



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

October 2019

### Inside this issue:

<i>Pastor's Ponderings</i>	2
<i>Preschool Corner</i>	2
<i>Calendar</i>	3
<i>Lectionary Readings</i>	4
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	4
<i>Church Clean-Up Day</i>	4
<i>Craft Club</i>	4
<i>2019 Gleaning and Hayride</i>	4
<i>Downtown Trick or Treat</i>	4
<i>Session Meeting Highlights</i>	5
<i>Join the OPC Safety Team</i>	5
<i>A Celebration of Successes</i>	6
<i>A Celebration (cont.)</i>	7
<i>175th Anniversary</i>	7
<i>Yard Sale a Success</i>	7
<i>Presbyterian Women</i>	8
<i>Holiday Bazaar</i>	8
<i>Prayer Concerns</i>	8

## World Communion Sunday and the Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides exposure to active peacemakers as well as education and resources to empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers, themselves. These collective efforts support resources in dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.



World Communion Sunday is an invitation; an invitation to join in God's reign of peace. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, invites us - invites you - to the table of grace. Christ also invites believers from all over the world, in every time and place, to join us. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all - despite our differences, experiences, and pasts - to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God's justice. Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God's people in Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and the USA, as our hands serve women experiencing abuse, our words bear peace to the incarcerated, and our relationships enable conversations of reconciliation to begin.

We will collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

### Orange Presbyterian Church

162 West Main Street  
Orange, VA 22960  
540-672-4240

E-mail:  
opc@orangeopc.org

Website:  
orangeopc.org

## Upcoming Events at OPC

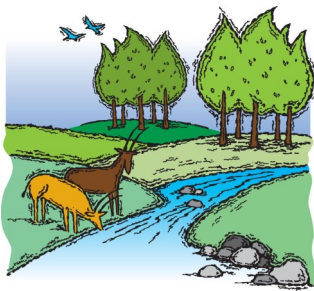
- Saturday, October 19, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Church Clean-Up Day (inside and outside at OPC)
- Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 am - Montpelier Seasonal Stroll (\$10 per person ages 7 and up. Purchase tickets online.)
- Saturday, October 26, 9:00 to 11:00 am - Craft Club (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, October 27, 3:00 pm - Gleaning and Hayride (Haberland Farm)
- Thursday, October 31, 4:00 pm - Downtown Trick or Treat (Main Street)



## Pastor's Ponderings

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

In the beginning God created the world and all that is in it, out of love. As created beings, humans have been tasked with sowing God's love throughout history. While more often than not humans fail in this pursuit, we are still given this task. Therefore we must continue sowing God's love with God's help. Part of this task is acknowledging that all we have been given, has been given to us by the creator, out of love. God is a God of abundance and through God's love we are abundantly provided for. This is the story we must share. We can share this story by living lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us. We do this by continuing to tell the story of God's love for the world through the giving of our various gifts.



That is precisely what we will be doing this stewardship season – we will continue to tell the story of God's abundance and God's love for us all. For the next month we will be hearing the story of God's abundant love for the world

through familiar stories. From the story of creation we will see how God created all things and gave humanity the task of being good stewards of this creation. From the story of the covenant after the flood, we will see God's abundant generosity and promise of life to humanity. From the story of Israel wondering in the desert, we will see God's provision even in times we consider to be lean. From the story of the seeds and lilies we will see how God knows exactly what we need when we need it. From the parable of the mustard seed we will see how even when we think we have little to give God can still use our gifts for God's work. Finally, on November 10, Stewardship Sunday, we will look to the future and consider the story God calls us to continue. Throughout this stewardship season listen for the stories of how God provides. Listen for the stories of God's abundance. Listen for the stories of God's love.

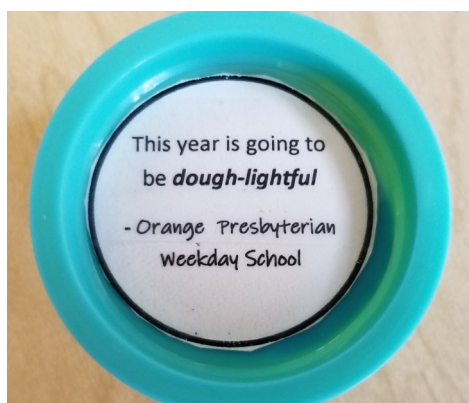


And listen for ways God is calling you to share this story. Consider how God is moving through this worshipping body to continue God's story of abundant love. Everything we have, has been given to us by such a generous creator. How can is God calling us all to give back to the story of love? I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rebekah

## Preschool Corner

Our first month of preschool has been wonderful. The older children adjusted quickly to their new teachers and loved seeing their friends again. Our



younger class is smaller, but our little class is becoming great friends.

