



# Orange Presbyterian Church

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March 2020

## Daylight Saving Time

It's time to spring forward! Daylight Saving Time officially begins on Sunday, March 8. Move your clocks forward on Saturday evening before bed to make sure you're here on time for the worship service!

## Blood Drive

Thursday, March 5  
1:30 to 7:00 pm

OPC Fellowship Hall

OPC is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 5, 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.

## Community Lenten Services - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting the Community Lenten Services. They are at 12:15 pm, and will continue throughout Lent.

There will be an offering collected at the service, and all proceeds will go to the Christian Emergency Council.

A light lunch of soup and bread will be served after the service.

Below is the schedule of pastors:

March 4	Rev. Alan Miller	Orange Baptist Church
March 11	Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley	Orange Presbyterian Church
March 18	Rev. Jim Beavers	Christ Anglican Fellowship
March 25	Dr. Debra Yarde	Church of the Living God
April 1	Rev. Pam Edelman	Orange Church of the Nazarene

## Spiritual Formation

**Youth Faith Explorers** meets from 9:45 to 10:30 each Sunday morning in the Bike Room. Children ages 5 to 10 are learning from "One Big Story – 52 Week Bible Story Devotional: Connecting Christ Throughout God's Story."

**Confirmation Class** meets from 9:45 to 10:30 each Sunday morning in the Youth Hangout. Pastor Rebekah is preparing middle and high schoolers to join the church.

**Adult Faith Explorers** meets in the East Room from 10:15 to 10:30 each Sunday morning during Lent exploring "Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross." Devotions for each day of Lent are provided in the booklet. Each Sunday, we will focus on how these devotions are helping us in OPC's work as a Matthew 25 Congregation. See May Saxton for a book!

## Appreciation Sundays

The Covenant Review Team will host Appreciation Sundays throughout the year. They will host the Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, March 22, where we will show appreciation for everyone in the congregation for all that you do.

## Choir Practice

Choir Practice is on Sundays at 9:45 am in the Choir Room.

We welcome all who are interested, seasoned veterans or new talents, to come and join us! There will be a special anthem on March 29.



## Pastor's Ponderings

Lent is a season of penitence; a season when we come before God aware that we have sinned and fallen short; a season very near the cross.

This season we will be focusing on the question: Where is God? This is a question I know I have asked before, this is a question I feel most of us, if not all of us, can relate to. Even Jesus uttered the words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." This question is a question of the ages, and it is a question of deep faith.

Because of our deep faith and trust in God, we question why bad things happen, especially to good people. When things happen that seem to go against the notion of a good and loving God, our faith begs the question: Where is God?

This season we will look deeper at stories that beg this same question. We will hear the words of Jesus from the cross. We will come before God with penitence knowing that we fall short, but also knowing that our loving God is there, sometimes we just have to take a different look.

As we walk closer and closer to the cross, we know the story does not end there. We know, even as

we ask the question, the answer is right before us. Come, let us walk this Lenten journey together. Let us know where God is.

Blessings,

*Pastor Rebekah*

## Matthew 25 Events

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we continue using the Blessing Box. Your contributions are welcome. Please fill the Blessing Box or leave items in the narthex.



MATTHEW 25

There are other opportunities to feed our neighbors. The Love Outreach Food Pantry always welcomes contributions and help. We are also exploring how to partner with existing ministries in town. One idea is to help host a weekly meal at the Church of the Nazarene for the elderly. Keep an eye on your bulletins and future newsletters for information to come!

## Preschool Corner

February always seems like a short month, but what a fun month it has been. Luckily, we had no bad weather to contend with and we only had one day off, President's Day.

Both classes learned about Groundhog Day, had a Valentine exchange with classmates, and parties. We all showed a lot of love to our community as well. Our younger class decorated Valentines and took them, along with food items, to the Blessing Box. Our older class painted rocks and we left them in Taylor Park for everyone to find. At the end of the month, both classes had extended days.

Teacher comments will be going out to the parents of our younger class and conferences are coming up in March for the older class. It's hard to believe how quickly the year is going by.



We've had a very mild winter, but I know we will all look forward to sunny, warm days on the playground!

With thanks,

Mrs. Kim

## Prayer Concerns

- Julie, Susan Southard's friend
- Carra Davies
- Ed Wendell
- Glenda, Shirley Sprouse's cousin
- Jean Brown



- Family and friends of Palmer Waugh
- Steve Aleo
- Family and friends of Karen's friend Amanda
- Tiffany Burchette upon the death of her mother
- Nan Hawkins
- Elizabeth Goodwin, Mildred Butts, and Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  R. Wayne Modena Emily Jobe 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship Communion	2	3 10:00 W&M	4  Frederick Higgins Lynn Clements 12:15 Community Lenten Service	5 10:00 CC 1:30 Blood Drive 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	6	7 8:00 Confirmation Retreat
8 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 10:15 New Member Class 11:00 Worship	9  Mildred Tyner 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 History Group	10 10:30 Morning Circle 5:00 Safety Team 7:00 Pastor Support Team	11 12:15 Community Lenten Service (OPC hosting)	12  Lee Packard 5:30 Covenant Review Team 7:00 Finance	13 7:00 Game Night	14
15  Cronin Warmack 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	16	17 7:00 Session	18 12:15 Community Lenten Service	19	20  Liam McLeod	21
22  Ryder Rose 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	23	24	25 12:15 Community Lenten Service	26	27  Lavinia Phillips	28  Alondra Huerta 9:00 Church Clean-Up Day
29 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal 3:00 and 3:45 Dogwood Village Services	30	31	1 12:15 Community Lenten Service	2  Liz Hulme Adam 10:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3	 <b>Indicates Birthday</b>

