



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

September 2018

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OPC Yard Sale

Our Yard Sale is on Saturday, September 8 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your items to the upstairs Sunday School room before September 1 so they can be priced. Large items or a large quantity of items can be brought directly to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 1 – Tuesday, September 4. Please do not bring items after Tuesday, September 4. If assistance is needed call Louise Whitaker (661-0150). Also, no clothes and no early sales.



Help will be needed after church on September 2 to move the boxes from the Sunday School room to the Fellowship Hall. We'll also need help in the mornings of Monday through Thursday, September 3-6, with unpacking the boxes and arranging the items. If you have questions, give Louise a call.

Ellen Kendall will be organizing a bake sale as part of the yard sale and will welcome all contributions.

Proceeds will go to a Scholarship Fund for the preschool. Our sale will be a success only if we have buyers, so please spread the word and plan to come yourself. There is a treasure waiting just for you!

Spiritual Formation Groups

The Spiritual Formation Team is making plans for the fall!

- Pray Station will be back starting on September 9! Come ready to learn about Bible heroes!
- 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: On Sunday, October 7, we will take a short hike followed by a gathering at DuCard Vineyard, Etlan - Vines and Bines. Watch for details in the bulletin!

- The Sermon Discussion Group will return as an eight-week focus group, start date to be determined.

- Possibly 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!

Sundays in August

Sundays in August were a treat!

On August 5, Rev. Wayne Bernardo installed our new elders, Anne Somerville and Amy McClung, in addition to serving communion. His sermon was on Luke 14, about The Marks of Discipleship.

On August 12, Rev. Rick Clore began a 3-week segment with us, preaching on Ephesians. On this first week, he preached about The Church - Imitators of God.

On August 19, while organist Theresa Torian was away, we were joined by Lyle Sanford's Fun Band and by Trish Johnson as our guest pianist for 3 weeks. Rev. Clore preached about Making the Most of Your Time.

On August 26, Rev. Clore's sermon was called Be Strong in the Lord. We celebrated Nancy Crowder's 80th Birthday with her family after worship in the East Room.

We look forward to September, when Rev. Rich Knox will be with us all month.



Presbyterian Women

Come ONE, Come ALL! The Orange Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle begins Bible study on Tuesday, September 11 at 10:30 am in the East Room. The 2018-2019 Presbyterian Women Bible study is God's Promise: I Am with You. Each month from September through May, we will explore 9 different lessons, concentrating on examples from the Old and New Testaments approaching God's promise. Lesson one is **God with Us Wherever We Are**. Please pick up a Bible study book from the church office.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the East Room for fellowship with a purpose, Bible study, and light refreshments. In December and May we enjoy a potluck luncheon. **Everyone is welcome**. If you have any questions, suggestions, or interest in an evening circle for this year please contact Ellen Kendall (672-3081). Let's begin again in Christ!

Preschool Corner

As I begin my final year as director of the preschool, I'm particularly aware of the joy and excitement that goes with preparing for a new school year. I have high hopes for the best year ever! Our numbers are rather low, but we won't be certain until we open our doors on September 10.

A big thank you goes out to Jeff Curtis at Orange Downtown Alliance for the generous donation of school supplies to us.

We welcome Christine Bodendorf back to our

teaching staff. She will be filling in for Jennifer Ernst while she is recuperating from surgery.


Lastly, we so appreciate all of the time and effort that has gone into our new playground area. We will be out there on the first day!

Looking forward to the sounds of little feet at our door.



