



Orange Presbyterian Church

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Pastor Rebekah's First Sundays

Pastor Rebekah officially served as pastor to OPC for the first time on Sunday, June 2, followed by Pentecost Sunday the next week. Her first sermon was titled "As We Are One," followed by "What Does This Mean" on Pentecost Sunday. She has transitioned smoothly into our church family and we are excited to continue our journey with her and her family!



Left: The choir singing the anthem "We Remember Thee" by Jay Althouse at the June 2nd service.



Above: The congregation listening to Rebekah's first sermon.



Left: Rebekah giving the sermon on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

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Right: The choir singing the anthem "Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow" by Joseph Parry on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.



Pastor's Ponderings

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

New beginnings! This month has been a time of new beginnings for all of us. And what a month it has been! During my first month as your new pastor, I have attended my first committee meetings, moderated my first session meeting, and was welcomed for the first time into the Presbytery of the James at the presbytery meeting. And on top of that I have been meeting and getting to know all of you. Phew!

This is a time of new beginnings and a time for God to lead us into a new chapter. For better or for worse, the old life has gone and a new life has begun here at Orange Presbyterian Church. And I am thrilled to be a part of it. Cameron, the boys and I already feel the love that surrounds us. While there will be times of growing pains, I trust that God will lead us to be stronger together.

As Christians we are called to reconciliation. We have been reconciled with God through Christ and therefore need to seek reconciliation with one

another. Because of this I want to encourage all of us to be open and honest in communion. It is important that we hear one another while we figure out this new life. Let us be open to changes while respecting traditions. Let us be loving in times of disagreement. Let us seek to give each other the benefit of the doubt. When trouble does arise, let us seek reconciliation. This is a new life that we are living together as the body of Christ.

I trust you have all seen my office hours and hope you will make use of them. I will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. My Mondays are dedicated visiting Dogwood Village and shut-ins. Fridays are my dedicated days off. It is important for me to have this day for self-care so that I can come back the next week renewed and prepared. I will be available on Fridays for pastoral emergencies. Please know that I am also available by appointment.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Rebekah



Preschool Corner

I want to thank everyone I've met so far at Orange Presbyterian for welcoming me. I still have many people to meet, so please come by and introduce yourself. I'm in and out of the preschool often and would love to meet you.

I am thrilled to be the new Preschool Director. I was able to meet with Mrs. Ski before the end of the school year and I want to thank her for being so kind and willing to share her wealth of knowledge and experience with me.

So far this summer, I've been familiarizing myself with the Director's duties, the preschool rooms, materials, and where everything is located. I'll be doing more organizing and planning this month, and in August I'll be able to come in and get

right to work setting up and preparing for the Open House.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 reads, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." I truly appreciate all of your prayers and support this year. I continually pray for the church and our preschool as both are invaluable to each other. This year will be an exciting new chapter for the Preschool and a continuation of its longstanding commitment of educating and nurturing children in and around our community.

Kindest regards,
Kim Bartley



July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Office Closed	5 <i>Leslie Barnes</i> Office Closed 	6 <i>Joanna Davies</i> 
7 <i>Sharon Mohrmann</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i> 	8 7:00 History Group	9 10:00 Spiritual Formation	10	11 1:30 Blood Drive 7:00 Finance	12	13 <i>Sandy McLeod</i> 
14 <i>Peggy Fitch</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Housewarming 	15 <i>Ellen Kendall</i> <i>Karen Ulan</i> 	16 7:00 Session	17 <i>Phoebe Warmack</i> 	18	19	20 1:00 <i>Rebekah's Installation</i>
21 <i>Carol Couch</i> 11:00 Worship 	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Bill McClellan</i> 9:00 Craft Club 
28 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	29	30	31 <i>Caleb Tinsley</i>  5:00 Preschool Board	1 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property Review 6:00 Spiritual Formation	2	3 <i>Martha Clements</i> 

Greeters

7 Don and Joanna
Davies
14 Mike and May Saxton
21 Lavinia Phillips
28 Cheryl Lewis

Acolytes

7 Taylor Gibson
14 John Huerta
21 Anne Clements
28 John Huerta

Nursery Helpers

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

Counters

7 Anne Somerville
Connie Norberg
14 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
21 Louise Whitaker
Ralph Graves
28 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis

Lectionary Readings for July

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.

July 7
 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
 Galatians 6:1-16
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14
 Amos 7:7-17
 Psalm 82
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 21
 Amos 8:1-12
 Psalm 52
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 28
 Hosea 1:2-10
 Psalm 85
 Colossians 2:6-19
 Luke 11:1-13

Session Meeting Highlights

From the June 18, 2019 Stated Session Meeting:

- OPC was represented by 10 members at the June 18th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the James. Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley was received in the membership of the Presbytery of the James from Mission Presbytery.
- A leadership planning retreat will be on Saturday, August 24.
- A transfer of membership to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville was approved for Gail Hassmer.
- The Pastor Support Team has met twice and will meet next on June 25.
- Rebekah will represent OPC at Big Tent in Baltimore on August 1-3.
- Approval was given to Spiritual Formation to add, "Help Kids Learn How, What, and Why to Pray with 5-Minute Prayer Stations" to the Fall 2019 Pray Station Curriculum.

- Members of session and other congregational members in leadership positions will be reading and discussing a book titled, "Neighborhood Church - Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission" by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller over the next few months.
- Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley will be installed as our pastor on Saturday, July 20.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the narthex for the approved minutes of our 2018 and 2019 Stated Session Meetings. Please direct any questions to May Saxton, Clerk of Session.

Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions: Joanna Davies, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley (moderator).

Remember that you are always welcome to attend our open stated meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	23,877.81	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	10,607.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 197.21
Expenses	\$	6,605.43	Memorial Fund	\$ 55.00
Incentive Payment Correction	\$	460.10	Mission Trip Fund	\$ 500.00
Ending Balance	\$	27,419.28	Music Fund	\$ 499.90
			OPC Weekday School Fund	\$ 8,000.00
			Pastor Nom. Committee Fund	\$ 718.28
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,145.68

Thank You

Dear Session and OPC members,



Thank you for choosing me for the Hebrance Scholarship Award. I am so blessed and thankful to have a church family that is so supportive. You all are always so uplifting and encouraging, and it's what helps me pursue my dreams and academic goals. God has been so good to me this past year, and He will always be good for the rest of my life.

Lyndsey Norberg

Dear OPC,

Thank you for your kind wishes and cards for my birthday. I believe this was the first time my birthday has fallen on a Sunday, and hearing from so many of you that day was such a treat!

Melanie

Dear OPC,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful send-off you gave Nan and me. It was very much a delightful surprise.



Your kindnesses that day, and the past year, are greatly appreciated. The special coffee reception, the very generous purse, the bread warming box Lloyd made, and the many cards from members of the church will always foster meaningful memories of our year together. The Shadwell's gift card will provide wonderful meals for us to reflect on our time at OPC and the new friends we have made in Orange.

As OPC starts a new chapter in its story of faith, please know well that you have our very best wishes and deep abiding prayers. And our thanks!

Grace and Peace,
Rich Knox

History Covenant Group

A couple questions from our May meeting for all of you:



1. Do you remember when the paneling at the front of the old sanctuary was dismantled and pieces were sold? Do you recall anyone in particular who made purchases?
2. Can you share any details about the time capsule that was placed in the front left of the new sanctuary in 1995 at the 150th anniversary of OPC?

Please share any insight that you might have with Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or May Saxton.

OPC's 175th Anniversary - November 2020

At the May meeting of our History Covenant Group, we realized that we are only 18 months away from our 175th anniversary celebration! We have been working for 23 months to inventory and preserve items regarding the rich history of OPC. As we continue to inventory and preserve, we need to start working on specifics for our November 2020 celebration. If you would be willing to work with us on the planning of this celebration, please contact Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or May Saxton as soon as possible.

Coffee Fellowship and Sanctuary Flowers

Please remember that hosts for the Coffee Fellowship are always welcome. The sign-up sheet is in the East Room behind the coffee pot. You are welcome to host alone, but also as a family, flock, covenant group, committee, or group of friends!

We also welcome anyone with a talent for arranging flowers to provide an arrangement on Sundays. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 11, 1:30 to 7:00 pm

OPC Fellowship Hall

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 11, from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. For anyone who wants to donate, please 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 website, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.



Housewarming Party for Rebekah and family

Please plan to attend a Potluck Housewarming Celebration for Rebekah, Cameron, and the boys on Sunday, July 14, in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. We are asking for monetary contributions to give to Rebekah and Cameron for their use toward the purchase of a lawn mower and a washer/dryer set. We might collect only a portion of the amount needed but that portion will be greatly appreciated! Please see Pat Stewart or May Saxton to contribute. Thanks in advance!

Staff Dates Away

The staff will be enjoying some time off during the summer. Here are the dates:

- Rebekah - August 1-5 - Big Tent Conference and Vacation
- Melanie - July 5 (the office will be closed), August 8, September 5 and 6.
- Al - July 7
- Theresa - August 25 and September 1

Anne enjoyed 2 weeks away with her family in June!

Please contact Rebekah or Melanie with any question or concerns.

Yard Sale

Once again, OPC is having a yard sale during the Orange Street Festival on Saturday, September 7. If you have items to contribute, you may bring them to the yard sale room in the Education Wing anytime. Items are being priced as they come in to avoid a last minute rush. Large items should be held until September. If you need items picked up, please call Louise Whitaker (661-0150). Proceeds from the sale will be divided among Orange County Habitat for Humanity, the Christian Emergency Council, and the OPC Weekday School.



Financial Help?

Do finance issues have you baffled? Are you trying to set up a will to include the church? Do you want to learn more about how to invest your money in this up and down market? Have you figured out how to send your Required Minimum Distribution to a qualified charity (like OPC) without tax implications? The Finance and Endowment Committees will have some training on issues that interest YOU. First, we want to find out what those issues are. Please jot down your ideas on the below form and we will find people to help train us on these issues. During the fall we will have some potluck luncheons and classes after church on Sundays.

Name _____

Topic 1 _____

Topic 2 _____



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Prayer Concerns



- Nancy Crowder
- Peggy Fitch
- Lloyd Parcell
- Jack Samuels
- Minnie Sue, Carole Sue's mother
- Andrew Cook, Amy's nephew
- Chris Wynkoop at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village

- We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Elinor Vasquez upon her death on Thursday, June 27. A service will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at 11:00 am at OPC, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. The family has requested, in lieu of flowers, that contributions be made to the Children's Home Society, 4200 Fitzhugh Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Cheryl Lewis and family upon the death of her father, Gay Shinaberry.
- We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Caroline Dunstan.