



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

October 2017

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Peace & Global Witness Offering - Sunday, October 1



"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near." Ephesians 2:14-17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a peace that is universal. While the earthly ministry of Jesus was in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to witness and work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but it is one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. At the national level, this witness is done in direct support of those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts, creating educational materials that equip congregations to deal with important issues, bringing leaders together who have made a profound witness for peace around the world and deploying them as a resource to congregations like yours and leaders like you, and speaking up for the vulnerable around the world through a seat at the United Nations table.

Yet the Offering is as much about your local congregation's living out a commitment to peacemaking and proclaiming Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of the Offering stays in your local congregation and 25 percent is retained by your mid council. The Peace & Global Witness Offering sustains a witness in many forms and at every level of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostilities and speaks peace to those near and far.

We will collect the offering on Sunday, October 1.

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OPC Church Picnic!

Sunday, October 8, Immediately After Worship
Side Parking Lot

The OPC Church Picnic will be on Sunday, October 8 immediately after worship. We will meet in the grassy parking lot area. Ted and Dianne Haberland will provide meat to grill. The church will provide beverages and paper products. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for other items we will need. Please sign up and join us!



From the Pastor

We are entering our stewardship season mindful that OPC through the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is preparing for new leadership. We've come a long way in setting the stage for this process. Our Mission Study Team passed the baton to our capable and energized PNC after hearing from you and shaping a church profile that will invite a match well-suited for your needs and hopes. We also trust that the process is not yours alone, but is guided by the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship this year will impact what is possible. To that end, pledging is important. Pledging isn't possible for everyone, to be sure, but let's aspire to increase pledging this year to build on the progress we have made over the last two years. Let's provide a solid financial framework as we begin our exciting next journey in the work of the PNC. I have been astounded by your generosity since I began. You met financial commitments time and again when the challenges were great. We also established a sensible and cautious financial culture in which we commit to what we can manage through pledging, for the most part.

This month in worship you'll be hearing from fellow members who will tell us "Why We Give." Our stewardship theme this year, HERITAGE AND HOPE, emphasizes the gratitude we share for the past - those before us who built this church, sustained it, loved it, hoped for it - and the HOPE we maintain for the future. We don't have a future without a past. One day, we will be the past, and those after us will look back with gratitude at our participation and commitment. Our HERITAGE AND HOPE stewardship season will culminate in a formal way on Sunday, November 12 when we celebrate Orange Presbyterian's 173rd Birthday! General Presbyter Rev. Carson Rhyne has agreed to come preach and celebrate that day with you!

I am grateful to be with you in the coming months as you renew your commitments and consider ways that you can be a part of the church in a new way. There are many covenant groups to join!

Yours in Christ,

Liz

Preschool Corner

I'm waiting each day for the bubble to burst because the opening of our preschool year has been flawless, no tears, just squeals of excitement every day. Eileen Hargett surprised us by helping out the first two days, which I think helped with the smooth transition.

There are 26 children in the older class. Like last year, the class is walking to the Orange County Library for story hour. I'm grateful to the librarian for welcoming such a large group. The younger group has the magic number 15. Our mornings are peaceful and calm and I am so impressed with what a happy, well-adjusted group they are - so far!



Thank you to Mr. Lynn for repositioning our playset. We've used it every day. They have been playing throw the walnuts in the bucket!



We were also very fortunate this year to receive a large donation of supplies (markers, paper towels, etc.) from Jeff Curtis at the Orange Downtown Alliance. We caught his eye at the Kids Festival in May.

Thank you for all of the support from the preschool board and the congregation. Come see us!!

Mrs. Ski



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Scott Ernst</i> 11:00 Worship Communion 12:15 Spiritual Formation Team	2	3	4 <i>Robert Vasquez</i> 1:30 Book Group 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	5 <i>Irwin Sherman</i> 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	6 <i>Taylor Mills</i>	7
8 <i>Ann Taylor Mohrmann</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Church Picnic	9 6:00 Middle School Group 7:00 History Covenant Group	10 10:30 Morning Circle 2:00 W&M 6:00 Theology Basics	11 <i>Will Barnes</i> 1:30 Book Group 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	12 6:00 Finance	13	14 <i>Susan Southard</i>
15 11:00 Worship	16 <i>Evelyn Scott</i>	17 6:00 Theology Basics	18 1:30 Book Group 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	19 <i>Lee Nash</i> 7:00 Session	20	21
22 <i>Jennie Hill Robinson</i> 11:00 Worship	23	24 6:00 Theology Basics	25 1:30 Book Group 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	26	27	28 9:30 - 11:30 Fix-It, Make-It Workshop
29 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 M&O Potluck Luncheon	30	31 6:00 Theology Basics	1 1:30 Book Group 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	2 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

- 1 The Rose Family
- 8 Ralph & Carole
Sue Graves
- 15 The Clements
Family
- 22 The Ernst Family
- 29 Mike & May
Saxton

Acolytes

- 1 Ryder Rose
- 8 Taylor Gibson
- 15 Zachary Ernst
- 22 Nathan Norberg
- 29 Matthew Gibson

Nursery Helpers

- 1 Alice Parcell
Melanie Rose
- 8 Jim Reid
Millie Tyner
- 15 Jennifer Ernst
Melanie Rose
- 22 Ralph & Carole
Sue Graves
- 29 Robert & Ellen
Kendall

Pray Station

- 1 Martha Clements
- 8 Melanie Rose
- 15 May Saxton
- 22 Jennifer Ernst
- 29 Karen Ulan

Counters

- 1 Connie Norberg
Cindy Reid
- 8 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
- 15 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
- 22 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis
- 29 Buckshot Clements
Karen Ulan

Lectionary Readings for October

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 on Sunday.

