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Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018



Join us on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 11:00 am, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received. There will be a flowering of the cross during the Easter processional. Please bring spring flowers from your garden.

Remember to return your Fill the Ark banks to the narthex window!
"Together we have power over hunger and poverty."

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world.



Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

Your gifts to this offering are split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Self Development of People (SDP). PDA helps people nationally and internationally, in the face of disasters like hurricanes, floods, wildfires, mudslides, earthquakes, war, and food shortages. PHP works to alleviate hunger in the world and its causes – meaning they don't just provide food, they also provide a means for people to continue meeting their hunger needs: education, farm animals, seeds. The SDP fights poverty and oppression by promoting justice, building stronger communities, and seeking economic equality.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people. The stories on your bulletin inserts will help you to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by your gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry. Please read these stories and consider how you can help people in similar situations have a better life or get through a difficult situation.

We will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Prayer Chain



Our OPC Prayer Chain is forming! Instead of waiting to share your concern until Sunday during Worship, you can submit a prayer requests during the week in one of three ways:

- via email to maysaxton@gmail.com
- by phone at (540) 661-7694
- by going on our church website at www.orangepc.org, clicking on the logo at the bottom of the page, "Submit a Prayer Request." This will direct you to a short form to fill out, which will be sent to the prayer chain coordinator, May Saxton. The request is not shown online.

When the coordinator receives your request, she will contact the intercessors (members of the prayer chain) to pray on your behalf. We have three intercessors at present.

If you have questions or would like to be an intercessor as part of either an email prayer chain or a phone prayer chain, please contact May Saxton at maysaxton@gmail.com or at (540) 661-7694.

Moved by the Spirits - Fun and Fellowship at Crozet Pizza

On Sunday, March 11, the Moved by the Spirits Covenant Group met at Crozet Pizza for pizza and fellowship before Liz's installation at Tabor Presbyterian Church. As the weather gets warmer, we will be planning some outdoor activities. For more information, please talk to Martha Clements, Carole Sue and Ralph Graves, Karen and Dave Ulan, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy and Jim Reid, or Mike and May Saxton. Watch the bulletin for information regarding our spring outings!

OPC History Group

Do you have pictures or other items in your attic, dresser drawer, photo albums, or elsewhere that relate to the history of Orange Presbyterian Church? Our OPC History Covenant Group would love to see and scan any and all pictures or items! Maybe you have a bulletin that you stuck away that signified an important event, or maybe wedding pictures that were taken in the old or new sanctuary!



In preparation for the 175th anniversary of our church on November 8, 2020, our covenant group is enthusiastically cataloging what we have about our rich church history, researching for information elsewhere, and preparing for interviews with some of you who know so much about this church! If you have pictures or anything else that you would like to share, please contact any of the members of our group - Carol Couch, Nancy Crowder, Winnie Higgins, Shirley Newman, Jim Reid, Jennie Hill Robinson, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, or Anne Somerville.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the East Room. We would love to have you join us to share your memories!

Sermon Discussion Covenant Group








You might see a few people slipping out of Coffee Fellowship most Sundays, headed toward the back of the sanctuary. They are part of the **Sermon Discussion Covenant Group**, which meets 10 minutes after the beginning of Coffee Fellowship for a discussion about the sermon, with an emphasis on how we can apply certain aspects of the sermon to our lives during the following week. You don't have to join the group every Sunday! The discussion will end by 1:00. Try it out!

Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC has now evaluated 98 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from prospective pastors. We have conducted 6 first interviews by phone with 2 scheduled for this coming week. At the same time, we are preparing for second interviews by phone. We continue to ask for your prayers and patience. For questions or comments please contact Lynn Clements, May Saxton, Cindy Reid, Rachel Gibson, or Louise Whitaker.



