



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

September 2019

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Orange Presbyterian Church Yard Sale

Saturday, September 7, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Yard sale day is almost here! We have a huge assortment of items waiting for you and your friends. Check out pictures online. Included among the usual miscellany are three sets of dishes, many lovely old linens, like-new round tablecloths, Nancy Ann and other collectible dolls, a large glass float, a wide assortment of framed pictures, frameable prints, a child's kitchen, garden plants, a Keurig coffee machine, tools, and much more. This year the large items will be located in front of the sanctuary and along the covered walkway. This will alleviate congestion and be more convenient to vehicles. There are treasures to be found for everyone. Proceeds will be divided among the Christian Emergency Council, Habitat for Humanity and the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School. Come, bring your friends, and have fun exploring the many items.

Ways to help:

- On Saturday, August 31 at 9:00 am, help will be needed to move boxes to the Fellowship Hall. We have seven dollies and carts available.
- On Monday, September 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 am, we will begin unpacking the boxes and arranging items. We'll work at this as many days as it takes. Preschool will be in session so please use the doors to the old church.
- On sale day, Saturday, September 7, we need floaters to answer questions and help carry. Clerks have already been lined up.

The biggest need is customers so please spread the word!

Spiritual Formation in the Fall 2019

We have very exciting plans for the fall for your spiritual nourishment!

- Sunday, September 1, 12:15-12:45 pm - New Member Class will meet in the Pastor's Study.
- Sunday, September 15, 9:45-10:30 am - Kick-Off Breakfast
- Starting Sunday, September 22, 9:45-10:30 am.
 - Confirmation Group will meet in the Youth Group Hangout in the basement.
 - Adult Faith Explorers will meet in the East Room.
 - Youth Faith Explorers (ages 5-13), will meet outside the Youth Group Hangout in the basement.
 - Starting September 22, 12:15-1:30 pm - PB&JAM! They will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

See page 6 for more information about specific classes!

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Pastor's Ponderings

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.” Luke 2:46-47

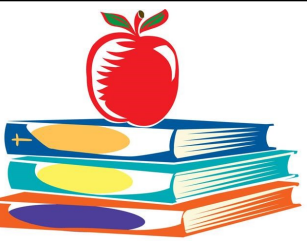
As Christians we are called to walk in the ways of Christ throughout our lives. We are called to model Jesus' life here on earth. One of the things Jesus had in his life was an education. When Jesus was a young child, he learned, he asked questions, he grew in wisdom and stature.

A few weeks ago, we celebrated back to school by giving the students and teachers notebooks and prayed over the new school year. Education is important to the Christian life. One of the ways we can support education in the Christian life is by offering thoughtful, discussion based, Christian education courses. In fact, part of the constitution of the PC(USA) – the Book of Order, tells us that, “God calls the Church to continue the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, guiding and nurturing one another through all the seasons and transitions of life. In particular, the church offers opportunities for education and formation as members enter the community of faith, discover Christian vocation, and assume responsibility in the world. The church's primary standard and resource for Christian nurture

is the Word of God in Scripture, bearing witness to Christ's way of truth and life.” (W-5.0203)

Starting on September 22, OPC will once again offer thoughtful, discussion based, Christian Education courses. There is more information about what those courses will look like in this newsletter. I encourage you to participate in these offerings. It is important for the life of this worshiping body to come together and dig deeper into what we think about these difficult, theological questions we all have. The point of this is not to come out all thinking the same thing in utter agreement - what a boring class that would be! The point of coming together for educational opportunities is that iron sharpens iron. When we challenge each other and have civil discourse we are all growing and learning together. We might all leave with a different understanding than we had before.

So, again, dear friends, I encourage you to attend these new educational offerings. It might be difficult to wake up and get to church earlier, but if we all come together with open hearts and open minds, we will be better for it.



Christian Education Classes

In Christ,
Pastor Rebekah

Preschool Corner

August was a busy month. We have two teachers! A big welcome to Ellen Kendall and Emily Jobe. Ellen will be teaching three days a week, and Emily will be teaching five days a week. I am so thankful for both of them and very excited about the year ahead.

The biggest change has been to our floor. We now have a new tile floor in our large Preschool room! It looks great. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen and thank you, Gene Whitaker, for organizing the work and for keeping me informed along the way. I know that the parents and the children will enjoy the new look of our preschool room. As I write this, our Open House is five days away. Due to the newly waxed floor, I will begin

moving furniture on Wednesday, August 28, the morning of the Open House.