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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  <i>Margie Clements</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	3 Labor Day - Office Closed 10:00 - 3:00 Blood Drive	4  <i>Tiffany Burchette</i> <i>Nathan Norberg</i>	5 7:30 Adult Choir	6  <i>Caroline Parcell</i> 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Covenant Review 6:00 Spiritual Formation	7	8 7:00 - 1:00 Yard Sale
9  <i>Cheryl Lewis</i> 11:00 Worship	10  <i>Kim Szydlowski</i> 9:00 First Day of Preschool - 4 Year Old Class	11 9:00 First Day of Preschool - 3 Year Old Class 10:30 Morning Circle	12  <i>Don Davies</i> 7:30 Adult Choir	13 6:00 Finance	14	15  <i>Dot Marks</i> <i>David Woolfrey, Jr.</i>
16  <i>Normie Sanford</i> 11:00 Worship	17  <i>Jack Thompson</i> <i>Charles Campbell</i>	18	19  <i>Amy McClung</i> 7:30 Adult Choir	20  <i>Margaret Somerville</i>	21 Melanie Off	22
23 11:00 Worship	24	25	26 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	27  <i>Lulu Sherman</i>	28	29
30 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	1  <i>Scott Ernst</i>	2	3 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	4  <i>Bob Vasquez</i> <i>Christine Bodendorf</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>	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
2 The Clements Family	2 Ryder Rose	2 Martha & Anne Clements	2 N/A	2 Connie Norberg Cindy Reid
9 Mike & May Saxton	9 Taylor Gibson	9 Melanie Rose Karen Ulan	9 Martha Clements	9 Ralph Graves Dianne Haberland
16 Ted & Suzanne Sherwin	16 Nathan Norberg	16 Alice Parcell Ryder Rose	16 Karen Ulan	16 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
23 Jack & Margaret Thompson	23 Mathew Gibson	23 Jim Reid Millie Tyner	23 Rachel Gibson	23 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis
30 Pat Stewart	30 Anne Clements	30 Robert & Ellen Kendall	30 Melanie Rose	30 Karen Ulan Buckshot Clements

Lectionary Readings for September

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.

September 2

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 23

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 16

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-2

Mark 8:27-38



September 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Session Meeting Highlights

Session did not meet in August, but reviewed minutes from committees that met. A few highlights:

- Finance - We have \$51,421.38 in the General Fund as of July 31, 2018.
- Congregational Care - The annual review of the OPC membership rolls will start at the September committee meeting.
- All committees are preparing to work on the 2019 budget.
- Elder Amy McClung served as our commissioner at a called meeting of the Presbytery of the James on August 7 at Village Presbyterian in Richmond.

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)

Please take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 2018 Stated Session Meetings. Direct any questions to May Saxton, Clerk of Session.



Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	46,521.31	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	12,978.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 209.00
Expenses	\$	8,077.93	Music Fund	\$ 348.56
Ending Balance	\$	51,421.38	Memorial Fund	\$ 3,201.88
			Mission Trip Fund	\$ 1,500.00
			PNC Fund	\$ 2,926.00

Women's Retreat

**A Faith Journey Workshop
September 21 at 6:00 pm - 22 at 5:00 pm
Camp Hanover**

Have you ever stopped to examine your faith journey, or tried to determine how far along the road you've come? Do you need to gain a different perspective of the path on which God has placed your feet?

Retreat Leader Patricia Bord will share the story of her physical and faith transformations that steered her toward a higher perspective of God's hand in her life, then give you the opportunity to explore your own life's journey.

The cost is \$60 per person, and includes lodging and 3 meals. We start with dinner!

Register at www.CampHanover.org/register.

Fall Retreat

**Living Life Abundantly with a Gracious God
September 27, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Camp Hanover**

Join in a day centered around keeping our spirits joyful and positive, our minds and souls alive, and our bodies moving and active!

The retreat will include: a continental breakfast, hymns and camp songs, devotion and Greening our Relationships with Keith and Sally Johnson, Remembering When with Denise Anderson, Folk Dancing with Carson Rhyne, and ending with communion.

The cost is \$20 per person, and includes continental breakfast and a hearty lunch!

Register at www.presbyteryofthejames.com/fall-retreat, select Register.

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

College Students – Addresses Needed



We want to stay in touch with all of our college students. As students return to school, please update the church office with mailing addresses for the fall semester. You can call or email it to opc@orangepc.org.

May God's blessings be on you as you start a new school year!

