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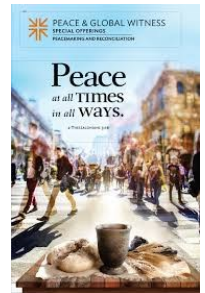
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Peace & Global Witness Offering

October 7, 2018

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. The whole church joins together through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically the use of child soldiers.



Fifty percent of this offering is used at the national level, 25% by the Presbytery, and 25% is kept and used locally.

We will collect this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018.

World Communion/Commitment Sunday

October 7, 2018



World Communion/Commitment Sunday is October 7, 2018. Please come to this special worship service recognizing the power of God in the World. We will also take the opportunity to commit to the Lord the work that the Orange Presbyterian Church will be doing in our community in 2019. Commitment packets will be available in the narthex after the service and a special slideshow will be shown in the East Room during Coffee Fellowship following the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Dedication Sunday

October 21, 2018

Please come to this dedication service of your 2019 commitment packets. During the service, we will bring our packets forward to be placed on the communion table and dedicated to doing God's work in 2019. We hope you will join us.

Yard Sale and Bake Sale

The church yard sale and bake sale were a tremendous success! We made \$1,975.68 for use by our preschool. Having most of you involved in some way made it truly an Orange Presbyterian Church effort. You assisted with planning, contributing items, pricing items, moving items to the Fellowship Hall, advertising, setting up, cleaning up, buying items, being cashiers, helping customers, and baking. Thanks to each of you for a job well done.

Carol Roop, Billie Mills, Linda Nash, Louise Whitaker, Ellen Kendall, and Mission & Outreach Committee.



Preschool Corner

The month of September has been nothing but pure joy in the preschool this fall. The older children fell back into the routine immediately and were ecstatic to see each other. Our new children are now old friends. Rainy days prevented us from using our playground, but we were lucky enough to have two sunny Wednesdays for our walk to the library.

The younger class adapted to preschool from the first day. There have been moments when the room is unusually quiet because they are so busy doing

their jobs (playing!).

Both classes made applesauce and worked on shapes, colors, and name recognition. The four year olds have begun letter/sound recognition and name writing.

Fingers crossed for some dry weather and happy fall!

Mrs. Ski



October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday	1 <i>Scott Ernst</i> 	2	3	4 <i>Robert Vasquez</i>  4:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation	5 <i>Irwin Sherman</i> 	6 <i>Taylor Mills</i> 
7 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Peace & Global Witness Offering Communion</i> 12:30 Hike & Gather	8 <i>Ann Taylor Jones</i>  7:00 History Group	9 10:30 Morning Circle	10 <i>May Saxton</i>  6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	11 <i>Will Barnes</i>  6:00 Finance	12 <i>Jordyn Thomas</i> 	13 9:00 Fall Clean-Up
14 <i>Susan Southard</i>  11:00 Worship	15	16 <i>Evelyn Scott</i>  7:00 Session	17 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	18	19 <i>Lee Nash</i> 	20
21 <i>Dedication Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Mission Potluck Luncheon	22 <i>Jennie Hill Robinson</i> 	23	24 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	25	26	27
28 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	29	30 <i>Martin Dodson</i> 	31 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	1 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation 6:00 Covenant Review	2	3

Greeters

7 Millie Tyner
14 Robert & Ellen Kendall
21 Anne Somerville
28 Buckshot & Margie Clements

Acolytes

7 Ryder Rose
14 Taylor Gibson
21 Nathan Norberg
28 Matthew Gibson

Nursery Helpers

7 Lynn Clements
Rachel Gibson
14 Martha & Anne Clements
21 Karen Ulan
Ryder Rose
28 Alice Parcell
Melanie Rose

Pray Station

7 May Saxton
14 Tiffany Burchette
21 Ellen Kendall
28 Martha Clements

Counters

7 Connie Norberg
Cindy Reid
14 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
21 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
28 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis

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 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 14

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 21

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Session Meeting Highlights



As part of our September session meeting, we collectively celebrated everyone's birthdays with cupcakes and lemonade.