October 1

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Psalm 19
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Exodus 33:12-23
 Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46



Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2017

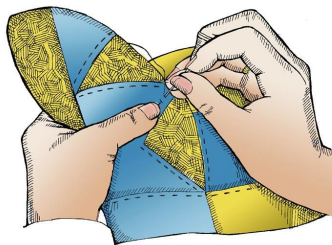
Beginning Balance	\$	20,283.80	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	10,511.50	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 224.00
Expenses	\$	(11,159.22)		
Ending Balance	\$	19,636.08		

Holiday Bazaar Upcoming Events

Fix-It, Make-It Workshop!

Fun, Food, and Friends – We Need Your Help

Join us on Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 am for a fun time as we repair and create things for the Holiday Bazaar.



will fill our tables at the bazaar. We have a job for YOU, so plan to be there to help!



We will have tables set up with supplies to allow you to paint, repair, create, stitch, and mend things that

Calling All Bakers!

Ever felt you wanted to work in a bakery?
 Now is your chance!

Immediately after church on Sunday, November 9, we will be making giant cookies using very large, special cookie molds. We will sell these cookies at the Holiday Bazaar. All ages are invited to join the fun!



cookies



Carole Sue Graves will be our Chief Baker and will demonstrate the process. Yes, we will have a taste test! Come shake and bake with us in our church kitchen.

God's Bounty/God's Creation

**Tour of the Parcell Gardens
Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm
The Home of Lloyd and Alice Parcell**

So many of us have enjoyed vegetables from Alice and Lloyd Parcell's beautiful vegetable garden! We now have an opportunity to visit their gardens! Alice and Lloyd have very graciously offered to give us a tour of their gardens on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm. Their garden tour will be followed by a tour of Lloyd's legendary workshop! Our rain date will be Sunday, October 22.



Please contact Mike & May Saxton at saxton-family@comcast.net if you are interested. It is not necessary to be a member of the God's Bounty/God's Creation Covenant Group to join us!

Healthy Living Covenant Group



On the second Sunday of each month, the Healthy Living Covenant Group is planning a special fellowship celebration. This is in addition to meeting face-to-face two times during each month for yoga or walking. Our first special fellowship celebration was in September with a potluck dinner of healthy dishes. A great time was enjoyed by all! We would like to invite you to join us for yoga, walking, and/or our monthly fellowship celebration. In October, we are tentatively planning a hike followed by a trip to a winery. Be on the lookout in the bulletin for more information!

Coffee Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship this fall. This is a wonderful way to catch up with fellow church members and to welcome visitors after worship. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the East Room.



Looking for OPC Memories!

Do you have pictures or other items in your attic, dresser drawer, photo albums, or elsewhere that relate to the history of Orange Presbyterian Church? Our OPC History Covenant Group would love to see and scan any and all pictures or items! Maybe you have a bulletin that you stuck away that signified an important event, or maybe you have wedding pictures that were taken in the old or new sanctuary!



Church History

In preparation for the 175th anniversary of our church on November 8, 2020, our covenant group is enthusiastically cataloging what we have in regards to our rich church history, researching for information elsewhere, preparing to conduct oral interviews with some of you who know so much about this church, etc.! If you have pictures or anything else that you would like to share, please contact any member of our covenant group - Carol Couch, Nancy Crowder, Dianne Haberland, Winnie Higgins, Shirley Newman, Jim Reid, Jennie Hill Robinson, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, or Anne Somerville.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Leland Lord Library. We would love to have you join us to share your memories!

Women's Conference

**For Everything There Is a Season:
Loving the Life You Are Living
Friday - Saturday, November 3 - 4, 2017
River Road Presbyterian
8960 River Road, Richmond**

This conference features a dynamic speaker, podcaster, and author, Jamie Ivey. Jamie is a wife and mother of four who loves to encourage women to passionately follow Jesus through whatever stage of life, through her writing and weekly podcast called *The Happy Hour with Jamie Ivey*.



For more information, see the Facebook page rvawomensconference2017 or email sdennis@tuckahoepres.org. Cost is \$125 per person.

Alternative Gift Fair to the Holiday Bazaar!

The Mission and Outreach Committee has added the idea of an Alternative Gift Fair to the 2017 Holiday Bazaar. This is a different kind of shopping experience! Gifts are purchased in honor of family, friends, and others. You will have the opportunity to support two local non-profit organizations, Orange County Habitat for Humanity and the Christian Emergency Council. Upon choosing a gift, you will receive a holiday card to present to your family, friends, and others describing the gift you made in their name.

