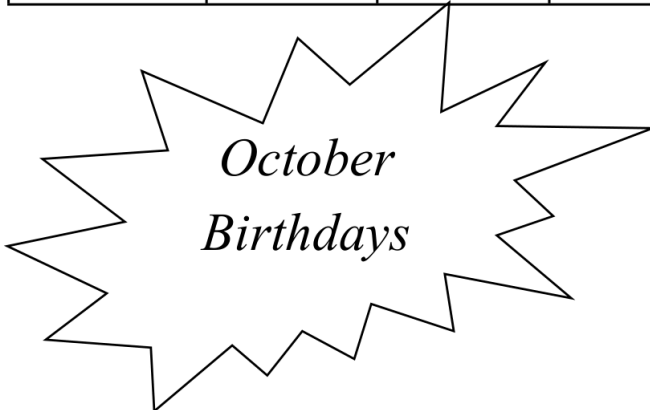


highlights

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 Worship <i>Dedication and communion</i>	4 Pastor Rebekah away	5 Pastor Rebekah away	6 Pastor Rebekah away	7 Pastor Rebekah away 5:00 Property and Safety	8	9
10 10:00 Worship Pastor Rebekah away	11 5:00 Movement of the Spirit	12	13 7:00 Matthew 25 Study	14 7:00 Finance	15	16 Presbytery meeting online
17 10:00 Worship	18	19 7:00 Session Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 Worship <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> <i>5 cents a meal</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 Worship <i>Reformation Sunday</i>						



- Bob Vasquez 10/4
- Irwin Sherman 10/5
- Taylor Mills 10/6
- May Saxton 10/10
- Susan Southard 10/14
- Evelyn Scott 10/16
- Lee Nash 10/19
- Jennie Hill Robinson 10/22
- Martin Dodson 10/30





Pastor's Ponderings



Who should we remember?

The session is asking for your help. Our Memorial Fund is an excellent resource for community ministry. What gifts should we make with Memorial Fund money -- and who do we want to remember with these gifts?

The session discussed the possibility of an art student scholarship to the Orange Art Center in memory of Joyce Palmer. Or perhaps a donation to the Community Chorus in memory of Lavinia Phelps. These are but two examples.

What ideas do you have? Contact me, or any session member with your suggestions!



Did you know that OPC has a podcast?

Church Work Orange is a conversational style podcast with Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley and music director, Chelsea Holt. You can hear them talk about the preparation of weekly services, experiences unique to rural churches, and more! New episodes are released every Monday.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance: 23,592.33
Income: 6,342.50
Expenses: 5,287.89
Ending balance: 24,646.94

5 Cents A Meal: 292.70
Memorial: 738.07
Scholarship: 9,175.53



Socktober is back!

Please join us in filling our Blessing Line with new socks for our friends and neighbors.

Socks may be added to the blessing line or dropped off in the narthex. Thank you for all your help last year!



1999

The family of Joseph A. Hebrance established a memorial scholarship in his name. Mr. Hebrance, who died in 1985, was a well-loved member of Orange Presbyterian Church.

The scholarship is to help deserving students in the church family. High school graduates who wish to continue their education (either in college or at a trade school) are eligible. The session administers the Hebrance Fund and awards scholarships on a year-by-year basis.

2000

August saw the establishment and goals of three Endowment Funds.

“As a means of glorifying God and encouraging the church’s members and friends to further the church’s benevolent purposes through planned gifts, devises, and bequests, three Endowment Funds (EFs) are hereby established by the Session of the Orange Presbyterian Church.

In establishing the EFs, the Session has created permanent reserve accounts, separate from the annual operating budget, which will be invested and used for the following purposes: The Mission and Benevolence Fund, The Building and Property Fund, and the Joseph A. Hebrance Scholarship Fund.”

At the December session meeting, a resolution was read. It thanked Lois Shanks for her 29 years of faithful service as church organist and choir director. The session adopted it by acclamation.

2001

OPC purchased a portion of the President Madison Inn’s parking lot. This gave the church access to Willis Property from Brooking Street.

A discussion opened about the size of the session. Some suggested a smaller session would fit the congregation better. It would also allow for more intimate conversations. And it would let the session work more efficiently. The proposal phased down the session to a total of twelve members.

The church received a total of \$193,360 for the sale of the Hamilton estate.

2002

Atwell W. Somerville resigned as Trustee of OPC. He had served since 1951, a tenure of over fifty years. The session with earnest regret received and accepted his resignation. They responded with a Resolution of Appreciation for his service.

The session received a letter from Jill Crowder. She expressed her concern and passion for the church’s Christian education program. At her suggestion, the session designated up to \$30,000 from the Hamilton Fund for a task force. The funds were for hiring a Director of Christian Education (DCE)/Youth Pastor. This would be part of a two-year pilot program.

2003

The session discussed charging local businesses for the use of the church's parking lot. The Session decided to ask for an annual contribution of \$200 towards the upkeep of the parking lot.

It was noted how much work Fred Sherman and W. A. Sherman Co. did maintain the church and the parking lot in good condition. A letter of appreciation for this work was sent to Fred Sherman on behalf of the session.

2004

There was concern that our church may be “dying on the vine” and needs to attract young adults and families. The Worship Committee was tasked with exploring alternative/contemporary worship service. The committee would report their findings in 2005.

Rev. William W. Nickels announced it was time for a transition. His last Sunday at OPC was February 13, 2005.

2005

Rev. Elizabeth McCrary was approved for OPC as interim pastor.

The Property Committee discussed the purchase of 40 feet of property from President Madison Inn. This was to expand the parking lot.

2006

The session approved \$2,500 for new choir robes.

The congregation voted 69-3 to extend the call to Dr. Denise Hall to be the new pastor at OPC.

It was approved unanimously for OPC to fund six participants on the New Orleans mission trip.

2008

In January, the congregation approved an exchange of properties at its annual meeting. OPC would give the Sherman family the Willis property, including its structure. In return, the Shermans would give the church their parcels on Brooking Street.

Craig Jacobs was compensated for lost sales from Willis House salvage in the amount of \$2,350. OPC contributed \$500 from the Willis account to the Orange Baptist Church in Craig's name for their mission work.



In October there was a gleaning at the Haberlands' farm.

2009

The house on the Brooking Street parcel is not in good enough condition for rental use. The Property Committee recommended two options. The church should either find a buyer willing to move the house or demolish the structure.

In December, the Mission and Outreach Committee held their Christmas Bazaar. The event raised just over \$4,000 for Habitat for Humanity.