio and TV stations. You should check these television stations: WVIR TV - Channel 29, NBC; WVAW TV - Channel 16, ABC; WCAV TV - Channel 19, CBS. Radio station: WJMA - 103.1 FM. You can also call Pastor Liz at 434-882-2518.

Snowy Days



Christmas Day Pageant

We had a lovely service on Christmas morning! Special thanks to Ellen Kendall for coordinating the pageant and who knew we could pull it off, and to everyone who agreed to read scripture and play a role. The congregation enjoyed watching the “best story ever told!”



Below: Allison Norberg, Amy Kendall, Wyatt Mills, Silas Adam, Taylor Mills, Sierra Rose, Ryder Rose, Robert Kendall, Nathan Norberg, Betsy Reid Collins, Lee Collins

Above: Taylor Mills, Sierra Rose, Ryder Rose

Above: Wyatt Mills



Below: Taylor Mills, Lindsey Norberg, Phoebe Adam, Amy Kendall, Betsy Reid Collins, Lee Collins, Robert Kendall, Nathan Norberg

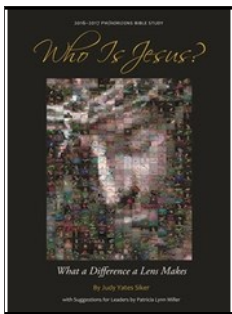
Below: Ann Taylor Mohrmann





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Presbyterian Women



The January meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be in the East Room on Tuesday, January 10, at 10:30 am. Carole Sue Graves will lead the Bible study "*According to Paul*," and Millie Tyner will provide refreshments.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Collection of diapers for the Love Outreach Food Pantry. We collected over 820 diapers!

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

Prayer Concerns

- Pat Vackos, Margaret Thompson's sister
- Rachel Saxton, Mike and May's niece
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Bugs Gardner at Dogwood Village



- We extend our Christian sympathy to Harold McCauley and family upon the death of Pat on Saturday, December 17. There will be no formal service.