



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

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Welcome to Our New Pastor - Rebekah Tucker-Motley

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley, her husband, Cameron, and their three sons, Lee, Charlie, and Isaac, to our OPC church family! Rebekah will start her service as our full-time pastor on June 1.



Rebekah attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas, where she received her Master's in Divinity. She was ordained in November of 2017. Rebekah served as the Director of Spiritual Life at the Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas and has most recently served as pulpit supply at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

Rebekah grew up in the church, following in her father's footsteps as a Presbyterian pastor. She and Cameron are approaching their 7th wedding anniversary and have three sweet boys together. Cameron is working on his degree to become an English teacher. The family loves the outdoors, hiking, and adventure. Rebekah and her family look forward to being a part of our church family and being a part of the Orange community.

Rebekah adds: "I would like to set up informal meetings with members of the congregation so that we can get to know each other. On June 3, I will begin making arrangements to have these get-togethers. I will make my availability known, so that we can find a time and place that works for you. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better!"

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Pentecost Offering - June 9

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, inspiring the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. We will collect the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 9.

Preschool Corner

May has been a delightful month in preschool. Our almost kindergartners are ready to fly the coop but we were still able to devote some time to learning about dinosaurs, insects, and the five senses. They were diligent about their graduation practice each day as well. We also spent a beautiful morning at the Sedwick Playground.

The younger class learned about ladybugs, frogs, and zoo animals. They, too, went to the playground on their last day for fun and ice cream!

On May 22, we had our evening graduation in the Fellowship Hall and wonderful refreshments

afterward. We appreciate all the food contributions and the children were thrilled with their new books from the church.

It has been a joy and a pleasure to have spent the last 12 years teaching preschool here. A huge thank you to Ellen Kendall for encouraging me to do this. My life has been enriched by every child who has walked through our doors. Good luck to everyone and have a wonderful summer.



Mrs. Ski

Introducing Our New Preschool Director

The Orange Presbyterian Weekday School would like to welcome Kim Bartley as their new director. Kim and her family live in the town of Orange. She loves to volunteer at Dogwood Village and is very active in her church. She has a degree in Elementary Education.

Kim is very excited about continuing the traditions that we have in our preschool and is looking forward to getting started. She has joined both classes during the last week of school as an observer and has met with Mrs. Ski for orientation from her. If you see her working in the preschool area over the summer, please stop by and introduce yourself.
















2019 Graduates

The congregation of Orange Presbyterian Church is proud to announce our graduates for 2019.

- Maria Saxton, daughter of Mike and May Saxton, was conferred a PhD in Environmental Design and Planning from Virginia Tech. Her goal is to work with the sustainable housing industry to inform policy and practice in the measurement of the ecological footprint, particularly with individuals who are downsizing to tiny homes.
- Claudia Fass, granddaughter of Lloyd and Alice Parcell, received her Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Washington and Lee University. Her immediate goal is to pass the bar exam, then work for the circuit judges in the Chesapeake Bay area.
- Ellen Graves, daughter of Ralph and Carole Sue Graves, received her Masters Degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Virginia. Her goal is to become a college administrator.
- Courtney Crowder, granddaughter of Nancy Crowder, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Consumer Science. Courtney is currently seeking employment in business.
- Avery Warmack, son of Cronin and Phoebe Warmack, is a 2019 graduate of Woodberry Forest. Avery plans to enter Lafayette College in PA this fall.
- Jackson Warmack, son of Cronin and Phoebe Warmack, is a 2019 graduate of Woodberry Forest. Jackson plans to enter Davidson College in NC this fall.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. Graduate recognition day at OPC is Sunday, June 9.

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday						1
2  <i>Melanie Rose</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Welcome Rebekah Tucker-Motley</i> Communion	3	4  <i>Albert Packard</i> <i>Robert Kendall</i>	5 7:30 Choir	6  <i>Carol Sine</i> 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Covenant Review 6:00 Spiritual Formation	7  <i>Steve Sanford</i>	8
9 <i>Pentecost</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Pentecost Offering</i> <i>Recognition of Graduates</i>	10	11	12 5:15 Preschool Board Mtg 7:30 Choir	13 6:00 Finance	14	15
16 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship	17  <i>Bill Taylor</i> <i>Louise Whitaker</i>	18 7:00 Session	19 7:30 Choir	20	21  <i>Denise Samuels</i>	22 9:00 Craft Club
23 11:00 Worship	24  <i>Sierra Rose</i>	25  <i>Cindy Reid</i>	26  <i>Rick Sherman</i>	27	28	29  <i>Mike Saxton</i> <i>Connie Norberg</i>
30  <i>Mark Shepherd</i> 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	1	2	3	4	5  <i>Leslie Barnes</i>	6  <i>Joanna Davies</i>