Fall is such a great time of the year and we look forward to more time outside. We begin

our trips to the library on October 9, so we are excited to begin our Wednesday walks for as long as the weather cooperates.



Both classes have been working on shapes, colors and name recognition. Our older class is working on more letters, sounds, and writing their names. Both classes are currently involved in 'apple week' and we have enjoyed learning about all things apple related. The older class baked miniature apple pies and I must say, our preschool room smelled great!

Happy Fall to everyone!

Mrs. Kim

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Indicates Birthday</b>		1  <i>Scott Ernst</i> 4:00 W&M	2 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	3 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:30 Covenant Review 6:00 Property	4  <i>Bob Vasquez</i>	5  <i>Irwin Sherman</i>
6  <i>Taylor Mills</i> 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	7	8 10:30 Morning Circle 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 Session	9	10  <i>May Saxton</i> 7:00 Finance	11	12
13 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship 12:15 PB&JAM	14  <i>Susan Southard</i> 7:00 History Group	15	16  <i>Evelyn Scott</i> 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	17	18	19  <i>Lee Nash</i> 9:00 Clean-Up Day
20 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship	21	22  <i>Jennie Hill Robinson</i>	23 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	24	25	26 9:00 Craft Club
27 9:45 Faith Exploration 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 PB&JAM 3:00 Hay Ride and Gleaning	28	29	30  <i>Martin Dodson</i> 5:00 Preschool Board 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	31 4:00 Downtown Trick or Treat Event	1	2

## Greeters

6 The Rose Family  
 13 Dot Marks  
 20 Ralph and Carole Sue Graves  
 27 Lynn and Anne Clements

## Acolytes

6 John Huerta  
 13 Anne Clements  
 20 Matthew Gibson  
 27 Taylor Gibson

## Nursery Helpers

6 Melanie and Ryder Rose  
 13 Robert Kendall May Saxton  
 20 Melanie and Ryder Rose  
 27 Melanie Rose and Anne Clements

## Counters

6 Connie Norberg Anne Somerville  
 13 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves  
 20 Louise Whitaker Karen Ulan  
 27 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis

## Youth FE

6 Rachel Gibson  
 13 Melanie Rose  
 20 Sharon Mohrmann  
 27 Ellen Kendall

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

## October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26  
 Psalm 137  
 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Luke 17:5-10

## October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
 Psalm 66:1-12  
 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
 Luke 17:11-19

## October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
 Psalm 119:97-104  
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
 Luke 18:1-8

## October 27

Joel 2:23-32  
 Psalm 65  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Luke 18:9-14

## Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	28,433.22
Income	\$	10,116.01
Expenses	\$	14,259.19
Ending Balance	\$	24,290.04

Other Contributions:		
5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	184.00
Memorial Fund	\$	521.00
Music Fund	\$	531.73
OPC Weekday School Fund	\$	5,050.00
Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$	1,145.68

## Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 19  
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Please join us as we clean and repair the church building and grounds. We will work inside and outside. Wear comfortable clothes and be ready to work. Come one, come all!

## Craft Club

Saturday, October 26  
 9:00 to 11:00 am



Join Craft Club on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall as they package dried herbs and finish the gingerbread men from last month to sell at the Bazaar. We will also make Presbyterian Relish. Join in the fun!

## 2019 Gleaning and Hayride

Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 pm



Join us for a gleaning and hayride on Saturday the 27th. Gleaning is the custom of allowing the poor to follow the reapers in the fields and collect the fallen spears of grain to take as their own, as illustrated in the book of Ruth.

Bring a dish to share and we will gather for fellowship.

## Downtown Trick or Treat

Thursday, October 31  
 4:00 to 6:00 pm



We will set up a table on Main Street for the Downtown Trick or Treat event on Thursday, October 31 at 4:00 pm. We will hand out candy and pencils that say OPC. You are welcome to join in on the fun and see all the children enjoy the day. Feel free to dress up yourself!



