



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

January 2018

### Inside this issue:

From the Pastor	2
Preschool Corner	2
Calendar	3
Lectionary Readings	4
Session Meeting Highlights	4
Thank You from Pastor Liz	4
Treasurer's Report	4
Volunteers Needed!	5
Blood Drive	5
Poinsettias	5
Welcome to a New Member	6
Thank You from Habitat	6
Update from Kay Nix	6
Winter Weather Changes	6
Lectionary Group	7
Souper Bowl	7
OPC History Group	7
Pastor Nominating Cmte.	7
Thank You from the Staff	7
Holiday Bazaar 2017	7
Presbyterian Women	8
Prayer Concerns	8

**Orange Presbyterian Church**

**162 West Main Street  
Orange, VA 22960  
540-672-4240**

**E-mail:  
opc@orangepc.org**

**Website:  
orangepc.org**

## Epiphany - January 6



Epiphany falls on Saturday, January 6 of this new year, 2018. We remember the visit of the Magi, and how the birth of the Savior had meaning and relevance beyond the borders of Jesus' homeland. Our season of Epiphany extends from January 6 until Ash Wednesday, February 14, when we begin our Lenten journey.

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95)

*The word "epiphany" (from the Greek epiphaneia or theophaneia) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.*

*For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.*

*In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.*

## Annual Congregational Meeting - January 21

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Orange Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, January 21**, following worship.

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 2017. We will have a presentation of the 2018 budget.

Packets will be available in the office on Wednesday, January 10 and will be in the narthex following worship on Sunday, January 14.

# From the Pastor

In order to prepare for new ministry opportunities, I will conclude my tenure with you on Sunday, January 21.

We have shared an important chapter together, and I am grateful for the chance to spend more than two years as your interim minister. I am better for having known and loved you. I will miss you terribly. You have shaped me in significant ways.

Let us find ways to say goodbye with hope for our respective futures, guided in Spirit and buoyed by Christ who calls us in ever new ways.

I trust you are well-prepared for the days ahead.



Leadership will continue to embody what makes the Presbyterian church fortified - we are all ministers!

Use this time to find your place in this body. OPC will need every member to function in particular and varied ways.

I will continue to pray for you in the coming days and months as you prepare for and call a new minister. He or she will be entering a robust community of loving, faithful and inspired disciples who take seriously the Reformed, Always Reforming identity of our denomination.

I also speak for the entire Adam family in extending love and gratitude for our time together; we will cherish you always.

in Christ,

Yours

# Preschool Corner

December In Pictures!



# January 2018

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

## Greeters

7 Gene and Louise Whitaker  
14 Ted and Dianne Haberland  
21 The Gibson Family  
28 Dave and Karen Ulan

## Acolytes

7 Zachary Ernst  
14 Nathan Norberg  
21 Matthew Gibson  
28 Anne Clements

## Nursery Helpers

7 Alice Parcell  
Melanie Rose  
14 Jim Reid  
Millie Tyner  
21 Robert and Ellen Kendall  
28 Lynn Clements  
Rachel Gibson

## Pray Station

7 Jennifer Ernst  
14 Martha Clements  
21 Melanie Rose  
28 May Saxton

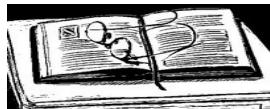
## Counters

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

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



## January 7

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

## January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

## January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

## January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

## Session Meeting Highlights

At its December meeting, the Session took the following actions:

- Rev. Adam presented to the Session written notice that she will be ending her tenure at OPC on January 21, 2018. This serves as her written 30-day notice, as per the terms of the covenant agreement. The Session accepted her notice, thanking her for her exceptional service to OPC.
- The Finance Committee presented their 2018 Proposed Budget. The budget included a projected shortfall. The Session crafted a three-tiered plan to address this possible deficit. The proposed budget with this three-tier plan to address the shortfall was approved.



Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Graves  
Clerk of Session

## Thank You from Pastor Liz

Special shout out of thanks to all those who made our season of Advent and Christmas meaningful: liturgists, worship-space decorators, greeters, Pray Station volunteers, nursery volunteers, coffee hour contributors, our on-hand sounds system crew, our duty elders, and of course Lulu for every Communion preparation!

Our paper-chain of hope, joy, peace and love will remain in our sanctuary for a few more weeks.



## Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	20,305.43	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	12,600.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 145.67
Expenses	\$	9,941.82	Music Fund	\$ 1,732.98
Ending Balance	\$	22,963.61	Memorial Fund	\$ 4,641.78

# Volunteers Needed!

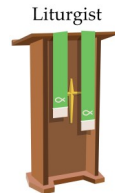
Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship this winter. The sign-up sheet is in the East Room with plenty of open spots! Join with a group of friends, your flock, or your committee. This is a great way to show hospitality to guests and to the rest of the congregation.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide flowers for the sanctuary. The flowers add beauty to our worship service and are a way you can honor or remember a loved one, or just to share your love for flowers and arranging.



There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex to serve as a liturgist. If you would like to read the scriptures during worship, please consider picking a date and signing up for it.



# American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, January 4, 1:30 to 7:00 pm**  
**OPC Fellowship Hall**

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 4, from 1:30 to 7:00 pm.



**American Red Cross**

Those who wish to donate should stay well-hydrated that day and maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet in the weeks before your donation.