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i> <i>Fill the Ark Collection</i> 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	2  <i>Elinor Vasquez</i> <i>Liz Adam</i>	3	4	5 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:00 Covenant Review Team 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation Team	6  <i>Fedie McClung</i> <i>Theresa Torian</i>	7
8 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	9	10 10:30 Morning Circle	11 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	12 6:00 Finance	13	14
15 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	16  <i>Jonathan Stewart</i>	17	18 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	19  <i>Jackson Warmack</i> <i>Avery Warmack</i> 7:00 Session	20	21
22  <i>Nathan Gibson</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	23	24	25 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	26	27	28
29 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i> 12:15 Sermon Discussion Group	30	1	2  <i>Dean Sherwin</i> 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	3 2:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 5:00 Covenant Review Team 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation Team	4	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

1 Robert & Ellen
Kendall
8 Ted & Suzanne
Sherwin
15 Jack & Margaret
Thompson
22 Pat Stewart
29 Millie Tyner

Acolytes

1 Ryder Rose
8 Nathan Norberg
15 Matthew Gibson
22 Anne Clements
29 Ryder Rose

Nursery Helpers

1 Karen Ulan
Ryder Rose
8 Jim Reid
Millie Tyner
15 Martha & Anne
Clements
22 Lynn Clements
Rachel Gibson
29 Robert & Ellen
Kendall

Pray Station

1 Jennifer Ernst
8 May Saxton
15 Rachel Gibson
22 Martha Clements
29 Melanie Rose

Counters

1 Connie Norberg
Cindy Reid
8 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
15 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
22 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis
29 Buckshot
Clements &
Karen Ulan

Lectionary Readings for April

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, the lectionary provides them to prepare for worship on Sunday.

April 1 - Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Acts 10:34-43
 John 20:1-18
 Mark 16:1-8
Evening
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 114
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Luke 24:13-49

April 8

Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31

April 15

Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

April 29

Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

Session Meeting Highlights

During the March session meeting, a number of recommendations from committees were discussed and approved along with discussion of other items.

- **Mission and Outreach** - A mission luncheon with a speaker will be held in October.
- **Property** - A defibrillator will be purchased and placed in the narthex.
- **Spiritual Formation** - A Pray Station curriculum guide for April through August that ties multimedia resources to the lectionary will be developed in early April.
- **Worship and Music** - A new *Book of Common Worship* will be purchased to help with worship services in the absence of a permanent pastor.
- **Congregational Care** - Money was collected on March 18 for the college and boarding school student gift cards.
- **Covenant Review** - A separation payment of \$104 each will be given to Rialand and Veronica Tucker in recognition of their 11 years of service to OPC. Custodial responsibilities during the month of April will be taken care of by volunteers. Committee ministry goals for 2018 were discussed.

• Other business:

- A permanent Stewardship Team will be formed no later than June.
- Next steps for discussions between the church and the preschool board were discussed and approved.
- The 2017 Nominating Committee will be asked to pick their successors in preparation for election at a congregational meeting in the near future. The 2018 Nominating Committee will immediately be given the task of nominating additional elders to serve on session.
- The charge presented on behalf of the OPC Session at Rev. Liz Hulme Adam's installation as pastor of Tabor Presbyterian Church on March 11, 2018 will be included in the session minutes.

Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions: Nancy Crowder, Joanna Davies, Shirley Newman, Pat Stewart, Mike Saxton, May Saxton (clerk), and Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator)

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	17,961.76	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	11,823.49	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 138.67
Expenses	\$	6,884.84	Music Fund	\$ 846.11
Ending Balance	\$	22,900.41	Memorial Fund	\$ 3,846.47
			Mission Trip Fund	\$ 3,000.00

Hebrance Scholarship

The Hebrance Scholarship was established by the family in 1985 to provide financial assistance for deserving students in the church family who are continuing their education after high school. These awards are made directly to the scholarship winner's school.



