



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

March 2018

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Services During Lent

Wednesday, March 7 at 12:15 pm - Community Lenten Service
(Orange Baptist)

Wednesday, March 14 at 12:15 pm -
Community Lenten Service
(Orange Baptist)

Wednesday, March 21 at 12:15 pm - Community Lenten Service
(Orange Baptist)

PALM
Sunday **Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 am -**
Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)



at 7:30 pm -
Community Chorus Concert (OPC)

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 1 at 11:00 am - Easter Sunday
(Collection of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 4, 2018, Immediately after Worship

There will be a Congregational Meeting on March 4 after worship for the purpose of approving the updated Congregational Rules of Agreement. Copies of the document are available in the narthex.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Chili Cook-Off - March 18

Don your chef caps and create a great chili recipe for our annual CHILI COOK-OFF on March 18 after worship. The contest is open to all ages and prizes are given for several categories. Even if you don't cook chili, there are plenty of other items to bring to round out the menu. Sign up in the narthex to enter a chili and for sides you can bring to make this a great event!



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Session Meeting Highlights

- We had a busy February meeting with a number of committee recommendations for discussion.
- Covenant Review - A recommendation to form a group to address ways to inspire volunteers without being overburdened was approved.
 - Revised OPC Congregational Rules of Agreement were discussed and will be presented to the congregation for approval at a meeting on Sunday, March 4, following Worship.
 - Finance - A financial review of our 2017 records will be conducted this spring as an annual requirement of Presbytery.
 - Mission and Outreach - The following recommendations were approved:
 - To hold a White Elephant Sale on Saturday, September 8 to benefit Bazaar mission funds.
 - To hold the 2018 Holiday Bazaar on November 30-December 1.
 - If the way is clear, to utilize funds for Home of the Highlands as a possible mission project location.
 - Collection of five special offerings during 2018 - One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, Joy Gift, and 5 Cents-a-Meal (monthly).
 - Pastor Nominating Committee - A recommendation of a change in position type on OPC's Ministry Information Form with the Church Leadership Connection from Pastor (for a designated term) to Solo Pastor was approved.
 - Property - A recommendation to use up to \$1,000 of Capital Improvements funds to purchase LED bulbs to replace fluorescent bulbs throughout the property was approved.
 - Worship and Music - The following recommendations were approved:
 - The purchase of up to 35 new *Glory To God* hymnals to go with the 25 originally purchased to be used in the sanctuary.
 - A Maundy Thursday service on March 29 with communion.
 - Communion to be held on the first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.
 - Use of the sanctuary for a Community Chorus Holy Week Concert on Palm Sunday, March 25, at 7:30 pm.
 - Spiritual Formation - The following recommendations were approved:
 - VBS to be co-sponsored with community churches, June 25-29, with Cokesbury's Rolling River Rampage as the curriculum.
 - A Lenten program, Heifer International's Fill The Ark, to be launched on March 4 and to conclude on Easter Sunday, April 1, involving all members of the congregation.
 - Congregational Care
 - The annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, March 18, following Worship.
 - Approved the implementation of an email and phone Prayer Chain.
- Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.
- Nancy Crowder, Joanna Davies,
Shirley Newman, Pat Stewart,
Mike Saxton, May Saxton (clerk),
Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator)

Souper Bowl Update

OPC predicted the Super Bowl winner correctly! On Souper Bowl Sunday, we had 93 cans in the Eagles box and 69 cans in the Patriots box! \$57 was collected in a large soup bowl and a soup pot at the end of Worship that will be used to purchase items for our Blessing Box. On the following Sunday, 18 additional cans were added to the Eagles box, bringing us to a total of 180 cans collected. 90 will remain at OPC for the Blessing Box while the other 90 will be donated to the Love Outreach Food Pantry. OPC has been participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring since 2004. Thanks so much for your support.