Other highlights of our meeting included:

- We continue to review revisions of our OPC Administrative Manual. We reviewed and approved our Wedding Policy and the Duties of the Wedding Facilitator.
- Elder Amy McClung reported as our elected commissioner to the August 7 Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the James.
- The Worship and Music Committee will be asking the congregation to purchase copies of the new purple hymnal, Glory to God in honor or in memory of a loved one. Name plates will be placed in the newly purchased hymnals.
- Congregational Care reported that proceeds from the lobster sale, in the amount of \$150.87, will benefit the Music Fund.
- The OPC History Covenant Group requested that \$271.01 from the Memorial Fund be used to frame an architectural rendering of our new sanctuary. The motion was approved.
- A discussion of the responsibilities of the newly formed Discipleship Team involved specific needs for the 2019 Stewardship Commitment Drive. Elder McClung will devise a plan for this drive, to be implemented in October. Be on the lookout for details!
- A recommendation was approved from Mission and Outreach that a potluck lunch be held on Sunday, September 23, to hear about ACT (A Community Trusts) Loans. The objective of this new program is to provide affordable loans to our financially struggling neighbors who are the working poor. The Christian Emergency Council is a partner in this endeavor.
- A recommendation had been approved via email vote to use \$2,700 from the Capital Improvements Fund for the purpose of patching, filling cracks, and sealing the church driveway.
- Recommendations had been approved via email vote to approve expenditures from the Administrative Pastor Emergency Assistance budget for temporary housing for a homeless individual.
- A recommendation for the use of our Fellowship Hall for a Young Life middle school group, Wyldlife weekly meeting on Thursday evenings was approved.
- A draft of the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School - Orange Presbyterian Church Relationship Statement was reviewed and approved as an amended document to be reviewed by the preschool board of directors. Final approval of the document by session will be at our October meeting. A legal review will follow before final ratification of the document.

Please take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 2018 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. Nancy Crowder, Joanna Davies, Amy McClung, Shirley Newman, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator).

Behavioral Covenant for Our Church Family

This covenant was adopted by our session on May 19, 2016. The session reviewed this covenant at our September Stated Session Meeting. It is a powerful document and a wonderful reminder of our promises to God, our church family, and to each other. It is a great piece for reflection.

Our Promises to God

We promise to pray, alone and together, to thank God and to ask for God's help in our lives and in our work for our Church. We promise to listen and wait for God's answer.

Our Promises to Our Church Family

We promise as leaders to love and respect our members, to celebrate our differences and encourage the participation of all in the life of our church. We promise to support the mission of our church family, to do God's work in our community and in the world.

Our Promises to Each Other

We promise to respect and care for each other, to put a priority on trust and openness to create a safe haven for discussion and problem-solving.

While being mindful of our past, we promise to embrace change. We promise to look for new opportunities in the midst of disruption, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all matters.

We promise to actively resolve conflicts with love. We promise to have the courage to disagree, and respect viewpoints that disagree with ours. We promise to be open to compromise, considering all options to discern the path God wants us to travel.

We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit at our meetings. We therefore promise to embrace the final decisions of the Session, whether they reflect our views or not, accepting that we were led to these decisions by God.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Your PNC has now been at work, meeting weekly, for 12 months. During that time, we have received and reviewed 127 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs). Why so many with no success? They come to us from all over the United States through a PC(USA) clearing house. Most of these candidates have never heard of Orange VA, and the match would not be a good fit for them or for us. We have followed up on promising ones with phone interviews, a Skype interview, and one visit to our church. There have been situations where the promising candidate could not relocate because of family obligations, spousal job conflicts, or health problems. Some simply failed to reply to our communications of interest.