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Counters	Youth FE
1 Lynn and Anne Clements	1 Ryder Rose	1 Ellen Kendall	1 Melanie Rose	1 Connie Norberg Anne Somerville
8 Pat Stewart John and Alondra	8 Matthew Gibson	8 Lynn Clements	8 May Saxton	8 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
15 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin	15 Taylor Gibson	15 Melanie Rose Anne Clements	15 Sharon Mohrmann	15 Louise Whitaker Karen Ulan
22 Anne Somerville	22 Anne Clements	22 Rachel Gibson	22 Melanie Rose	22 Cheryl Lewis Ralph Graves
29 Robert and Ellen Kendall	29 John Huerta	29 Jim Reid	29 Rachel Gibson	29 Karen Ulan Buckshot Clements

# Presbyterian Women

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will discuss Lesson Seven, *Do Not Steal*, from Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

Lavinia Phillips will lead the lesson and Shirley Newman will provide refreshments.

We are collecting diapers for the Love Outreach Food Pantry. Leave your donations in the East Room.

Looking ahead, the Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the James will be held nearby on May 2 at South Plains Church in Keswick.

Contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081 for more information or with questions.

## Session Meeting Highlights

The following actions were approved at the February 18, 2020 Stated Session Meeting:

- To have Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25 at 6:00 pm.
- To allow Congregational Care Committee to collect money on March 22 and 29 for McDonald’s gift card. These will be sent to our college and boarding school students.
- To move \$12,000 from the General Fund to the Reserve Fund.
- To set up separate funds in our online giving accounts as follows:
  - Memorials (as a continuous fund);
  - Six other funds that will be activated when needed then deactivated when done for the year: Joy Gift, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering, Lilies, and Poinsettias.
- To allow the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School to use the sanctuary for their graduation on May 20.
- To continue the monthly 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering with 25% kept for the Blessing Box.
- To allow four Presbytery Special Offerings this year: The Pentecost Offering, of which OPC keeps

40% to be given to Michael’s Gift; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering; Peace and Global Witness Offering, of which 25% is kept by OPC (designee to be determined later); and the Joy Gift Offering.

- Ted Haberland appointed Session liaison to the Nominating Committee
- The rental of church facilities for the wedding of Heather King and Justin Mesimer on October 3, 2020. The motion was amended to allow the pastor of the couple’s choice to officiate, and require the couple to meet at least once with our pastor and wedding facilitator.
- To have a Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary on April 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm with communion by intinction.

Approved minutes for our 2020 Stated Session Meetings are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Have a question, concern, or suggestion? Contact a session member!

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Graves, Clerk of Session

### Treasurer’s Report as of January 31, 2020

Beginning Balance	\$	33,021.42	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	9,988.18	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 178.00
Expenses	\$	12,092.00	Memorial Fund	\$ 13,628.93
Transfer to Music Fund	\$	300.00	Mission Trip Fund	\$ 318.13
Ending Balance	\$	30,617.60	Music Fund	\$ 5.42
			OPC Weekday School Fund	\$ 5,027.50
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,240.53

## Hebrance Scholarship

The Hebrance Scholarship was established by the family in 1985 to provide financial assistance for deserving students in the church family who are continuing their education after high school.

If you are interested in applying, please submit a one-page essay which includes the following: 1) your future educational plans; 2) your activities in the community; and 3) how OPC and the church family influenced your life and goals. Send this to Ralph Graves, Clerk of Session, by May 15.

## Souper Bowl of Caring Results!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed non-perishable food items and money to the 30<sup>th</sup> Souper Bowl of Caring! 206 food items were collected; 118 for the San Francisco 49ers and 88 for the Kansas City Chiefs! One half stayed at OPC for the Blessing Box and the other half was taken to the Love Outreach Food Pantry. \$175.50 was collected for purchasing items for the Blessing Box. We surpassed our food and monetary numbers for last year - thanks to each of you! Go, Team OPC!!

## Easter Lily Memorials

Plan now to honor or remember a loved one on Easter. The Worship and Music Committee will purchase lilies for \$10.00 for our Easter worship.

Please fill out the form below and attach your check or cash. You can drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

We will place a listing of all the Easter memorials in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12, and you can take your lily home after the service.

I/We would like to place a lily *In Honor of* or *In Memory of*: (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please turn in your form by Sunday, April 5.)*

## Thank You

To the members and friends at OPC:

I wish to thank all of you for the support, trust, and kindness that you have shown me over the past 18 plus years that I have been Director of Music. I am humbled with the generosity that you have given Lee and me as I retire from this position. I have been honored to be a part of the life at OPC and will forever remember with fond memories of the time spent here. Lee and I wish you all much happiness and good things in the future as we continue with new opportunities and new directions in our lives together. God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Al and Lee Packard

Dear OPC,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful years of memories and kindness. We faced many challenges together with grace, understanding, and love. The farewell party was wonderful, and your kindness and generosity was again demonstrated. I look forward to continuing to worship with you.

With thanks,  
Melanie Rose

## Bazaar Workshops

There will be two Bazaar Workshops this month. The first one will be on Thursday, March 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in our workroom. The second one will be on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Watch your bulletins for more information!

## Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed

We always need volunteers to host the Coffee Fellowship after worship each Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the East Room behind the coffee pot. You can host on your own or join with your flock, a group of friends, your committee, or your Faith Exploration class!