Greeters

2 Pat Stewart
 9 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin
 16 Anne Somerville
 23 Robert and Ellen Kendall
 30 Millie Tyner

Acolytes

2 Matthew Gibson
 9 Taylor Gibson
 16 John Huerta
 23 Matthew Gibson
 30 Anne Clements

Nursery Helpers

2 Jim Reid
 Millie Tyner
 9 Robert and Ellen Kendall
 16 Lynn Clements
 Rachel Gibson
 23 May Saxton
 Anne Clements
 30 Karen Ulan
 Ryder Rose

Counters

2 Connie Norberg
 Cindy Reid
 9 Ralph Graves
 Dianne Haberland
 16 Louise Whitaker
 Ralph Graves
 23 Cheryl Lewis
 Ralph Graves
 30 Buckshot Clements
 Karen Ulan

Lectionary Readings for June

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.

June 2

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-21
John 17:20-26

June 9

Acts 2:1-21
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



June 23

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalms 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Session Meeting Highlights

From the May 21 Stated Session Meeting:

- Session and PNC/Pastor Support Team members honored the Rev. Wayne Bernardo with a potluck dinner, to show our appreciation for his roles with OPC as PNC liaison since July 2017 and temporary session moderator since February 2018.
- Lyndsey Norberg was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Hebrance Scholarship.
- The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the James will be on June 18 at First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville.
- Lynn Clements and Rachel Gibson were approved as Orange Presbyterian Weekday School Board members for a one and a half year term until January 2020. May Saxton was approved as ex officio session liaison to the OPWS Board for a half year term until January 2020.
- Cindy and Jim Reid were elected as co-treasurers. Jim will be relinquishing his role as chair of the Benevolence Funds Committee.
- A motion was made and carried to donate \$400 from the Mission and Outreach Committee Emergency Fund to the ACT program for an immediate local family need.
- The time for summer worship will remain at 11:00 am.

- A motion was made and carried to have Mr. Gary Honaker, Chief Financial Officer for Orange County Public Schools, to perform OPC's Financial Review for 2018.
- Wedding and Funeral Fee Schedules were approved, as recommended by the Property Committee.

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.

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

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).



OPC 2019 Committee/Team Assignments

	Chairs	Session Liaisons
Communications	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
Congregational Care	Ellen Kendall, Pat Stewart	Pat Stewart
Covenant Review	Mike Saxton	Mike Saxton
Discipleship	OPEN	OPEN
Finance	Ted Haberland	Ted Haberland
Mission & Outreach	Carole Sue Graves	Carole Sue Graves
Nominating	TBD	Carole Sue Graves
Property	Anne Somerville	Anne Somerville
Spiritual Formation	May Saxton	May Saxton
Worship & Music	Al Packard	Joanna Davies
Pastor Support Team	Lynn Clements, May Saxton	May Saxton

All of our committees/teams need and welcome new members! Please talk to the chairs or liaisons for more information!

As you can see, our **Discipleship Team** needs leadership and members! This newly-formed team encourages church members to be faithful stewards of their time, abilities, and possessions, and to participate in the ministries of the church. This team will also help other committees/teams in their volunteer recruitment based on Time and Talents commitments made during our annual stewardship drive, as well as reinforcing the efforts of our many volunteers. Please see or contact any member of session if you have questions about this important ministry!

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to express my appreciation for the prayers, the lovely cards and the phone calls I received while I have been recovering from my sprained ankle. I have been truly blessed. Thanks.

Fedie McClung



Summer Worship Time

Summer worship will continue to start at 11:00 am during the summer. We look forward to an exciting start with Rebekah and her family!

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	20,201.14	Other Contributions:		
Income	\$	9,792.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	144.00
Expenses	\$	6,115.33	Memorial Fund	\$	55.00
Ending Balance	\$	23,877.81	Mission Trip Fund	\$	500.00
			Music Fund	\$	709.44
			OPC Weekday School Fund	\$	8,000.00
			PNC Fund	\$	1,565.43
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$	1,145.68

History Covenant Group



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

- 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?
- 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?

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.

Pray Station for the Summer

Starting Sunday, June 1, Pray Station will move to a summer schedule. Youth ages 5-13 are invited to enjoy activities at the table in the rear of the sanctuary, but Pray Station guides will not be on hand to supervise. Happy Summer to all!