If you are interested in applying, please submit a one-page essay which includes the following:

1) your future educational plans; 2) your activities in the community; and 3) how OPC and the church family influenced your life and goals. Send this to May Saxton, Clerk of Session by May 15 at clerkofsession@orangeopc.org.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5 when we celebrate Ann Taylor

Morhmann as she anticipates her wedding in June to Ian Jones. We will host a bridal shower open house from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL ARE INVITED!** The couple are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Target, Kohl's, Pampered Chef, Princess Cruise Honeymoon, and Dillard's.

Coffee Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship on Sundays after worship. The sheet to sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the East Room. Feel free to find someone to host with you and make it a group effort. This is a way to show hospitality to members and visitors to our church.



Sanctuary Flowers



The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The arrangements are either delivered by one of the florists in town or some folks use their own flowers and creativity to make an arrangement for everyone to

enjoy. They are often provided in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you choose to provide flowers for this purpose, please alert the church office, and we will list the note in the announcement section of the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Chili Cook-Off Update

Thanks to all, especially the chili makers, for providing another delicious and fun March get-together. With pleasure, we announce the 2018 winners!

Overall - The Gibson Family

Youth - Ryder and Melanie Rose

Returning - Charles Campbell and Martha Clements



Rachel Gibson, Charles Campbell, Ryder & Sierra Rose, Martha Clements



Pat Stewart and Ellen Kendall announcing the winners!

Worship Services in April

Since we currently have no consistent pastor for Sunday worship, we have developed a plan for having congregational support for worship services. Below is a list of our guest pastors and individuals for the month of April. 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>
4/1	Rev. Al Moreau	Jennifer Ernst	Susan Southard	Robert Kendall
4/8	Rev. Jonathan Barton	Connie Norberg	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
4/15	Rev. George Conway	Rachel Gibson	Winnie Higgins	Ted Sherwin
4/22	Rev. Jonathan Barton	May Saxton	Gene Whitaker	Gene Whitaker
4/29	Rev. George Conway	Sharon Mohrmann	Ted Haberland	Ted Haberland

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

Something Big is Coming – OPC Yard Sale

As part of our Bazaar fundraiser this year we are planning a giant yard sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, September 8. Please help us by continuing to bring donated items for the sale to the same location we used for the white elephant sale (second floor Sunday School Room). Large items will be very welcomed, but should be brought just a few days before the sale as we do not have sufficient room to store large items at this time. If you are planning a move, spring cleaning, downsizing, or just want to “get rid of it,” remember us and donate to this great fundraiser. If you donate an item that should have special pricing, please list the suggested price on the item so we may be sure we have correctly valued it.



We will keep you up to date as our plans progress. We are ready to start receiving your donated items now! For additional information contact Louise Whitaker or Shirley Newman.

Help us help others,
Mission and Outreach Committee

Easter Lilies



In Honor of:

*Martha Clements by
Mike and May Saxton*

In Memory of:

Leroy Crowder by Nancy Crowder

Cinde Dodson by Martin Dodson

*Joseph and Ida Hebrance by
Carol and Joan Hebrance*

Mike Lewis by Cheryl Lewis

Becky Shinaberry (mom) by Cheryl Lewis

Alan D. McClung by the McClung Family

G. Page Wright, Jr. by Ophelia and Amy McClung

Richard and Pauline Crone by Lee and Linda Nash

Bob and Jerry Nash by Lee and Linda Nash

Joyce Palmer by Syd Palmer

Larry O. Phillips by Lavinia Phillips

Ellen Dees by Kim Szydlowski

Ed Tyner by Millie Tyner

Camp Hanover - Wish List

Camp Hanover is the outdoor ministry for our presbytery. It is located in Mechanicsville, and is a beautiful, joyous place for children and families to visit. There are several items listed below that they would like to have, but can't afford with their operating budget. There is a detailed list including costs in the East Room. If you are able to purchase new or donate used and in good condition items, please contact the camp at 804-779-2811.