It does get discouraging. The committee was told at the onset that it was not unusual for the process to take 12 to 18 months. Please bear with us. We continue to work diligently on your behalf to find the best candidate. Your interest, your patience, and your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Lynn Clements, Rachel Gibson, Cindy Reid, May Saxton, Louise Whitaker



Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	51,421.38	Other Contributions:		
Income	\$	10,637.20	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	208.00
Expenses	\$	5,793.35	Music Fund	\$	448.56
Ending Balance	\$	56,265.23	Mission Trip Fund	\$	1,500.00

Spiritual Formation

The Spiritual Formation Team plans to sponsor several eight-week focus groups this year:

- Fall Focus (October-November): Hike and Gather series (hike a local trail then gather at someone's house or vineyard for some fellowship after - join us for either or both!)
 - Kickoff activity: Sunday, October 7 after Coffee Fellowship. We'll take a short hike on the White Oak Canyon Trail, followed by a gathering at DuCard Vineyard, Etlan for their Vines and Bines Fest. Music will be provided by Henry and food by Two Brothers Southwestern Grill. Please let Martha, Mike, or May know if you are planning to join us!
- The Sermon Discussion Group from last year will return as an eight week focus group, date to be determined.
- Other possibilities:
 - January-February - Dave Ramsey book discussion, *The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness*.

Please talk with Martha Clements, Karen Ulan, Sandy McLeod, May Saxton, and/or Mike Saxton with any ideas, suggestions, or questions!



Pray Station is open for the new year! Our fall theme is Bible Heroes! In September, we learned about David and Goliath through scripture, games, videos, songs, a Readers' Theatre and more! In October, Noah will be our hero. Many thanks to each of our guides: Martha Clements, Karen Ulan, Rachel Gibson, Melanie Rose, May Saxton, Tiffany Burchette, and Ellen Kendall. If you are interested in being a guide, please contact Martha Clements, May Saxton, or Melanie Rose. We have a detailed curriculum which is easy to follow!

Lobster Sale Update

Our Lobster Sale went smoothly! Plenty of orders were placed and pick-up was a simple task. We have \$150.87 to use toward our Music Fund. Thanks for your support and to Al and Lee Packard for traveling and purchasing the lobsters!

Coffee Fellowship

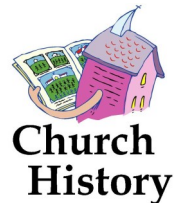
Remember to recruit some friends and sign up to host the Coffee Fellowship this fall. Spots are filling up fast!



History Covenant Group

Monday, November 12 at 7:00 pm

The History Covenant Group will meet next on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 pm in the East Room. We only have 2 years until we celebrate the 175th anniversary of OPC in November 2020! We will be celebrating before we know it! Please join us as we gather information about OPC's history in preparation for anniversary remembrances.



Pastoral Support

If you find yourself in need of pastoral support, please remember that your church family is here for you. You can call the church office, call your shepherd, contact May Saxton if you want your prayers put on the prayer chain, or call one of the chairs of the Congregational Care Committee (Pat Stewart or Ellen Kendall). We are not alone just because we don't have a full-time Pastor. If you have any questions or concerns, we are here.

- Pat Stewart – 540-672-0365, pstewart0287@earthlink.net
- Ellen Kendall – 540-672-3081, ellen_kendall@woodberry.org
- May Saxton – 540-661-7694, saxton-family@comcast.net

Domestic Violence Awareness

As you read this sentence, a woman in the United States has become the victim of assault. Every 9 seconds, another woman is beaten or abused. Every 9 seconds.

It is a reality for 1 in 4 women who will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. It happens mostly at home, behind closed doors. It's not usually reported to the police. That doesn't mean it isn't visible, and it doesn't mean future generations are unaffected. Fifty percent of all women who are homeless report domestic violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness. Children who witness domestic violence are far more likely to be abusers or the abused when they grow up.

Domestic violence happens to people in all walks of life, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, education, or socioeconomic status. Look around your community. One in four women. Think about that statistic. Every 9 seconds.

In this community we have SAFE, Services for Abused Families. They provide shelter for women and children who need it; they provide counseling and job skills workshops. SAFE works in all 5 counties of our Planning District.

