



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

November 2019

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Commitment Sunday - November 10

This Is My Story

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
Psalm 24:1

God calls us to give generously of ourselves to care for God's world and all that is in it. Please carefully consider what God is calling you to give in the coming year, of your time, of your talents, and of your treasures.

Commitment packets will be available for pick-up in the narthex on Sunday, November 3. Fill them out with a loving and generous heart, and return them on Commitment Sunday, November 10.



Thank Offering

"Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart..." Jeremiah 29:12-13

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Every fall the Presbyterian Women of Orange Presbyterian Church join the national Presbyterian Women to collect the Thank Offering. This offering began in 1888 and since then Presbyterian women have supported thousands of ministries worldwide and raised millions of dollars for mission. Your gifts will aid several national and international programs, 40% of which will be related to health ministries.

On Sunday, November 17, please stop by the East Room after worship to leave your donation and share in delicious food and fellowship.

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Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us on Saturday, November 23 at 6:00 pm for a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall as we show our gratitude for our blessings. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to bring something for our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, and another to tell us how many will attend.



Pastor's Ponderings

Things I am grateful for at OPC

Time shared in worship

Helping one another without question

Answer God's call together

Not giving up in times of trial

Kindred spirits, united in Christ

Serving the larger community

Giving of our time and talents

Inviting the Spirit in

Visiting, volunteering, venturing

Interpreting the scriptures through love

Navigating this new season

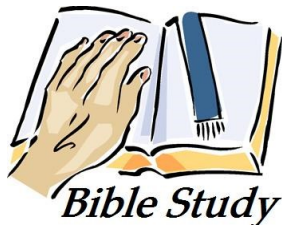
Giving ourselves to God

Pastor Rebekah



WORSHIP TOGETHER

Faith Education



Bible Study



Preschool Corner

Why do I love October? Let me count the ways: Fall, pumpkin patch field trips, and children who are happy and settled into their preschool routine, just to name a few.

Our older children took their first walking trip to Taylor Park to go on a leaf hunt and we went to the library for our first Preschool Story Time. There's so much to see when we walk through our town. The children can find wonder in the smallest thing, like acorns on the ground, and make a story about a busy squirrel. It's wonderful.

We are learning new letters, counting items up to 20, drawing pumpkins, and we love reading all of the fun Fall books! Our younger class made scarecrows, sponge-painted pumpkin paper plates, and spiders with googly eyes. Our older class made Thumb'kin patch pictures with their thumbprints, Q-tip skeletons (a nice skeleton who had the hiccups), and tissue paper acorns. Both of our classes had a great trip to

Sarah's Pumpkin Patch. We had two breezy, beautiful Fall days.

We are looking forward to playing on our playground again after it is mulched. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. A special thank you to Williams Lawn Care & Landscaping for the generous donation of mulch. We appreciate it so much.

The younger children will end the month of October with a Halloween snack and party. The older children will trick-or-treat in Taylor Park with the Orange Senior Center and then have a small class party.

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support.

Mrs. Kim





November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday					1	2
3 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	4 <i>Rachel Gibson</i> <i>Anne Clements</i>	5 <i>Sara Warmack</i> <i>Toby Warmack</i> <i>Election Day</i> Office Closed	6 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	7 1:30 Blood Drive 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:30 Covenant Review 6:00 Property	8	9
10 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship Commitment Sunday	11 7:00 History Group	12 10:30 Morning Circle 6:00 Spiritual Formation	13 <i>MB Southard</i> 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	14 <i>Josefat Huerta</i> 7:00 Finance	15	16 <i>Jacob Barragan</i> 9:00 Craft Club
17 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship Thank Offering	18	19 7:00 Session	20 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	21	22	23 6:00 Harvest Dinner
24 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 MBF Speaker 12:15 PB&JAM	25 <i>Jeff Norberg</i>	26	27 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed 	29	30 <i>Cynthia Pedersen</i>

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Counters	Youth FE
3 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin	3 Anne Clements	3 Robert and Ellen Kendall	3 Anne Somerville Connie Norberg	3 May Saxton
10 Pat Stewart	10 John Heurta	10 Lynn Clements	10 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves	10 Rachel Gibson
17 Anne Somerville	17 Ryder Rose	17 Rachel Gibson	17 Louise Whitaker Karen Ulan	17 Melanie Rose
24 Robert and Ellen Kendall	24 Matthew Gibson	24 Melanie Rose	24 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis	24 Sharon 25 Mohrmann

Lectionary Readings for November

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 have four readings on Sunday, the lectionary provides an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading.