- 2-15 Passenger Vans
- 3-7 Passenger Minivans
- 1 Pickup Truck
- 2 Canoe Trailers
- 4x6 Enclosed Trailers
- 3 Electric 4-Seat Golf Carts
- 2 Golf Cart Chargers
- 1 Wide Format Laminator
- Cordless Drill/Driver Kits
- 16-CORCL Boats
- Materials to Build 2 Longhouses
- Windows for Longhouses
- Eureka Timberline Tents
- 4-Stand Up Paddleboards
- Campsite Grills
- 9 Square in the Air Game
- Industrial Vacuum Cleaners
- 16-ENO Style Hammocks
- Electric Power to Pole Barn

Camp Hanover - Upcoming Events

In addition to camps, Camp Hanover holds several events throughout the year.

- **April 14-15: 2018 Middle School Retreat - Love Your Neighbor.** This is an overnight retreat for middle school youth and their leaders.
- **April 19: Common Cords.** Enjoy fellowship and live music from 7:00 to 10:00 pm - for free!
- **April 22: Camp Fun Day, 2:00 to 5:00 pm.** Get a taste of summer camp! Tours, hay rides, games, canoeing, fishing, door prizes, and more - for free!

Summer camps include day camp (1st-6th grade), 2-night camps (2nd-4th graders), week-long camps (2nd-12th graders), and 2 week-long camps (7th-12th graders).

There are general camps, but there are also specialty camps, such as: Sportz Zone, Archery, Adventure, Fishing, Hydro Zone, Farm & Garden, Crafty Camp, Unlock the Clue, Hoofbeats (horses), Music, Arts & Drama, Campfire Cooking, High Adventure, White Water Rafting Adventure, Climb & Cave, and Leader Training Camp. Scholarships are available. There is something available for every child! Visit www.CampHanover.org.

Community Vacation Bible School

Save the date for Community Vacation Bible School 2018!

- June 25-29
- Hosted by Orange Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and St. Thomas Episcopal Churches
- Theme - Rolling River Rampage
- Rafting Ready Verse - *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.* Isaiah 43:2
- Plans are being made for a culminating mission event on the last night.
- Volunteers are needed! **Please sign up on the easel in the narthex.** We need to coordinate our volunteer lists with the other churches, so we are asking you to sign up now.

Watch newsletters and bulletins for more information!

We are already looking for volunteers! **We very much need your help with storytelling, recreation, guiding an age group, registration, snacks, decorations, and more!** For additional information, please see or contact Martha Clements, Karen Ulan, Sandy McLeod, or May Saxton.



Palm Sunday Activities

Palm Sunday began Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As Jesus made his way into the city of Jerusalem, the crowd waved palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. In our church, we also had our palm branches. The Rev. Gordon Lindsey led our worship service based on Mark 11:1-20 with a title of A Royal Inspection, with Elder Lynn Clements as the facilitator. Taylor Gibson served as acolyte.

Other things were happening during our service too. Ellen Kendall led A Time with the Children, despite one child's running distraction! Sierra wanted to join in with singing the hymns too. During Pray Station, Karen Ulan helped the children pack recipe bags for the Blessing Box, in celebration of its first year anniversary. It was a busy morning!



Left: Taylor Gibson lights the candles as Rev. Lindsey and Elder Clements approach the pulpit.

Right: Elder Clements and Rev. Lindsey beginning the service.

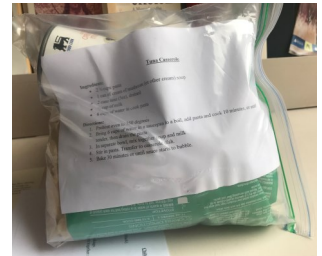


During A Time with the Children: Taylor Mills, Matthew Gibson, Ryder Rose, Nathan Gibson, and Sierra Rose.



Sierra Rose singing a hymn

Right: Blessing Box Meal Packs



Preschool Corner

March has been a bouncy month for us in preschool. The older class celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and the younger class made lions and lambs, then we moved onto preparations for St. Patrick's Day. We found gold in the blue hallway upstairs under a black pot and the younger class enjoyed chocolate coins left by the leprechaun.