You can call, visit the Web site, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in. More information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

# Poinsettias

*Gifts were made to the Glory of God and in Honor of:*

*Ethel Rhodes by Suzanne Sherwin*

*Rebecca and John Stewart by Chris and Maya Wynkoop*

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

*Dorothy C. Browning by her children*

*Leroy Crowder by Nancy Crowder*

*Our mothers by Don and Joanna Davies*

*Cinde Dodson by Martin Dodson*

*Earle and Mamie Breeden by Pam Golas*

*Joseph and Ida Hebrance by Carol and Joan Hebrance*

*Lewis Hutchison by Winnie Higgins*

*Lee and Mary Win Brown by Winnie Higgins*

*Alan McClung by Ophelia McClung*

*Page Wright by Ophelia McClung*

*Penn Mohrmann by the Mohrmann family*

*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*

*Our families by Lloyd and Alice Parcell*

*Loved ones by Cynthia Pedersen*

*Larry O. Phillips by Lavinia Phillips*

*Richard Rhodes by Suzanne Sherwin*

*John and Lois Sherwin by Ted Sherwin*

*Fred W. Sherman by M.B. and Susan Southard*

*Our parents by Chris and Maya Wynkoop*



# Welcome to a New Member!

Meet our new member, Martin! Martin Dodson was born in Charlottesville and grew up in Orange County. He is an FAA certified aircraft technician and inspector, currently serving as the Director of Maintenance for an aircraft charter company in Charlottesville and the Service Manager for an aircraft maintenance repair facility in Culpeper.

We received Martin Dodson into membership through the Sacrament of Baptism on December 10, 2017. After Winnie Higgins introduced Martin, he eloquently shared his faith history with us. We are blessed by his story, his commitment, and his presence every Sunday morning. We are also delighted by his willingness to jump right in - he served as a reader during our evening Christmas Eve Service!



## Thank You

Dear Friends at OPC

Thank you so much for your kindness. Your food contributions to create Thanksgiving feasts greatly warmed the hearts of our partner families. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. You have shown God's love. You have enlightened many spirits.



Blessings to you all,  
Your friends at Habitat (for Humanity)

## Update from Kay Nix

Dear Friends at OPC,

Life is good. I am happy, healthy, and busy. Living close to family is a plus for me. I enjoy reading the OPC monthly newsletter and seeing what is happening in Orange, especially at OPC. I miss being part of all the articles there. Come visit me in chilly, sunny PA!

I wish all of you a joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Fondly,  
Kay

## Winter Weather Schedule Changes

In the event of winter weather affecting our area, Orange Presbyterian Church will make every attempt to hold 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.



## Lectionary Group

A new group met following Worship on two Sundays in December for awesome discussions about the sermon with an emphasis on how we can apply certain aspects of the sermon to our lives during the following week.



Please join us for the next discussion on Sunday, January 14, 10 minutes after the beginning of Coffee Fellowship. We will meet in the back of the sanctuary, closest to the East Room. The discussion will end by 1:00.

## Souper Bowl



Join the OPC Souper Bowl competition! Plan to bring cans of soup to add to the team boxes starting January 21! Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins!

## OPC History Covenant Group



Join us on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm in the Leland Lord Library, for our next meeting as we continue to discuss and share new finds regarding OPC's History in preparation for our 175th anniversary in 2020!

## Pastor Nominating Committee

To date, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has reviewed approximately thirty Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from perspective candidates. Of the thirty, we have retained seven PIFs for further consideration.



Please remember that this process takes time. The PNC greatly appreciates your prayers and your patience!

May, Louise, Rachel, Lynn, and Cindy

## Thank You from the Staff



I wanted to say thank you for the Christmas gift. This church is blessed by the abundant generosity that exists in this congregation. I hope the new year brings peace and joy to each of you.  
Theresa

We all appreciate your generosity year-round, and especially at the holidays, both in your gift and in allowing us time off to be with family and friends to enjoy this special time.

Liz, Melanie, Al, Veronica, and Rialand

## Holiday Bazaar 2017

Many, many thanks to everyone who assisted with our bazaar this year to make it our very best! The members of our congregation and Habitat for Humanity were so generous with their time and talents - making delicious soup, setting up tables, baking, arranging, making arrangements, making crafts, attending workshops, kitchen duty, white elephant responsibilities, collecting payments, advertising, clean up, and so much more.



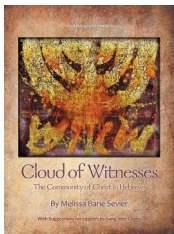
We are so pleased to let you know that we collected \$8,391.41, which includes \$910 from the Alternative Gift Fair (\$420 for CEC and \$490 for Habitat). All funds will be donated to the Christian Emergency Council, Orange County Habitat for Humanity, and our church for a needed project. Our successful new Alternative Gift Fair will be used to assist in building a Habitat home and also provide food, utilities and other emergency assistance to families in need in Orange County. In addition, the valuable gifts to us of fun, fellowship, and opportunity to work with each other cannot be measured in money!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Presbyterian Perspectives (ISSN) is published monthly by Orange Presbyterian Church, 162 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960, Pub. # USPS 6040-20, Periodical postage paid at Orange, VA. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Presbyterian Perspectives, 162 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960

## Presbyterian Women



The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 am in the East Room. Everyone is welcome! The 2017-2018 Presbyterian Women Bible study is *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Nancy Crowder will lead the lesson "In Community with the Tradition of the Past," and Shirley Newman will provide refreshments. For more information contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081.

## Prayer Concerns

- Mark Shepherd
- Ted Haberland
- Ann Taylor Mohrmann
- Lulu Sherman's mother
- John, Dot Marks' nephew
- Minnie Sue, Carol Sue Graves' mother
- Karen Jordan
- Wes, friend of the Wynkoop family
- Carol Woolfrey



- Dwight Calhoun
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Margaret Thompson and family upon the death of her sister, Pat.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Lavinia Phillips and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, Kenneth.