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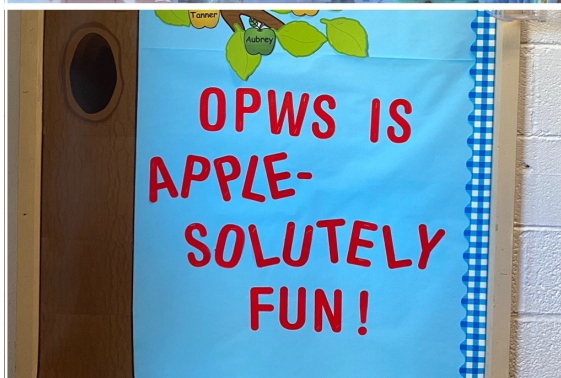
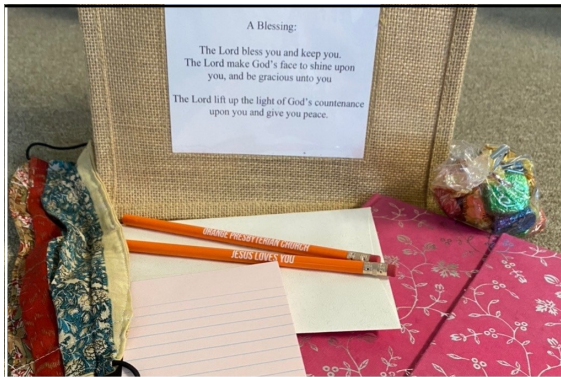
OPC supports our students and teachers!

To those who study, give curiosity, and imagination

To those who teach, give patience and love

To those who support, give strength and peace of mind

To us all, give courage and faith for this new school year





Preschool Corner

OPWS is almost ready for students! The teachers and I are working diligently to ready the rooms for new and returning children. Though our classes will be smaller this year, we are still looking forward to a fun-filled year. We have put policies and procedures in place to monitor the wellness of students and teachers and to keep our school clean and safe. Please pray for all the students who will be learning and playing at OPWS this year.

We will host a preschool Open House on Thursday, August 27th, but it will look a little different this year. Families have signed up for time slots to visit the school and learn more about what to expect this year. Following the Open House we will have just over a week for final preparations for the first days of school on September 8 & 9.

I am grateful for all of the folks who have helped me settle in to my new position at OPWS. I feel very supported by the Orange Presbyterian Church staff and members. Thank you all!

-Caroline Baldwin

Joys & Concerns

Joys

- Our Blessing Box Ministry as it reopens.
- Looking forward to the new academic year for the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School as it reopens on September 8.
- Carra Davies is doing very well with her new medicine.

Concerns

- All teachers, students, and parents preparing for the opening of the new school year this week.
- Brian Smith, Joanna's nephew, as he seeks answers regarding multiple medical issues.
- Becky, a pastor in Florida, who has lost 6 congregational members in one week.

- All pastors as they face the challenges of being pastors during this pandemic.
- Our community; those in need and those dealing with the effects of COVID-19.
- Our country as we maneuver toward the election; prayers for fairness, health and safety for all.

Continued Prayers.

- Lloyd and Alice Parcell
- Johnny Stewart
- Lavinia's family
- Carra Davies
- LJ Taylor
- Racial inequalities in our country.
- Worshipping communities as they make difficult decisions.
- Our friends at Dogwood Village.



September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 Online Devotional	3 10:00 CC 1:30-7:00 Red Cross 6:00 Property	4	5
6 10:00 Drive Through Communion 10:45 Community Online Prayer 11:00 Worship Online	7	8 5:00 Safety Team 7:00 Spiritual Formation	9 10:00 Online Devotional	10 7:00 Finance	11	12
13 10:45 Community Online Prayer 11:00 Worship Online	14	15 7:00 Session	16 10:00 Online Devotional	17	18 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	19
20 10:45 Community Online Prayer 11:00 Worship Online	21	22	23 10:00 Online Devotional	24	25 6:00 BYOB&B Zoom	26
27 10:45 Community Online Prayer 11:00 Worship Online	28	29	30 10:00 Online Devotional			