Last year, SAFE talked with 103 people from Orange County. They provided advocacy services for 44 adults and 14 children. They gave emergency shelter to 4 adults and 8 children. The 24-Hour Hotline is 540-825-8876. All calls are confidential. Remember that people who suffer from domestic violence can be anywhere - in our church, in our place of work, in our circle of friends, in our families.

Here at Orange Presbyterian Church, we gather needed supplies to send to the Shelter. What might you need if you ran from home with your children in the middle of the night, afraid for your life?

During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness month, OPC will highlight the services SAFE provides. When the items listed below are donated, it frees up funds to provide counseling, advocacy, and shelter services. Look for the house shaped box in the East Room for your donations.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES:

- Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)
- Disinfectant Spray
- Air Freshener
- Laundry Detergent (HE only)
- Bleach/Dryer Sheets
- Trash bags
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap

ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

- Baby Food/Formula
- Baby Wash/Shampoo/Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers and Pull-Ups (All Sizes)

FOOD:

- Canned Juice/Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Coffee/Tea
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce



OFFICE:

- Tape
- Pens
- Postage Stamps
- Post-Its
- Light Bulbs
- Copy Paper
- Grocery Store and Gas Gift Cards

PERSONAL/HYGIENE HEALTH:

- First Aid Supplies
- Non-Alcohol Cold Medicines
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Ibuprofen (Advil)
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- African American and Hispanic Hair Products
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant/Body Wash
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Mission Luncheon

Sunday, October 21, 2018
Immediately following Worship

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to a Mission Luncheon on Sunday, October 21, immediately following worship. Come have lunch on us while enjoying a presentation by our guest speaker, Barbara Gaddy. Ms. Gaddy is associated with



Childhelp, a residential facility for children and youth in Lignum, VA, that is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of abuse. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the important work of this facility. We will save a seat for you!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

We had a successful blood drive in September despite the change of date and time. We collected 21 pints of lifesaving blood. Thanks to all of our donors!



American Red Cross

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, November 8 from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. Remember to eat plenty of iron-rich foods and stay hydrated in the days before your donation. You can make an appointment at www.redcross.org, download the app to make your appointment, or just walk in. We hope to see you there!

Holiday Bazaar

November 30 and December 1, 2018

Share your time and talents to help individuals in our community. All profits will be split between Orange Presbyterian Church, Christian Emergency Council, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Let us know how you can help.



- I can make soup for the café and/or assist in serving.
- I can attend a Craft Club workshop.
- I will donate baked or canned goods for sale.
- I plan to make the following craft items: _____
- I can help with set up on days prior to the bazaar.
- I can assist with the Greenery Workshop.
- I can assist with cleanup after the bazaar on Sunday after worship.
- I can be available during the bazaar to assist customers or collect payments.
- I will assist in another way: _____

Share with us what you are working on. You may leave completed items in a safe, locked area or return them to us the week of the bazaar so we can price and display them.

Your items will be very important to the success of this Holiday Bazaar mission and we very much appreciate any help you can provide in this area.

Name _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SHIRLEY NEWMAN OR PAT STEWART, OR THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX LABELED "HOLIDAY BAZAAR."



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Presbyterian Women

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9 at 10:30 am in the East Room. The 2018-2019 Presbyterian Women Bible study is *God's Promise: I Am with You*. Lesson two is God with Us in Our Uncertainty. Joanna Davies will lead the lesson, and Winnie Higgins will provide food. If you have any questions or interest in an evening circle for this year please contact Ellen Kendall (672-3081).

Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 am

Join the Property Committee on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 am to work on our church. There are plenty of jobs available for everyone. Wear clothes to get dirty and enjoy some fellowship!



Prayer Concerns

- Dot and Ed Marks as they travel to PA
- Lloyd Parcell
- Jennifer Ernst
- Trish, Joanna's friend
- Wanda, Lavinia's friend
- Ethel, Suzanne's mother
- Gary Dye
- Rachel Saxton



- Dwight Calhoun
- Natural disaster victims
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Family and friends of Syd Palmer, who died on Sunday, September 23. A service and reception will be held at OPC on Friday, October 5 at 2:00 pm.