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday				1  <i>Wayne Modena</i> 2:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:00 Covenant Review Team 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation Team	2	3
4  <i>Frederick Higgins</i> <i>Lynn Clements</i> 11:00 Worship Communion 12:15 Congregation Meeting 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	5	6	7 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	8 6:00 Finance	9  <i>Millie Tyner</i> <i>Syd Palmer</i>	10
11 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	12 7:00 History Group	13 10:30 Morning Circle	14 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	15  <i>Cronin</i> <i>Warmack</i> 7:00 Session	16	17
18 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group 12:15 Chili Cook- Off	19  <i>Rialand Tucker</i>	20  <i>Liam McLeod</i>	21 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	22  <i>Ryder Rose</i> <i>Zachary Ernst</i>	23	24
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group 7:30 Community Chorus Concert	26	27  <i>Lavinia Phillips</i>	28 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	29 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	30	31

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
4 Dot Marks	4 Matthew Gibson	4 Robert & Grace Kendall	4 Ellen Kendall	4 Connie Norberg Cindy Reid
11 The Rose Family	11 Nathan Norberg	11 Lynn Clements Rachel Gibson	11 Melanie Rose	11 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
18 Ralph & Carole Sue Graves	18 Ryder Rose	18 Martha & Anne Clements	18 May Saxton	18 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
25 The Clements Family	25 Taylor Gibson	25 Alice Parcell Melanie Rose	25 Karen Ulan	25 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis

Lectionary Readings for March

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

March 4

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22

March 11

Numbers 21:4-9
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:1-12
 OR 119:9-16
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33



March 25

Palms
 Mark 11:1-11 OR
 John 12:12-16
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47 OR
 Mark 15:1-47

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

As a follow-up to the numbers shared in the recent annual report, the PNC has reviewed forty-seven Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from prospective candidates. We retained ten PIFs for further review. Three phone interviews have been conducted to date. The remaining seven candidates were no longer available.

In order to broaden the number of candidates, the PNC recommended and obtained approval from Session to change the position type on OPC's Ministry Information Form with the Church Leadership Connection from Pastor (for a three year designated term) to Solo Pastor.

Please continue to understand that this can be a long and time consuming process. The members of the PNC do a lot of homework evaluating PIFs before meeting together to discuss them. For the last month, the committee has met each week. We are listening closely for the will of God for our mission and ministry as we move into this new stage of our congregation's life. Please continue your prayers and patience as we carefully discern who God is calling to serve our congregation.

Please let us know of any questions and/or concerns that you might have.

Lynn Clements and May Saxton, Co-Moderators
 Rachel Gibson, Cindy Reid, Louise Whitaker

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2018



Beginning Balance	\$	32,259.34
Income	\$	10,633.00
Expenses	\$	(10,930.58)
Repayment to Benevolence Fund	\$	(7,000.00)
Transfer to Hamilton Fund	\$	<u>(7,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$	17,961.76
Other Contributions:		
5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	278.03
Music Fund	\$	1,015.30
Memorial Fund	\$	5,196.78
Mission Trip Fund	\$	3,000.00

Daylight Savings Time

It's time to spring forward! Daylight Saving Time officially begins on Sunday, March 11. Move the clock forward on Saturday evening to make sure you're here on time for the worship service!



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. These awards are made directly to the scholarship winner's 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 May Saxton, Clerk of Session, by May 15.

Coffee Fellowship

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. This is a way to show hospitality to members and visitors to our church.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The arrangements are either delivered by one of the florists in town or some folks use their own flowers and creativity to make an arrangement for everyone to enjoy. They are often provided in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you choose to provide flowers for this purpose, please alert the church office, and we will list the note in the announcement section of the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 7, 1:30 to 7:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 7, from 1:30 to 7:00. 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 Web site, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.



Sermon Discussion Covenant Group



You might see a few people slipping out of Coffee Fellowship most Sundays, headed toward the back of the sanctuary. They are part of the **Sermon Discussion Covenant Group**, which meets 10 minutes after the beginning of Coffee Fellowship for a discussion about the sermon, with an emphasis on how we can apply certain aspects of the sermon to our lives during the following week. You don't have to join the group every Sunday! The discussion will end by 1:00 at the latest. Try it out! Note that we will not meet on Sunday, March 18. the date of the Chili Cook-Off following Worship!

OPC History Covenant Group

Join a fun group to learn more about 172.5 years of the history of Orange Presbyterian Church! Our next meeting is on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the East Room. We are hoping to take a look at some pictures and documents on our new 58 inch HD TV! For more information, talk to Winnie Higgins, Carol Couch, Jim Reid, Anne Somerville, Lulu Sherman, Nancy Crowder, Jennie Hill Robinson, Shirley Newman, Mike or May Saxton! We'd love you to join us!