I'm looking forward to greeting the families as they arrive and having them see everything that we have been able to do this summer. When I say we, I mean all of us. Without the church and all of your support, effort, and kindness, this would not have been possible, and we teachers thank you all. *“As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”* 1 Corinthians 12:20. I look forward to sharing much more with you next month.

In Christ,
Kim

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 Worship Communion 12:15 New Member Class	2  Marjorie Clements Labor Day Office Closed	3 First Day of 3 year old Preschool 6:00 Spiritual Formation	4  Tiffany Burchette Nathan Norberg First Day of 4 year old Preschool 7:30 Adult Choir	5 Melanie Away 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	6  Caroline Parcell Melanie Away	7 7:00 - 2:00 Yard Sale
8 11:00 Worship	9  Cheryl Lewis	10  Kim Szydowski 10:30 Morning Circle	11 7:30 Adult Choir	12 1:30 Blood Drive 7:00 Finance	13	14
15  Dot Marks David Woolfrey, Jr 9:45 Faith Formation Breakfast Kick-Off 11:00 Worship	16  Normie Sanford Lee Motley	17  Jack Thompson Charles Campbell 7:00 Session	18 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	19  Amy McClung	20  Margaret Somerville	21
22 9:45 Faith Formation Groups 9:45 Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship 12:15 PB&JAM	23	24	25 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	26 Pastor Rebekah Away	27  Lulu Sherman	28 9:00 Craft Club
29 Pastor Rebekah Away 9:45 Faith Formation Groups 9:45 Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal	30	1 Scott Ernst	2 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	3 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation 6:00 Covenant Review	4 Bob Vasquez	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Counters	Faith Explorers
1 The Gibson Family	1 John Huerta	1 Robert and Amy Kendall	1 Connie Norberg Anne Somerville	1 N/A
8 Dave and Karen Ulan	8 Matthew Gibson	8 Rachel Gibson Lynn Clements	8 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves	8 N/A
15 The Rose Family	15 Ryder Rose	15 Melanie Rose Anne Clements	15 Louise Whitaker Karen Ulan	15 N/A
22 Lloyd and Alice Parcell	22 Taylor Gibson	22 Karen Ulan Ryder Rose	22 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis	22 Ellen Kendall
29 Winnie Higgins	29 Anne Clements	29 Alice Parcell Melanie Rose	29 Karen Ulan Buckshot Clements	29 May Saxton

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 on Sunday.

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 Psalm 14
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10



September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 Psalm 79:1-9
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Session Meeting Highlights

- Rebekah reported that her Big Tent experience went very well.
- OPC Leadership Retreat, Part 1, will be on Saturday, August 24 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- The Safety Team will be planning emergency procedures for OPC. Lynn Clements will be leading this effort, with recruiting underway for team members.
- The Property Committee has reviewed OPC's insurance policy and reports that all is in order.
- The flooring in the big preschool room was in need of improvement. Session approved the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for purchase and installation from the \$8,000 pass through account that was set up previously for use by the preschool if needed during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Spiritual Formation activities for the fall include a new member class, a confirmation class, an adult faith explorers group, a youth faith explorers group, a youth group for middle and high school students, and a youth choir for ages 3-10. With our added Sunday morning activities, the Spiritual Formation Team recommended the hiring of a nursery supervisor for the hours of 9:30-12:30 each Sunday morning. The motion carried.
- The Finance Committee recommended that donations given in memory of Elinor Vasquez be given to the Preschool Board for use in buying items for the preschool. The motion carried.
- The Finance Committee recommended the continuation of a zero-based budget in planning for the 2020 budget with a recommended 2.09% payroll increase as appropriate. Committees and teams were asked to include hopes and dreams in their budget requests with justification. The motion carried.
- The Mission and Outreach Committee reviewed the use of Yard Sale and Bazaar proceeds as follows: \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity (exclusive of Alternative Gift funds from the Bazaar), 1/2 of the remainder for preschool scholarships, and 1/2 of the remainder to Christian Emergency Council (exclusive of Alternative Gift funds from the Bazaar).
- The Nominating Committee is recruiting for nominations for session elders, Nominating Committee members, Endowment Committee members, and Covenant Review Team members for 2020.
- 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. 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 meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Women's Retreat

**Holy Balance
Carrying Justice and Mercy as We Walk
September 20 at 6:00 pm - 21 at 5:00 pm
Camp Hanover**

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. We are told this, but how do we actually walk that way? Can we move boldly and with humility at the same time? Join Rev. Lisa Salita in exploring these and so many other questions prompted by the study of Micah 6. We will engage in discussion, guided personal reflection, real-world brainstorming, and prayerful movement. We will walk together as we discern how each of us can walk more closely with God in our prayer lives and in our world.