Electronic Newsletter

If you signed up to receive the OPC monthly newsletter electronically and have not been receiving it in the last few months, please contact Jeff Norberg at: jeffreynorberg@comcast.net.



Craft Club

On Saturday June 22, the Craft Club will meet. We will make more banners, finish up the yoyo snowmen, and we will have one more project. We need people to sew, cut, pink the finished banner edges, and to cut and hand sew some items. We have things that need a coat of paint for future projects too. Many hands make for light work! Hope to see you there!



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.



Pentecost Sunday June 9

On Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday, wear red to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit! We will have communion to recommit ourselves to God, collect the Pentecost Offering, and recognize our 2019 graduates. Join us for this special day.



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is truly a blessing for folks in our community, and we are in need of some donations. Cans of vegetables and fruits, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and applesauce would be great additions. Thanks for your continued support.



Hebrance Scholarship

The Session is very pleased to announce Lyndsey Norberg as the recipient of the 2019 Joseph A. Hebrance Scholarship! Lyndsey is a rising junior at Virginia Tech, majoring in National Security and Foreign Affairs. Please enjoy reading Lyndsey's amazing essay that she submitted for consideration:



In a nutshell, I love Jesus. And I love Jesus a lot. I could write books about how Jesus has worked in my life and made pathways toward overwhelming grace. If there's one thing college taught me, it is that trusting Jesus and God's plan above my own can do wonders for my life. Francis Chan, an author and former pastor once said, "God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through."

I knew being a college student would be a challenge, and coming into college I remember being scared. I remember worrying about not having enough friends, failing classes, and gaining the freshman-15 (luckily, I did not). Francis Chan writes beautifully the solution to all my worries: trust God. I had to trust that I could put in all the work I possibly could into developing genuine friendships, studying for hard exams, and working out daily, and things still wouldn't be completely perfect.

For me, college is about growth. I'm not only learning to prepare for the real world, but I'm also learning what my morals are. I'm learning about what kind of friendships I want, the kind of lifestyle I want to live, and how I want to work for the things I aspire to be. Although I'm only a sophomore (soon to be a junior) in college, this is what I know so far:



1. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and always will be. I have been a Christian for years, but I intend to constantly grow in my faith and express the love Jesus has for me onto others.
2. Certain situations may not always be in my control, but they are in God's control for sure. I need not worry about anything, because things will always work out in His time.
3. Francis Chan speaks truth: "God puts us in uncomfortable positions so that we may better understand how to trust His plan."

When I look back on all the things I have learned from being a college student, I think of the clubs I have joined and the people I've met along the way. I think of my weekly bible study, the church I attend in Blacksburg, and Cru (a campus ministry that works to spread the gospel at Virginia Tech). My heart is warmed by all the things I do and all the activities I take part in on a weekly basis. If I step back further, I see that the real reason I am where I am today is the Orange Presbyterian Church.

OPC is where I'm rooted. I go and am reminded of the community that helped me grow into the person I am today. It's a community that works to better the lives of others and show just how far God's love stretches (infinitely). OPC isn't just a church, it's home. It was there for me when I was just a little girl sitting in Children's Time, when I won the Miss Orange contest in high school, and when I went to college to start my freshman year.

Since my freshman year, a lot has changed. Not just my growth in faith but also in my academics. At the beginning of this past school year I began my major in National Security and Foreign Affairs and my minor in Arabic. This coming fall, I plan to add another minor in Geographic Information Systems. International studies is a passion of mine, and I intend on making a career out of it. I know I wouldn't have come to this major or pursued a college degree without my faithful upbringing and love given to me by OPC. Thank you for everything you have done for me and everything you continue to do in my life.

Lyndsey Norberg



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Presbyterian Women

Thank you to all who have participated in the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study this year! The curriculum was excellent, and a highlight of the study was our May potluck meeting when Nan Hawkins was our leader. Thank you, Nan.

At our April meeting, we presented Certificates of Christian Service and Dedication to Shirley Newman and Cynthia Pedersen for their faithful commitment to Presbyterian Women.

Circle will pick up in September when we delve into the Ten Commandments. Have a restful summer.



Prayer Concerns

- Lloyd and Alice Parcell
- Fedie McClung and all with mobility problems
- Farmers moving equipment
- Families of those who have lost their lives in war, and those who struggle in the aftermath of war



- Chris Wynkoop at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village