# Session Meeting Highlights



- Rebekah announced the theme for the 2019 Stewardship Season, “Tell the Story.”
- The session elected Carole Sue Graves OPC’s commissioned elder for the October 19 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the James. Joanna Davies was elected designated alternate.
- The session had approved a move to an improved email system in the spring. The Communications Team reported they were ready for the next round of testing. The session agreed to be part of the test email recipients.
- The session approved paying Karen Ulan as Nursery Supervisor for the remainder of 2019 and for her background check from the Reserve Fund.
- The session approved a request from the Mission and Outreach Committee to transfer \$1,000 from the Benevolence Endowment fund into a mission pass-through account. This money will be presented to the Mission Benevolence Fund when their representative comes to speak to our congregation in November.
- The session approved a request from the Mission and Outreach Committee to move \$300 from the Benevolence Account to a mission pass-through account. This money will be used to:
  - Pay for OPC-branded “Jesus Loves Me” pencils to be given out at the Orange Downtown Alliance Halloween event.
  - Pay for Orange Weekday School teachers for childcare services during a Valentine’s Day Parent’s Night Out. Free childcare will be offered to parents of young children who are either members of OPC or have enrolled their children in the Weekday School.
- Mission and Outreach Committee moved that OPC become a PCUSA Matthew 25 congregation. Such congregations agree to focus one of three things: building congregational vitality; dismantling structural racism; and/or eradicating systemic poverty. The motion was tabled pending additional study to determine which of these we would take on.
- Since the Session was in agreement for OPC to become a Matthew 25 congregation, Mission and Outreach Committee’s request for \$200 to a mission pass-through account was approved. These funds would be used to purchase Matthew 25 pins for the congregation.
- The session approved a clean-up checklist submitted by the Property Committee. This checklist will be posted in the kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall for outside groups using the facilities to follow.
- The session approved a request from the Property Committee to transfer \$500 from the Hazard Fund to touch-up the finish on the Fellowship Hall floor.
- The session received a report on the replacement costs for the sanctuary’s air conditioning unit. It approved the application of a PCUSA Small Church Grant to help cover costs. The grant request is for \$5,000.
- The Pastor Support Team continues to meet once a month on average.

Check 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 meeting 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 be planning emergency procedures for OPC, along with addressing other safety concerns for our church family. Lynn Clements will be leading this effort, with recruitment underway for additional team members. Contact Lynn for more information!



# A Celebration of our Successes!!

We have a lot of great things going on at OPC! On Sunday, October 13, you are invited to help our session committees/teams celebrate during Coffee Fellowship! All of these groups need additional members to share the service to our church family and our community.

- Be ready to ask questions of our chair people and our liaisons!
- Be ready to step up and join a committee/team as we carry on and add to the very important ministries of OPC!!



**Communications** - The Communications Team's task is to keep the congregation and the greater community informed of OPC news and events. For the congregation we produce the monthly newsletter, weekly email, and slides for the East Room TV during Coffee Fellowship. For the community, we manage a Facebook page, a Twitter feed, and work with the Orange Review. We also maintain the OPC website, which is averaging 900 visits monthly and is still a work in progress. Look for additional sections and features this coming year. In our newest section, an archive of online sermon recordings, each post averages 80 visits monthly. We are testing an improved email system, and looking to add an Instagram account.

**Congregational Care** - The Congregational Care Committee is responsible for extending the warm expression of our church's care to all members, strengthening the bonds of community and fellowship. This year we have hosted a variety of fellowship opportunities: the Chili Cook-Off, the lobster sale, a farewell coffee fellowship for the Thompsons and Rev. Knox, and will soon be gearing up for the Harvest Dinner. With the help of individuals, committees/teams, and shepherd flocks who have hosted a coffee fellowship this year, Congregational Care is responsible for the coffee fellowship after worship on Sundays and was responsible for our new pastor's meet and greet.

Our committee is responsible for the newsletter and provides "These Days" devotionals in the Narthex each quarter. As usual, the congregation sends notes and gift cards to our college and boarding school students coordinated by the Congregational Care Committee and we present graduation gifts to our high school and college graduates in June. Thanks to the help of Alice Parcell, birthday cards are sent to members throughout the year and we will be purchasing and delivering Christmas gifts to our members who are shut-ins.

**Covenant Review** - The Covenant Review Team is responsible for supporting a covenant relationship between our congregation and staff. This is a group where we work to listen to the Holy Spirit working through our collective body to help Session discern where we are being led relative to plans and staff. The tools we use are goal-setting, the annual congregational survey, and staff and member feedback. Members are nominated for 3 year terms by the nominating committee. If you have an interest, please let a member of the nominating committee know!

**Discipleship** (in need of a chairperson) - This team shall encourage church members to be faithful stewards of their time, abilities, and possessions, and to participate in the ministries of the church. This responsibility includes shepherding the time and talent commitments of members made during the annual stewardship campaign throughout the year along with leading the annual stewardship campaign.

**Finance** - The Finance Committee is responsible for guiding and assisting the church in undertaking all of its financial concerns; for properly recording and acknowledging memorials and gifts, publicizing the need of such gifts, and maintaining a current list of appropriate memorials. This year our role in collecting, counting, depositing, and recording of the congregation's offerings has taken on a support role to ensure this happens: we had to find and train new counters, and find a new treasurer. We also had a difficult time finding someone to perform the independent financial review which is required annually and have had to buy new books to record memorial gifts. We are currently in the process of developing the 2020 annual budget for the church with a goal of being good stewards of the church's money.