Help Needed in Our Community



Peter Hemingway, whose wife Amy works with the Orange Downtown Alliance, was in a motorcycle accident last. His lower leg was amputated as a result of his injuries. The family does not have health insurance. Friends and co-workers of his wife have set up a GoFundMe campaign for donations that will be used to pay household bills and/or the hospital and recovery fees while Peter is getting treatment and care. If you would like to make a donation, you may:

- Go to www.gofundme.com and search for Peter Hemingway.
- Go to the ODA page on Facebook, scroll down to Peter's picture and a link to GoFundMe.
- Mail or take a check to the ODA. Make checks payable to Orange Downtown Alliance and put "For Peter Hemingway" in the memo. Deliver checks to the ODA at 130 West Main Street, #201 or mail to ODA, P.O. Box 283, Orange, 22960.

A note of encouragement to Peter and his family would be wonderful and very much appreciated.

Blessing Box

This message was found in the Blessing Box Wednesday afternoon: "God Bless You All. We appreciate all your help. We are a strong hardworking Christian family that is struggling financially. This really helps. Thanks!"

Remember to keep bringing items in for the box – things go fast!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, September 3
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall**



OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Please note the date and time change!** For anyone who wants to donate, please stay well hydrated that day and maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet leading up to your donation. You can call, visit the Web site, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Thanks to each of you for your prayers for the PNC and our church family as we continue our search for a new pastor. We are providing below a continuation of the scripture readings and prayer ideas from the August newsletter.



Week of September 2

Scripture Reading: **John 15:9-15**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ.**

Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

Week of September 9

Scripture Reading: **John 15:16-17**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for her next pastor.**

Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee to be blessed with answered prayers.

Week of September 16

Scripture Reading: **Jeremiah 29:11-13**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that he is in control of the church's future.**

Week of September 23

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 139:23-24**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for members of the Pastor Nominating Committee to have hearts that are pure as they work through the pastor search process.**

Pray for our future pastor to maintain a pure life before God.

Week of September 30

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 6:10-11**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process. Pray for God's protection on the pastor nominating committee and the church.**

We deeply appreciate your continuing support and prayers!

Rachel, Cindy, Louise, Lynn, and May

Worship Services in September

Below is a list of our guest pastor and service volunteers for the month of September. We will let you know by Thursday of the week of services what is needed of you on Sunday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Pastor</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
9/2	Rev. Rich Knox	Sharon Mohrmann	Greg Wynkoop	Chris Wynkoop
9/9	Rev. Rich Knox	Martha Clements	Jim Reid	Jim Reid
9/16	Rev. Rich Knox	Connie Norberg	Margaret Thompson	Margaret Thompson
9/23	Rev. Rich Knox	Rachel Gibson	Carole Sue Graves	Carole Sue Graves
9/30	Rev. Rich Knox	May Saxton	May Saxton	May Saxton

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Stewart or Al Packard.

Thank You

Dear OPC Family,

We are overwhelmed with your support, love, and prayers during our time of loss. Thank you very much for the beautiful potted house arrangements.

We are so thankful our mother/grandmother has been reunited with her loved ones in our eternal home. We feel comforted she is with her Lord and Savior. We are very grateful for your generosity.

The Gibson and Samuels family



OPC History Covenant Group



The OPC History Covenant Group will meet next on **Monday, September 10** at 7:00 pm in the East Room. Some very nice interior pictures of the old sanctuary will be shared! Ideas for framing the architectural rendering of the new sanctuary will be discussed.

Please join us as we gather information about OPC's history in preparation for our 175th anniversary in November 2020!

Craft Club

Craft Club met on Saturday, August 25, and made tube sock snowmen to sell at the bazaar. It was a fun and easy craft, and was well-attended. Everyone had a great time! Watch your bulletin and weekly memo for information on the next one!





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Prayer Concerns

- Lloyd Parcell
- Ralph Graves
- Gary Dye
- Jennifer Ernst
- Dwight Calhoun
- Peter Hemingway
- Carole Sue's niece Christine and her daughter
- Dot's nephew and his wife
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village



- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Christian sympathy to the Samuels and Gibson families upon the death of Rachel Winn, Denise's mother, on Monday, August 6. A service was held at Crenshaw Methodist Church on August 8.
- Our Christian sympathy to Don and Joanna Davies upon the death of Joanna's nephew, Mark Smith, last week.
- Our Christian sympathy to the family of Carolyn Scott, who died on Saturday, August 25. A service was held at Sunnyside Retirement Community on August 28.