Worship Services in March

Since we currently have no consistent pastor for Sunday worship, we have developed a plan for having congregational support for worship services. Below is a list of our guest pastors and individuals for the month of March. We will let you know by Thursday of the week of services what is needed of you on Sunday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Pastor</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
3/4	Rev. Wayne Bernardo	Ellen Kendall	Gene Whitaker	Gene Whitaker
3/11	Rev. Gordon Lindsey	Anne Clements	Dave Ulan	Carole Sue Graves
3/18	Rev. Gordon Lindsey	May Saxton	Mike Saxton	Jim Reid
3/25	Rev. Gordon Lindsey	Ellen Kendall	Suzanne Sherwin	Lynn Clements

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Stewart or Al Packard.

Community Lenten Services

Orange Baptist Church
Wednesdays at 12:15 pm
March 7, 14, and 21, 2018

The Community Lenten Services are being hosted by Orange Baptist Church, 123 West Main Street. The service will begin at 12:15 pm and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



An offering will be received during the service and given to the Christian Emergency Council to help people in need who live in Orange County.

Below are the pastors who will lead the services:

- March 7 Rev. Jim Beavers
 Christ Anglican Fellowship
- March 14 Rev. Craig Newman
 Trinity United Methodist Church
- March 21 Rev. Pat Nabors
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Service



Join us for a Maundy Thursday service on March 29 at 7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. We will serve communion and prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday's worship.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is collected on Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The offering is split between the following programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. We will collect the offering on Easter Sunday, April 1.



OPC 2018 Committee Assignments

	Chairs	Session Liaison
Congregational Care	Pat Stewart, Ellen Kendall	Pat Stewart
Covenant Review	Mike Saxton	Mike Saxton
Finance	Ted Sherwin	Pat Stewart
Mission & Outreach	Shirley Newman, Carole Sue Graves	Shirley Newman
Property	Ted Haberland	Joanna Davies
Spiritual Formation	Martha Clements	May Saxton
Worship & Music	Al Packard	Nancy Crowder
Pastor Nominating	Lynn Clements, May Saxton	May Saxton
Treasurer	Margaret Thompson	

Bridal Shower

Get ready to celebrate! Ann Taylor Mohrmann and Ian Jones are getting married in June! OPC will have a bridal shower on Saturday, May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information as the planning proceeds.



Congratulations to Ann and Ian!

Pastor Installations

Reverend Lynne T. Clements will be installed as the Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the service. Westminster Presbyterian Church is at 400 Rugby Road, Charlottesville.



Reverend Liz Hulme Adam will be installed at Tabor Presbyterian Church on March 11 at 4:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. The address there is 5804 Tabor Street, Crozet.

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.

After worship on Easter Sunday, April 1, you can take a lily home. We will place a listing of all the Easter memorials in the bulletin on April 1.



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, March 25.)

Fill the Ark

On Sunday, March 4, the Spiritual Formation Team will launch Heifer International's Lenten Program, Fill The Ark at OPC! The program will run for 4 weeks, concluding on Easter Sunday. Each family will receive a Giving Calendar and a bank. This learning and sharing program is for members of all ages. Fill the Ark is designed to:



- Encourage members of all ages to participate in a global education and fundraising project
- Bring family members together to discuss and build awareness of our global family
- Teach about the root causes of hunger and poverty
- Show how the way we live affects other people
- Provide a practical way to help end hunger and poverty
- Facilitate fellowship in celebrating accomplishments

Since 1944, Heifer International has worked with people of all faiths to provide families around the world with training and inputs that enable them to become self-reliant. Through our participation in Fill the Ark, our church family can learn how our gifts share God's love and make a real difference. Please make sure you take a Giving Calendar and a bank home with you on Sunday, March 4. Plan to bring your banks to Worship on Easter Sunday, filled with coins dedicated to making a difference by helping others!

For more information, take a look at <https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/faith-communities/fill-the-ark-program.html>. If you have questions, please ask any member of the Spiritual Formation Team.

Martha Clements, Ellen Kendall, Sandy McLeod,
Karen Ulan, May Saxton, or Mike Saxton.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School 2018!

- June 25-29
- Co-sponsored by Orange Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and possibly other community churches
- Theme: Rolling River Rampage
- Rafting Ready Verse: *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.* Isaiah 43:2
- For ages 4-13
- Plans are being made for a culminating mission event on the last night.
- Volunteers are needed!