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

Register at www.CampHanover.org/register.

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!

Thank You

To My Church Family at OPC,



My father's illness over the past few years and his death in June have been a rough and winding road. Thanks to my church family who have traveled it with me. Thanks so much for prayers, cards, bringing me dinner, inviting me to dinner, talks with Rebekah, phone calls, love, and support. Thank you for helping me get through this.

Love, Cheryl Lewis

Dear Congregational Care Committee,

Thank y'all very much for the kind graduation gift, and for all of the cards that y'all have sent me over the years. It is always great to hear from y'all, and I enjoyed stopping by this Sunday. I hope to see you all soon, and wish y'all the best of luck! Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Avery Warmack



Dear Congregational Care Committee,

Thank you for supporting me throughout high school and for celebrating my graduation with me. It's nice to have the free time to be able to go to church once more. I hope all the members of the committee have a great summer!

Jackson Warmack

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!



Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$ 30,059.73	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$ 10,428.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 165.00
Expenses	\$ (12,151.62)	Memorial Fund	\$ 521.00
Transfers/Adjustments	\$ 97.11	Mission Trip Fund	\$ 500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 28,433.22	Music Fund	\$ 599.90
		OPC Weekday School Fund	\$ 8,000.00
		Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,145.68

Spiritual Formation in the Fall 2019 (cont.)

The Youth Faith Explorers, ages 5-13, will meet between 9:45-10:30 am. We would love to have additional guides for this group! The curriculum is easy to use and requires little preparation. If you are willing, see any member of the Spiritual Formation Team: Karen, Ellen, Sandy, May, or Rebekah. During Worship, youth will stay with their families or do some quiet activities at the Pray Station table in the back of the sanctuary.

The Adult Faith Explorers will start out with a four-week discussion of Adam Hamilton's book, Enough - Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity. Books are available on Amazon for \$7.76. It is not necessary to have a book - most of the discussion is based on the video viewed during class. We need facilitators! We have a Leader's Guide which makes facilitating easy. If you are willing, please talk with May or Rebekah.

PB (Praise Be) offers a safe, fun, and faithful environment for middle and high school students to be themselves, learn, and grow together. PB will focus on getting to know each other, while exploring how faith can help through daily life. PB will plan and lead a Youth Sunday worship service in the spring!

JAM! (Jesus And ME) will be a time for kids 3-10 to explore faith through song, dance, and plays. We are mixing the age groups, as we believe that the children will benefit from interacting outside of their typical age group, and have some fun along the way. JAM! will offer an anthem for Sunday worship service twice – once in the fall, once in the spring. Parents are asked to rotate providing lunch.

Upcoming Activities

Sponsored by Moved by the Spirits

Everyone is invited to join in with the upcoming activities of the Moved by the Spirits Covenant Group!

- Montpelier Seasonal Stroll on October 19 at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$10 each for ages 7 and up. Go online to purchase your tickets!
- Group trip to see the movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." The release date is November 22. Watch your bulletins, Weekly Memos, and newsletters!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 12
1:30 - 7:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall



OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, September 12 from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. 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 website, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.

OPC's 175th Anniversary November 2020



At the August meeting of our History Covenant Group, we started to make a list of activities for our 175th 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. We also plan to open the Time Capsule! We want to invite former and inactive members. We would love to hear your additional ideas! Please contact Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or 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.

Church History

P.S. - We are on the lookout 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!

Looking for a Nursery Supervisor



With our added Sunday morning activities, Session has approved hiring of a nursery supervisor for the hours of 9:30 am -12:30 pm each Sunday morning. Do you know of someone who would be interested in this position? We are offering \$10/hour. Please let May or Rebekah know as soon as possible if you have a special person in mind for taking care of the youngest members of our church family!