Old Man Winter paid us a visit so we had two unexpected snow days and shortened our Easter activities. Mrs. Ernst graciously entertained the older

class at her house for an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The 3 year olds hunted for eggs at Taylor Park. Mrs. Kendall visited and read springtime books to the younger class.

I administered the PALS test to our pre-Kindergartners and managed to have successful parent-teacher conferences with all 26 families.

Looking forward to spring break during the first week of April!

Mrs. Ski



Is Burnout a Problem for Us at OPC?

The March 2018 edition of our Presbytery's newsletter, The Vine, has an excellent article on burnout. It describes burnout as a "particularly common problem in smaller churches." According to this article, "symptoms of burnout include feeling overwhelmed, frustrated, disappointed in self and others, cynicism, defeat and apathy."

Does this sound like a problem for us?

Consider some of the verbatim comments from our 2017 Covenant Review Survey

- Not willing to serve on Session.
- Need more involvement by more members
- No one wants to volunteer
- Slowing pace of volunteerism. It is getting harder and harder to engage members in the work of the church or activities.
- There is a lot of apathy and a lack of true enthusiasm in this congregation. Maybe this is a symptom of congregational burnout.
- We continue to think like a larger church than we are. We need to proactively scrutinize and prioritize everything we do in order to cut back on at least half of it. The alternative is continued volunteer burnout where we deal with the urgent but rarely the important.

Again, the question, does this sound like a problem for us?

The Covenant Review Team discussed this issue and answered with a resounding "yes." This is a problem at OPC. In fact, we felt like this may be one of the most serious issues we face as a church family. We, therefore, made a recommendation to Session that we not stick our heads in the sand about this serious issue and instead try to proactively address it. Session agreed, resulting in the following announcement in our bulletin in recent weeks.

***Volunteers Needed:** In response to our Annual Survey, Session has approved a Covenant Review Team recommendation to form a new short-term Volunteer Sustainability Team that will convene to make recommendations on or before June 21 to Session regarding ways to inspire volunteers without being overburdened. This group will explore ways to make our volunteer time more meaningful while minimizing the risk of burnout. We currently have 3 volunteers and would like a minimum of 5. If you feel you are too busy with church activities already, you are a perfect candidate for this team! That's the challenge we are trying to address. Please join this group by contacting Lloyd, Mike, or Ralph.*

As of this writing, we have no other volunteers. Again, does this sound like a problem for us?!

If you have felt this way, we need you!

New Deadline Policy

In order to ease the burden on Melanie regarding deadlines, Session has put the following policy in place:

Melanie will no longer send reminders of deadlines. The deadlines are listed below:

- **Session Packet Deadline** – Friday before Session Meeting by 9:00 am
- **Bulletin Deadline** – Friday by 9:00 am
- **Newsletter Deadline** – 4th Friday of each month by 9:00 am



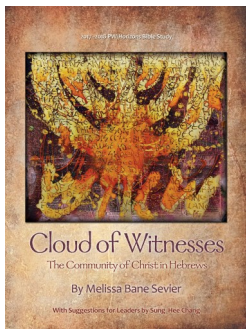
If a Session Packet Deadline is missed, it is the responsibility of the chair of the committee to provide copies of the minutes to Session. They must also be submitted to Melanie for recordkeeping purposes.

If a Bulletin or Newsletter Deadline is missed, the information will be added if possible, or will be printed in the next publication.



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Presbyterian Women



The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will discuss "In Community with the Household of Faith" from *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Joanna Davies will lead the lesson. Nancy Crowder will provide refreshments. For more information, contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081.

Prayer Concerns

- Rachel (Denise Samuels' mother)
- Chris Wynkoop
- Jim, Joan, and Mark Smith (Joanna Davies' brother and family)
- Eva Graves
- Dwight Calhoun
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village



- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Sherman and Southard families upon the death of Rosa Herndon, Lulu's mother. A graveside service was held, followed by a reception at OPC on Saturday, March 24.