November 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 10

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 OR Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2019

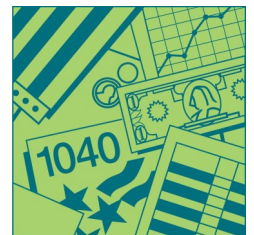
Beginning Balance	\$	24,288.04	Other Contributions:		
Income	\$	13,828.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	168.00
Expenses	\$	10,471.13	Memorial Fund	\$	171.00
Ending Balance	\$	27,644.91	Mission Trip Fund	\$	1,500.00
			Music Fund	\$	531.73
			OPC Weekday School Fund	\$	5,050.00
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$	2,145.68

Tax Benefit for You?

Do you need to take out a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA this year? Although interest earned from your IRA generally is not taxed in the year earned, it isn't tax-exempt interest. Taxes on your traditional IRA generally are deferred only until you take a distribution. But there is a way not to pay taxes on the RMD.

Donating all or part of that RMD, directly from the trustee of your IRA to a qualified charitable organization, such as the church, allows you to show that amount as a tax-deductible contribution. You must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for any charitable contribution and as indicated, it must come directly from your IRA trustee.

Consult with your tax advisor first, and consider donating your annual pledge from your RMD and save yourself some taxes.



Medical Benevolence Foundation

MBF

The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to healing lives by building sustainable medical ministries in developing countries. MBF partners with local churches in developing countries to equip them with tools and resources that allow them to meet the health care needs of its community. There are four specific ministries they use: Hospital and Clinic Support and Development, Critical Health Services for Women and Children, Nursing Schools and Scholarships, and Spiritual Ministry. The Mission and Outreach Committee at OPC has used our benevolence monies to support MBF for the past 30 years. On Sunday, November 24, Patrick Coughlin MBF Vice President will be here with us to preach and to celebrate this stewardship. You may learn more about MBF online at www.medicalmission.org.

Session Meeting Highlights

From the October 15 Stated Meeting:

Our Session Leadership Retreat, Part 2, was held on Saturday, October 26, from 9-12 in the East Room.

- The Safety Team continues to recruit members and will meet in November.
- A generous donation has been received by the Worship and Music Committee for the purchase of additional *Glory to God* hymnals.
- A new Memorial Book is being purchased and will bring us up to date on recording contributions.
- The Communications Team is planning to try two weekly emails; a Monday Memo for weekly activities and a Friday Memo for Sunday Worship and weekend activities.
- The Covenant Review Team recommended the formation of a Music Transition Team composed of one member from Worship and Music, one member from Covenant Review, and two members from the congregation (to be nominated by the Nominating Committee), the pastor, and the director of music as ex officio as needed. This team will facilitate and lead efforts to experiment with additional music variety and worship integration to help discern where God is calling us musically in Worship. Incorporating these insights, this team will operate simultaneously as a search committee. The motion carried.
- The Mission and Outreach Committee recommended the following, with all motions carrying:
 - 25% of the Peace and Global Witness Offering and the additional OPC T-shirt money be sent to Disaster Relief in the Bahamas.
 - 3 options to be offered for the Alternative Giving at the Holiday Bazaar - Habitat for Humanity, Christian Emergency Council, and the Medical Benevolence Foundation.
- Donate food for three Thanksgiving Baskets for Habitat this year.
- Have a temporary clothesline for a hat, scarf, and glove ministry in January.
- Representatives from Session and the Pastor Support Team attended, "Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations," sponsored by the PC(USA) Board of Pensions at Blue Ridge PC on October 21.
- The Finance Committee recommended the following, with both motions carrying:
 - OPC has been approved for \$1,000 from Small Church Ministry for the replacement of the sanctuary air conditioning system. It was recommended that the remainder of the payment for this project be taken from the Capital Improvements Endowment Fund.
 - A pilot program for Online Giving to be conducted with members of the Finance Committee and Session on a volunteer basis.
- The Property Committee recommended the use of \$900 from the Hazard Fund for the removal of the boiler from the furnace room under the Fellowship Hall. The motion carried.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 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.