**Mission and Outreach** - We serve as the organization within our church that looks for mission opportunities within our communities - local, regional, national, and international. Over this year, we have supported Habitat for Humanity, Love Outreach Food Pantry, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Christian Emergency Council and the ACT Loan Program, our own Blessing Box, and SAFE. We also participate in the four major PCUSA offerings, including One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering, and the Christmas Joy Offering.

The money that we use comes from offerings, our endowment for benevolences, money budgeted by the session, and fundraisers. Our two major fundraisers have been the Yard Sale and the Christmas Bazaar. To get ready for the Bazaar, we hold monthly Craft Club workshops open to the congregation. One wonderful by-product of these workshops is the fellowship. Please join in our committee or our Craft Club.

**Property** - In 2019, the Property Committee oversaw repairs to the inside and outside of Orange Presbyterian Church, including repairs and painting of the Fellowship Hall pillar, painting the railing along the parking lot, and helping get the Preschool new flooring. The committee itself stayed busy with day to day facilities repairs as well as updating fee schedules for use of OPC facilities and forming a cleaning checklist for the Fellowship Hall. We could use some help - come join us!

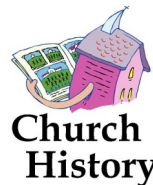
**Safety** - The Safety Team is currently in the formation process, and will be responsible for preparing emergency preparedness procedures for OPC and addressing any other safety concerns that arise.

**Spiritual Formation** - We offered an adult study group in winter 2019 and are doing so again this fall. A Confirmation class is being offered this fall. A Youth Faith Explorers group is meeting this fall, along with a PB (Praise Be) middle and high school youth group and JAM (Jesus And Me) children's group. Join our team as we continue to plan ways to support our church family on their individual journeys of faith.

**Worship and Music** - The Worship and Music Committee is responsible for setting up the sanctuary for worship throughout the ecumenical year, set-up and take-down of communion, the placement of flowers in the sanctuary (including special events like palms for Palm Sunday, lilies for Easter, and poinsettias for Christmas), ordering of special bulletin covers, and devotionals for the season of Lent. The committee supports the music program through the purchase of hymnals, encouraging participation by the congregation in the bell and vocal choirs, as well as involving special musicians in worship services. In 2019, the Worship and Music Committee has also been responsible for hosting the Blended Worship and Worship Redesign Task Force in an effort to prepare the committee and congregation for the arrival of a new minister.

## OPC's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### November 2020



#### Church History

At the August meeting of our History Covenant Group, we started to make a list of activities for our 175<sup>th</sup> 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, along with opening the Time Capsule! We plan to invite former and inactive members. We would love to hear your additional ideas! Please contact 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!

Join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the East Room!

P.S. We are looking for a fireproof safe or filing cabinet for the storage of our OPC historical books and documents. Please let anyone in the history group know if you have some leads!

## Yard Sale a Success

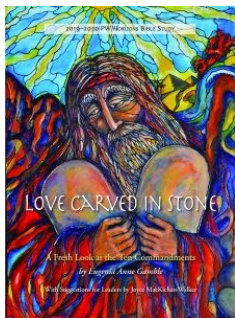
Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make our yard sale a big success once again. We netted \$2,500 which will be divided among Orange County Habitat for Humanity, The Christian Emergency Council and our preschool.

In doing this, we also provided a service for many in our community. The buyers were delighted to find such good deals, the contributors were pleased to have an outlet for their items, the Wednesday patrons were grateful for the free leftovers, our many workers seemed to have a good time, and the beneficiaries will, we're sure, put the proceeds to good use to many others in the community. Again, thank you.



Presbyterian Perspectives (ISSN) is published monthly by Orange Presbyterian Church, 162 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960, Pub. # USPS 6040-20, Periodical postage paid at Orange, VA. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Presbyterian Perspectives, 162 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960

## Presbyterian Women



The morning circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will be discussing Lesson Two, *Don't Trivialize My Name*, from Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. Winnie Higgins will lead the lesson and Carole Sue Graves will provide refreshments.

## Holiday Bazaar

The Bazaar is fast approaching. We will have a workshop on Saturday October 19 at 9 am (see page 4). We will need homemade cookies, pies, cakes, brownies, and canned goods, along with homemade soups the week of the Bazaar. If you can help with the Bazaar please contact Shirley Newman, who is soliciting, and maybe conscripting, volunteers.



## Prayer Concerns

- Sandy and Wes, Karen's friends
- Gene Estep and Kay Barkley, Melanie's stepfather and mother
- MOPS/Moms Next of Orange
- Ed Marks
- Martha Clark, Cindy's mother



- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Christopher Wynkoop, upon his death on Sunday, September 29.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Davies family upon the death of Joanna's brother, Mark.