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Matthew 25 Events

- We're still collecting money for snacks for students
- 5 cents a meal will be re-allocated to the Love Outreach food pantry
- We continue to support Medical Benevolence fund as they face coronavirus around the world
- Friday food distribution to seniors at the Church of the Nazarene



COMMUNITY
BLOOD
DRIVE

The Red Cross will hold its blood drive at OPC's fellowship hall on Wednesday, May 6 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

They will not accept walk-ins, so you must preregister. Go to redcross.com and click on "donate blood". Enter zip code 22960 and our drive will show up. Enter your name for the time that you wish. If you have problems or don't have the technology call Joanna Davies at 854-6603.

Know that everyone will be checked and have temperature taken before entering the building. You will be required to wear a mask while inside, so take one if you have it.

The need for blood is great as emergency surgeries and accidents are still occurring.



Left: Matthew Gibson enjoying a rye field behind his grandparents house.



Right: Fedie McClung with a beautiful daffodil.

Pastor's Ponderings

It's adiaphora

That is what my Homiletics professor would say to someone who would get fixated on something that really wasn't that big of a deal. For example, my class was setting up the sanctuary for a service and two of my classmates were having a heated discussion of where the candles should be placed. "Folks, it's adiaphora," my professor chimed in. She wasn't trying to be dismissive or curt, she was trying to remind us all that there are things that are necessary and important to stand up for, and then there are things that are adiaphora. These are things that are not essential to the Christian faith, such as the placement of candles.

Because we are not able to meet together and have our usual worship service, or do our usual mission projects, or have our usual meetings, we have been forced to change and reconsider how we do things. We are starting to see what really is adiaphora. We have started a new sermon series, "The Essentials." During this time we will be looking at bible stories that show us what God thinks is essential. We will look at stories about community, faithfulness, and love. We will see how God calls us to lift one another up, support one another, and love one another throughout all seasons of life.

In 2 Corinthians Paul talks about things that are essential to life. He says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Of all the things God gifts us, of all the things we have the ability to do, the greatest is love. Now that we are in a time when we are unable to meet, and be near one another, let us always remember that the one things that is essential above all else to to love God and to love our neighbor.

Until we meet again, grace and peace be with you

Pastor Rebekah

Preschool Corner

The preschool was closed in April, but we are continuing to connect with our preschool families through our private Facebook page. I'm posting occasional activities that parents can do at home with their preschoolers, and we've all been posting "Read with me" videos where we read a book to the children. We miss our preschoolers, so this has been a great way to keep that connection with them.

Preschool registration is now open, so please be in prayer for the preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. I will not be returning as the Director this Fall, but I would like to thank everyone who supported and prayed for the preschool this year. This year has been so memorable and special to me. I will treasure this experience moving forward into the next chapter of my life. God bless you all.

Ms. Kim



Annual Congregational Survey

Time for our Annual Congregational Survey! We use this survey for feedback and planning, so your participation is vital.

The results will be compiled for Session and Covenant Review Team review in June. All results will be available to everyone in the congregation.

Prefer paper? A copy of this survey will be included with the next print edition of the newsletter. Simply fill out the short survey and mail it to the church of-

fice.

This is an **anonymous survey**. There is nothing that will identify you in the online form, so you can answer frankly.

Mike Saxton will be processing the surveys returned by mail. Any identifying information will be disregarded, and your responses kept confidential.

The survey will remain available for the month of May.

An online version of the survey is also available at <http://orangepc.org/survey>

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:45 Zoom Prayer	4	5 10:00 W&M	6 10:00 Zoom Devotional 11:00-5:00 Blood Drive	7 10:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	8 6:00 BYOB&B	9
10 10:45 Zoom Prayer	11 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 History	12	13 10:00 Zoom Devotional	14 5:30 Covenant Review 7:00 Finance	15 6:00 BYOB&B	16
17 10:45 Zoom Prayer	18	19	20 10:00 Zoom Devotional	21	22 6:00 BYOB&B	23
24 / 31 10:45 Zoom Prayer	25	26	27 10:00 Zoom Devotional	28	29 6:00 BYOB&B	30



Myrtle Baker 5/12 Katie Ferguson 05/15 Sue Gooden 05/19 Anna Hogan 05/08
 Kay Nix 05/14 Lloyd Parcell 05/30 Sherry Sherman 05/08 Suzanna Sherwin 5/24
 Edward Sparks 05/30 Sydney St. Clair 05/14 Hank Watt 05/04 Carol Woolfrey 05/21

Prayer Concerns

- Elizabeth Goodwin, Mildred Butts, and Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Carra Davies,
- Gene, Melanie’s step-father
- All medical professionals



Session Meeting Highlights

Over the last 30 days the Session held their stated meeting on April 16, 2020, and two called meetings.

The following actions were approved at the April 21 Stated Session Meeting

Take \$300 out of the Benevolence Endowment fund to donate to Medical Benevolence Foundation for Covid-19 health services.

Approved the request for use of OPC facilities by Brianna Burke for her wedding on October 30 and 31. This approval includes use of the Sanctuary and East Room.

Rebekah will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 18-22, 2020, the week our Stated Session meeting was scheduled. The May and June Session meetings will be combined into single meeting Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 pm.

The \$2,000 gifted by Presbytery will be placed in a discretionary fund for the pastor to use as needed.

The following action was approved at the March 30 Called Session meeting

For the immediate future, redefining paid staff roles as follows:

Reconfigure duties for the administrative assistant as much as possible to allow her to work remotely from home.

Custodial staff will continue to work as long as is safely possible. Duties may move from weekly upkeep to deep cleaning.

Guarantee the nursery worker’s current salary through the end of April. At that time the Session will re-evaluate the situation.

The following action was approved at the April 16 Called Session Meeting

Allow Orange Presbyterian Church to apply for the payroll protection reimbursement from the Federal Government.

Approved minutes for our 2020 Stated Session Meetings are available on request from the church office. Have a question, concern, or suggestion? Contact a session member!

And remember you are always welcome to attend our open stated session meetings. Contact Rebekah for a Zoom conferencing invite.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves

Treasurer’s Report as of March 2020

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,993.44	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$ 9,221.79	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$119.83
Expenses	\$ 11,817.92	Memorial Fund	\$11,664.61
Ending Balance	\$ 21,397.31	Mission Trip Fund	\$318.13
		Music Fund	\$5.42
		OPC Weekday School Fund	\$5027.50
		Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$9,240.53

Church members gather for a weekly devotional on Wednesdays at 10



Mark Shepherd just wanted everyone to know that he misses his OPC family! He's doing well and working!

Would you like to give a shout-out to OPC?
Send a photo of yourself
to admin@orangepc.org