Join the OPC Safety Team!

We need you for a new initiative at OPC! A group of members, comprising the OPC Safety Team, will plan emergency procedures for OPC, along with addressing other safety concerns for our church family. Lynn Clements will lead this effort, with recruitment underway for additional team members. Contact Lynn for more information!



Moved by the Spirits Covenant Group Activities

Everyone is invited to join a group trip to see the movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." The release date is November 22. Watch your bulletins, Weekly Memos, and newsletters for the date! We will watch the documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" before seeing the new movie.

Adult Faith Exploration: Sundays at 9:45 am in the East Room!

We have started our second series of the year, "Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks," a six-week film series inspired by a book by the same title by Diana Butler-Bass. If you missed the first session, it isn't too late to join us! We will attempt to untangle conflicting understandings of gratitude and set the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. This is perfect for the Thanksgiving season! This book is available from Amazon, if you would like to take a look!

Habitat Thanksgiving Basket

Each year, we provide Thanksgiving Baskets for four Habitat families. The turkeys are being provided so we are asked to contribute the following for each basket: bag of apples, 5 pounds of potatoes, 1 large can of green beans, a large can of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, 1 bag of stuffing mix or 2 boxes of stove top stuffing, and a pie. Any other Thanksgiving foods are welcome.

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex on Sunday, November 3. Please bring your items by Wednesday, November 20. Thank you!

Change Your Clocks!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2, so we see you at the service!



OPC's 175th Anniversary November 2020

The History Covenant Group has started to make a list of activities for our 175th anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Initial ideas include an anniversary



Worship service with a Homecoming potluck meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall. We also plan to open the Time Capsule! We will invite former and inactive members. We would love to hear your additional ideas! Please contact Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or May Saxton with your thoughts! We also need some help to make these plans a reality! Let us know if you are willing to plan and/or help.

We need a fireproof safe or filing cabinet for the storage of historical books and documents. Please let anyone in the History Group know if you have some leads!

Come join us at our next meeting on Monday, November 11, at 7:00 pm in the East Room!

Bazaar Items

If you have been busily making items for the Bazaar, you are welcome to bring you non-perishables to the classroom upstairs. Baked goods are needed the days of the bazaar - talk to Ellen if you need ideas. Look for Nancy to discuss making soups that we will sell.



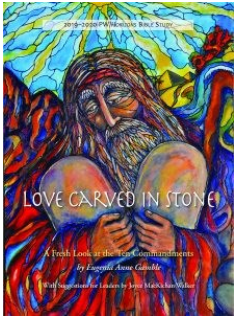
Alternative Gifts at the Holiday Bazaar!

If you are already thinking of possible holiday gifts for family and friends, please keep in mind that we will be offering Alternative Gifts at the Holiday Bazaar again this year. You can purchase gifts to honor your family and friends and, at the same time, contribute to the ministries of the Orange County Christian Emergency Council, Habitat for Humanity, and the Medical Benevolence Foundation. Through your support of alternative gifts, we can make our community a better place! For more information, please contact May Saxton.



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Presbyterian Women



The morning circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will be discussing Lesson Three, *Keep Sabbath*, from Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. Joanna Davies will lead the lesson and Winnie Higgins will provide refreshments.

Craft Club



On Saturday, November 16 at 9:00 am, Craft Club will meet in the Fellowship Hall to do some last minute projects for the Bazaar. We will finish up the standing gingerbread men, bottle thyme, rosemary, and basil, make bath balms, and pack tea wallets.

We promise lots are fun and fellowship while we work! Please come help!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 7, 2019

1:30 to 7:00 pm

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 7 from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. Donors should stay well hydrated that day. Schedule an appointment or just walk in!



Prayer Concerns

- The Wynkoop family
- Friends and family of Dan Eisinger, in-law to Lavinia Phillips
- The Saxton family's sister-in-law
- Trish Johnson's mother, death of her husband
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Motley family upon the death of Cameron's grandfather.