Youth Hike

Gene Whitaker and Cameron Motley took some of our youth on a hike up Old Rag. Everyone had a great time!



First Day of School Cheers

Several OPC members stood out front with signs on the first day of school, wishing students a happy new school year.



Rise Against Hunger - Bringing a Community of Churches Together

The Town of Orange Ministerial Association put together a Rise Against Hunger food-packing event, hosted by OPC. There were 118 volunteers in our Fellowship Hall working together to package 10,000 meals, and \$3,709 was raised additionally. Churches that were represented included OPC, Orange Baptist, St. Thomas Episcopal, Trinity United Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, and Anglican Fellowship. Together, with Rise Against Hunger, we continue to fight world-wide hunger. Thanks to everyone who helped with set-up, packing, child care, and clean-up!



Rehearsals Begin!

- Adult Choir Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 pm.
- Handbell Choir Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:15 pm.

If you don't already participate, you are welcome to join in!

Babel on Mission

Who We Are:

We are a community-partnered English Language Learning Program situated in The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We believe that God calls us to be in community with each other; actively, not passively. This means, among other things, that we must reach out to our neighbors and facilitate the ability not just to understand each other's words, but to understand each other as people. Our program does this by hosting a safe and welcoming environment for ESL adults to study together and participate in community events. Our goal is to allow the entire community to interact fully with each other, and thus bring the Kingdom of Heaven ever closer.



What We Do:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 in the evening we offer a quiet, intimate classroom setting for our ESL families to study together. We have a well-qualified teacher to lead the classroom, as well as a permanent childcare provider to provide the adults with the free moments they need to focus on themselves. In addition to the twice-weekly classroom setting, we also plan and execute community excursions. In fact, we have a date set to take our students to Montpelier for a guided tour! The classroom setting gives the technical knowledge, and the excursion provides real experience with using conversational English in a common setting, without the pressure of being alone.

What We Need:

In order to be truly community-partnered, we need volunteers from within the community! We have a need for three types of volunteers at the moment.

Primarily, we need additional child-care support. As the school year begins, we will have an influx of parents who want to connect directly with their children's English-speaking teachers instead of relying on a translator. With this influx, we will need to provide multiple childcare workers in order to stay within state and local guidelines for childcare.

In addition to the extra childcare, we will need additional classroom support. This is not a traditional teaching assistant position, we are simply seeking fluent English speakers to be present in the classroom to help with simple learning exercises, such as counting, dates, and pronunciation. Fluency in Spanish is not necessary, nor is any official teaching experience required.

Finally, we are also on the lookout for volunteers to help with transportation, both to and from the classroom as well as cultural events. We are securing a 14-passenger van, which will not require any specialized license or experience to operate.

Our ideal situation is to have a large pool of interested individuals to reach out to each month and create a schedule of volunteers, so even if you think you might only be able to help out once or twice in a given month, that is perfect. Please send me an email so that I can add you to the contact list if you are interested!

Cameron Motley

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Volunteers Needed at OPC



Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship this fall. The sign-up sheet is in the East Room with plenty of open spots! Join with a group of friends, your flock, or your committee. This is a great way to show hospitality to guests and to the rest of the congregation.

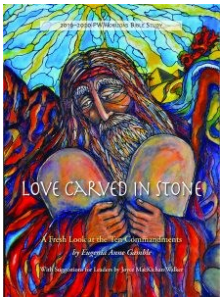
The flowers in the sanctuary add beauty to our worship service and are a way you can honor or remember a loved one, or just to share your love for flowers and arranging. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide them on a specific Sunday.





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Presbyterian Women



Let's start afresh! The first Orange Presbyterian Women's circle meeting of 2019-2020 will be held on September 10 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will be discussing Lesson One, *Words of Love: I Am Your God; You Shall Have No Others*, from Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

Please sign out a study book from the Narthex or from the church office. Contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081 for more information or with questions.

Prayer Concerns

- Cheryl's friend Emy
- Lloyd Parcell
- Nancy Crowder
- Baby Ainsley, anemia (home from the NICU!)
- Family and friends of Brittany Rogers
- Chelsea, Denise's nephew's fiancée, leukemia
- All affected by cancer



- Grieving families
- Chris Wynkoop at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Pastor Rebekah and her family upon the death of her aunt.