Marjorie Clements 9/2 Tiffany Burchette 9/4
 Nathan Norberg 9/4 Caroline Parcell 9/6
 Cheryl Lewis 9/9 Kim Szydowski 9/10
 Dot Marks 9/15 David Woolfrey, Jr. 9/15
 Norman Sanford 9/16 Lee Motley 9/16
 Jack Thompson 9/17 Charles Campbell 9/17
 Amy McClung 9/19 Lulu Sherman 9/27

Blessing Box



The Blessing Box has been re-opened! Mission & Outreach have some funds to purchase items, but several people have asked what or how they can donate to the Blessing Box. The storage closet off the East Room has been cleaned out and re-organized.

If you have any non-perishable goods you wish to donate, please leave them outside the storage closet, on the pew. We'll sanitize them, and re-stock. Right now, needed items include toothpaste, peanut butter & jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, shampoo, & cereal. If you have any questions, contact the office or Carole Sue.

Session Meeting Highlights

The Session took the following actions at their August 18, 2020 stated meeting:

- Approved a motion from the Worship and Music Committee to have communion the first Sunday in September. Tentatively this may be a drive-through service, with guidelines from the Safety Team.

At that meeting, Rebekah Tucker-Motley shared her desire to enter the Doctorate of Ministry program through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, in conjunction with the University of Edinburgh. Session informally supported her.

One of the application requirements is a letter of support from the candidate's church session.

In an email meeting on August 26, 2020 the Session officially supported her application.

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!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves

Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2020

Beginning Balance	\$ 26,956.84	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$ 7,117.47	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 392.13
Expenses	\$ 11,098.36	Memorial Fund	\$ 13,150.38
Ending Balance	\$ 22,975.95	Mission Trip Fund	\$ 318.13
		Music Fund	\$ 5.42
		OPC Weekday School Fund	\$ 0
		Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,240.53

Anniversary Celebration

A Yearlong Celebration of our 175th Anniversary!

The OPC History Covenant Group has made the decision to postpone our in person 175th anniversary celebration that was planned for November 8, 2020 due to the pandemic. We plan to kick off a year long celebration this November and continue to work on various history projects throughout 2021. Be on the lookout for interesting tidbits in upcoming newsletters that Winnie Higgins and Carol Couch have found in their research of the session records! We will continue to gather individual special OPC memories from a lot of you! We only have 3 so far!

Honoring Pat Stewart

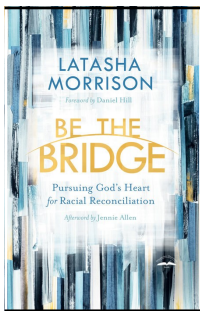
Many of us were touched by the Christian kindness that Pat Stewart showed toward us.. In an attempt to provide an avenue to honor her that everyone in the church is aware of, I am writing this.

There is a group of people, and we welcome others, who are heading this up. As with any projects like this, we are accepting donations. Right now the group is looking for ideas as to how we should distribute the money collected. I have heard that there is a hope for something for the Memorial Garden. She was very instrumental in getting the benches for the garden. I have also heard that there is a desire to do something for one, or more, of the many groups that she supported physically as well as monetarily.

I hope that you can help. Please call: Anne Somerville 672-0746, Shirley Newman 672-1023, Jennie Hill Robinson 718-5711 or Nancy Crowder 672-2965.

Thank you,

Anne Somerville



BYO&B Returns!

After a summer break, we will continue with our BYOB&B (Bring Your Own Beverage & Bible) Zoom meetings on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm, starting on September 18. Join us for a nine week discussion entitled, "The Bridge to Racial Justice." A Zoom invite will be in the September 16 Weekly Memo.

Please contact Rebekah for more details.

Thank You!



Thanks from Sandy McLeod

I want to thank you for the back-to-school goodie bag. Your gifts and prayers are appreciated. Hopefully soon we will be back together.

Love to you all,

Sandy McLeod