Watch newsletters and bulletins for more information!

We are already looking for volunteers! We **very much** need your help with storytelling, recreation, guiding an age group to each section, registration, snacks, providing materials for crafts, props, decorations! For more information, please see or contact:

Martha Clements, Karen Ulan, Sandy McLeod, or May Saxton.

Formation of A Prayer Chain

Acting on a recommendation from the Congregational Care Committee, Session has approved the formation of an OPC Prayer Chain. This is a timely, effective way to let our church members share prayer requests and have others pray for their needs. A prayer chain is a way for people to gain God's assistance through prayer for any need by permitting the intercessors (members of the prayer chain) to pray as Jesus prayed.

The prayer chain coordinator will receive prayer requests in one of four ways:

- Via email from individuals requesting prayer.
- From prayer concerns shared during Sunday Worship.
- From information submitted via an icon on the church website. An icon of praying hands will be added to our new OPC website where people can click and fill out an online form. The request is not shown online; it is sent directly to the prayer chain coordinator, who will forward the request to those individuals who have indicated that they would like to be part of the email or phone prayer chain.
- From individuals in person.



The coordinator will then email the intercessors on the email part of the prayer chain and phone the first intercessor on the phone part of the prayer chain, who will call the next person, and so on.

Absolute confidentiality is very important with a prayer chain. Although a prayer chain, by definition, is not a private way of communicating, the information passed along must be private. We must have permission from the person for whom we are praying, indicating that they would appreciate prayers. The names of persons requesting prayer and their personal situations are not open for discussion or to be questioned.

We would encourage people who make prayer requests to get back in touch later when their situations improve, progress is made, or the crisis has been resolved. Receiving praise reports helps encourage the intercessors that their crucial work is making a difference in people's lives.

If you have questions or would like to be an intercessor as part of either an email prayer chain or a phone prayer chain, please contact prayer chain coordinator May Saxton at saxton-family@comcast.net or at 540-661-7694.

Moved by the Spirits

Covenant Group

**Fun and Fellowship at
Early Mountain Vineyards**

On Sunday, February 11, the Moved by the Spirits (formerly Healthy Living) Covenant Group met at the Early Mountain Vineyard. It was a great opportunity to learn more about each other and grow closer in Christ (in a very relaxed atmosphere). For more information regarding this covenant group, please talk to Martha Clements, Carole Sue and Ralph Graves, Karen and Dave Ulan, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy and Jim Reid, Mike and May Saxton. Watch the bulletin for information regarding our March outing!

Preschool Corner

What a busy, fun month for us! Both classes found their shadows with flashlights on Groundhog Day and then prepared for Valentine's Day. We recycled cereal boxes to fill with their cards and made crowns with jewels to wear to the parties.

The older children learned about our presidents and, thanks to the warm weather, were able to make trips to the library. PALS testing began in preparation for parent conferences on March 14.

The younger class worked on colors and fairy tales. We painted pink pigs, Chicken Little puppets, and paper plate billy goats. The highlight of their month was Pajama Day with a pancake breakfast and lunch together - and a late pick up time!

Wishing for warmer weather! Mrs. Ski



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Presbyterian Women

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will discuss "In Community with the Hope of the Future" from *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Lavinia Phillips will lead the lesson. Millie Tyner will provide refreshments. For more information, contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081.

Craft Club

Each month we will gather on a Saturday morning and make craft items for the bazaar. Everyone will work on the same project and we will provide all needed supplies. Think how great it will be to have many wonderful craft items ready for our annual Bazaar. In March we plan to make and decorate Christmas trees, using tomato cages and lights. Watch your bulletins for the date. We are saving a seat for you!

Prayer Concerns

- Rosa Herndon
- Eva Graves
- Dwight Calhoun
- Anne and her husband (Dot Marks' niece)
- Jim, his wife, and son Mark (Joanna Davies' brother)
- Sheila Cooper (Melanie Rose's friend)
- 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 the Kendall family upon the death of Ellen's mother, Ellen Dees, on Wednesday, February 7. A service was held on Saturday, February 24 in North Carolina.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Rose family upon the death of Ron's grandmother, Elizabeth McCall, on Wednesday, February 21. A service was held on Sunday, February 25 in McDowell, VA.