Some reasons to consider alternate giving:

- You're frustrated with trying to find gifts for people who already have everything.
- You'd like to use your resources to make a difference in this world.
- You want to teach your children about giving and sharing.
- You want to put the meaning back into Christmas.
- You're concerned about the people who aren't on anyone's gift list.



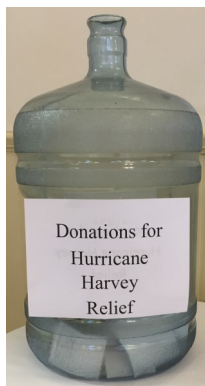
Be on the lookout in the November newsletter for our Alternative Gift shopping list!

Harvey Benefit Dinner & Music

On Saturday, September 9, the OPC Fellowship Hall was full of music and community, with a little spaghetti thrown in! We hosted a fundraising benefit for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Worship and Music Committee sponsored the event, supported by Mission and Outreach and Congregational Care. Amazing music was provided by the Rapidan Pops Ensemble and the Kenwood Jazz and Gospel Players.

This was a free event, but donations were accepted and will be sent to First Presbyterian Church in Orange, Texas to help congregational members with needs following the destruction of hurricane Harvey. We raised \$3,070. Many thanks to all who helped with the dinner and/or supported the effort!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead



Lectionary/Sermon Discussions This Fall!

A number of you indicated last spring, on a survey distributed by the Spiritual Formation Team, that you will be interested in participating in a



Lectionary/Sermon Discussion Covenant Group. This group will meet informally after Worship in the East Room, share reflections on the Lectionary scripture reading of the day and the Sermon, and will conclude before or at 1:00. We will plan to launch this covenant group in October. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex along with your willingness to share the responsibility of facilitating the discussions!

Pastor Nominating Committee



Committee

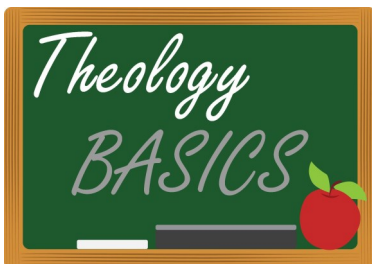
The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to work on the MIF (Ministry Information

Form). We have completed the short answer questions and are working on the essay questions, which provide a description of our church and what we are looking for in a new pastor. We will continue to update you as we progress.

Theology Basics

Tuesdays, Starting October 3 at 6:00 pm

Our Theology Basics class will be on Tuesday evenings starting October 3. We will have a potluck dinner together at 6:00 pm and class should end by 8:00 pm. This will be a five-week course for both newcomers and seasoned members! The class serves as an opportunity to explore Presbyterian essentials and will include a video presentation. Sign up in the church office. The class will only be offered if there are people signed up.



Pray Station Additions!

On the second Sunday of each month, Pray Station will meet after A



Time with the Children in the East Room for a lesson, discussion, and snacks. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 8. The Spiritual Formation Team has chosen Heifer Faith Lessons as our fall curriculum. These faith lessons, through Bible study and discussion, reflect the mission of Heifer International to inspire young people to help build a better world. On the remaining Sundays of the month, Pray Station will continue to meet in the back of the sanctuary following A Time with the Children. On the third and fourth Sundays of each month, Pray Station youth will be helping to collect the offering.

Many thanks to our Pray Station Guides, who serve on a rotating basis - Melanie Rose, Jennifer Ernst, Karen Ulan, May Saxton, Rachel Gibson, Martha Clements, and Ellen Kendall. We welcome additional guides at any time! Please contact Karen Ulan or May Saxton if you are interested or if you have any questions!

Mission Speaker Potluck Luncheon

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to a Mission Speaker Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, October 29, immediately after worship. Our guest speaker will be Tom Pitz, Chairman of the Christian Emergency Council. The Christian Emergency Council provides assistance to Orange County Residents who have emergency needs, such as food, lodging, mediations, and utilities.

Bring a covered dish to share and learn more about this important mission and how Orange County residents in need benefit from our funding.

Thank You

Dear Friends and Family at Orange Presbyterian,

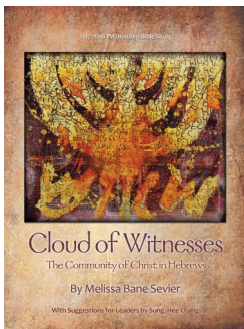
We would like to wholeheartedly thank you for all of the donations that you have given to our students this year. We are so appreciative and fortunate to have people like you in our community supporting us. Thank you!

Orange Elementary School Staff & Students



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Presbyterian Women



The Morning Circle meets on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30 am in the East Room. Everyone is welcome. The 2017-2018 Presbyterian Women Bible study is *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Carole Sue Graves will lead the lesson “In Community with the Living God,” and Winnie Higgins will provide refreshments. For more information contact Ellen Kendall (672-3081).

Prayer Concerns

- Wayne Woods, friend of Charles Campbell
- Rialand and Veronica Tucker
- Dwight Calhoun



- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley