

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 Property and Safety 7:00 Maundy Thursday <i>zoom</i>	2	3
4 11:00 Easter Worship <i>Communion and flowering of the cross</i>	5 Easter Holiday <i>Office closed</i> Preschool spring break	6 Preschool spring break	7 Preschool spring break	8 Preschool spring break Pastor Rebekah out of office 7:00 Finance	9 Preschool spring break	10
11 11:00 Worship	12 5:00 Movement of the Spirit	13	14	15	16	17
18 11:00 Worship	19 Pastor Rebekah at CREDO conference	20 Pastor Rebekah at CREDO conference	21 Pastor Rebekah at CREDO conference	22 Pastor Rebekah at CREDO conference	23	24
25 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	26	27 7:00 Session	28	29 2:00 Alva Amsler Funeral (Grahams Cemetery)	30	



April Birthdays

Liz Adam 4/2

Fedie McClung,
Theresa Torian 4/6

Jonathan Stewart
4/16

Yazmin Huerta 4/20

Nathan Gibson 4/22

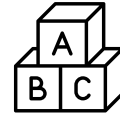
John Huerta 4/25

OPC APRIL 2021

highlights



A letter from OPWS



At OPWS we are grateful for the beautiful weather, the flowering plants, and the sights and sounds of spring! With the warming weather, we have enjoyed more consistency in school with fewer days missed due to sickness or inclement weather. We have seen so much growth in the students in recent weeks due to this consistency and can only imagine what the next two months will bring.

This week in school, students are learning about the Miracle of Easter and the saving grace of Jesus. All of the families were invited to join worship at OPC for Palm Sunday and Easter and we hope that there may be some families to take the opportunity to visit. We will all enjoy Spring Break the second week of April, but when we return, we have much more planned! We hope to continue spending lots of time outdoors. We will study weather and will celebrate God's beautiful creation the week of Earth Day.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has already begun. We will have many returning students next year, which is such a blessing. At this point, our enrollment is no longer restricted due to Covid, so we hope to operate at full capacity next year.

Please feel free to contact Caroline Baldwin at preschool@orangepc.org for registration information, or visit the church website to download a form. Feel free to pass information along to friends and family members who may be interested in joining our preschool family!



Session Highlights



At its February 16th stated meeting, the Session, among other actions:

Approved the pastor attending CREDO Conference April 18-22, and moving the April Session meeting to April 27.

Approved the Spirit Moving Committee recommendation to accept the proposal from Design by Vie. They are to handle content creation and maintenance of website, social media channels, weekly email and monthly newsletter. The initial contract would be for 3 hours weekly at \$20/hour.

Approved the following requests from the Mission and Congregational Care Committee

Solicit children's socks and underwear donations from the congregation for the Clothes Closet

- The special offerings for the year 2021: Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, 5 Cents a Meal, Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Joy Offering
- Spend \$247.00 from collected 5 Cents a Meal offerings to restock the Blessing Box
- Post an open letter to the congregation and the community to consider donating all or part of their stimulus checks to a Mission and Congregational Care benevolence fund.
- Hold a springtime yard sale and plant sale in the parking lot.

Approved the following recommendations from the Covenant Review Team

- Hire Melanie Rose to handle financial duties and assist treasurers part-time for up to 5 hours weekly at \$15.00/hour
- Change Chelsea Holt's title to Interim Music Director

Accepted a motion that the Session ask for volunteers to staff the church office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9-12.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves

Clerk of Session

At its March 16th stated meeting, the Session, among other actions:

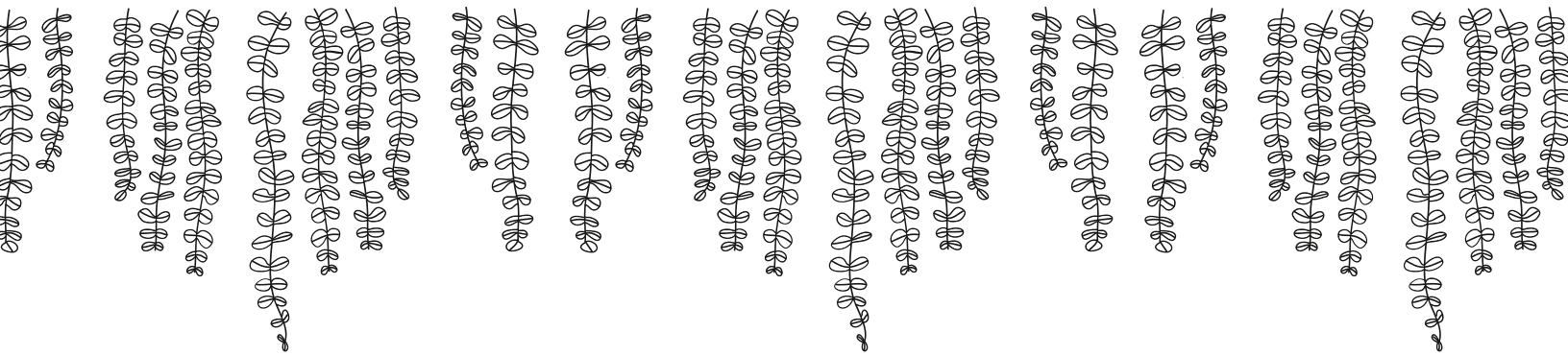
Was informed by the Finance Committee that the OPC had received another PPP grant for \$11,000

Accepted the Safety Team recommendation to reopen the church on Palm Sunday with all safety precautions in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy McLeod

Clerk Pro-Tem



The Spring Church Yard Sale and Plant Sale is May 1st!

Now's the time to do a little spring cleaning! The Mission and Congregational Care Committee is accepting donations for their spring yard sale. (No clothing please...scarves and pocketbooks accepted)

But you need to hurry! The cut-off date for dropping off your donations is April 24th.

Contact Jennie Hill Robinson for details:
madjhr@gmail.com
540-718-5711 leave a message please



Treasurer's report

Beginning balance: 14,512.19

Income: 10,280.97

Expense: 9,131.20

Ending balance: 15,661.96

5-cents: 371.99

Memorial: 1,105.00

Mission: 318.13

Music: 135.42

Scholarship: 9,706.78

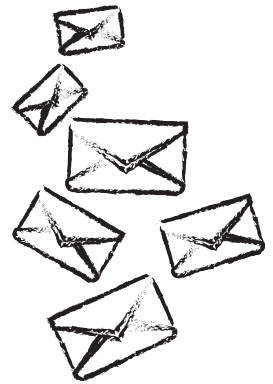
The following lilies were given this year:



From Cindy and Jim Reid- in honor of Martha Clark
From Rebekah- in memory of all the saints who have
entered the church triumphant this past year
From Joanna and Davies- in memory of their parents



A letter from Pastor Rebekah



Friends,

The world is changing again. This time a year ago we were all under lock down, fearful of what the future would look like. In the past year we have lost loved ones, lost precious time, and learned how to cope. It seems like this past year has been a perpetual Good Friday – living in the reality of death. And yet, we have the promise of Easter. We have the promise of resurrection. As the flowers bloom, the birds sing, and the bunnies hop, we are reminded of new life, of hope. I, like so many of you, have received my vaccination. In fact, I received my second shot on Good Friday. (If you have not received your vaccination yet, I pray that you soon will.)

This truly is a new time. And yet, even on Easter we remember the pain of Good Friday. We remember the pain of death. We remember what has been lost. So, as we enter this time of new beginnings, this time of resurrection, I ask you to reflect on the question: what now?

What do we do now, as people of faith? What happens now that we have entered this new time? What does it mean now that we are safer? What now? We cannot go back, we can only go forward, so what will we do with this gift of newness? How will we embrace this new time? What now?

I pray God's blessings upon you all as you discover what this newness means for you and for OPC. I pray that when we gather, we will be safe. I pray that we do not forget our time of Good Friday, even as we rejoice in the promise of Easter.

In Christ,
Pastor Rebekah

OPC from 1926-1970

1926 - A Sunday School Building was added to the rear of the church.

1935 - The Men of the Church were organized.

1939-1942 - Rev. William B. Ward served the church in an energetic and successful way until 1942 when he went to the Davis Memorial Church in Elkins, West Virginia. The membership grew to 156.

1941, July - Mission Sunday School was started with John Moore as superintendent.

1942, February - New pews were installed, many of them given as memorials to the following: Octavia Taliaferro, W. C. Boxley, Evelyn Johnson Williams, Jeannie B. Stribling and Charles Stribling.



1943, June - Rev. Albert G. Edwards became pastor after having preached at OPC for the previous year while a student at Union Theological Seminary. In May 1945, Mr. Edwards was given leave of absence to enter the Army. In his absence, OPC was supplied by three Seminary students, Paul Warren, Charles McCain and Edwin Packard.

1945 - Membership was 169, the church was entirely debt free, Sunday School enrollment 90.

1952 - The new Christian Building (Education Building?) was built and dedicated.

1957, September 1 - Dedication of air conditioning and a set of communion vessels in memory of Mrs. Anna Ward Sherman.

1962, June 17 - Two hymn boards, in memory of William Leland Lord (1888-1960) were dedicated.

1968, Oct. 15 - Minutes of Congregational meeting: Presided by Richard E. Hildebrandt, Atwell W. Somerville, Clerk of Session and J. Goodwin Moore Chairman of the planning council who stated: Architects were employed, schematic drawings were authorized for a

sanctuary to seat approximately 400 people at a cost of \$200,000. Motion to build approved and motions to build and begin a finance campaign were approved: “Yes” 55, “No” 11.

1968, Dec. 31 - 344 members on roll, average attendance 160, number in armed services 10, church school enrollment 120 with 23 leaders. Minister’s salary + manse \$9750. Total indebtedness: \$34,000. Total value of church property: \$209,000

1969 March - Deacon Lorris Clements presented proposal relating to the widening of Main St. church property on corner of Main and Caroline —also approved reception of offering for weekday religious education in the schools of Orange County.

1969 April - Funds collected for 4-wheel drive vehicle to be used in the Congo for the Rev. Day Carper.

1969, July - Session recommended 12-month agreement use of part of Sunday School building for day care by Wee Care Private School Inc. 1970, May 12 - Records indicate second preschool, Little Folks Center, opening in old Library building.

1969, Sept 29 - Approved aid to help in the Nelson Co. catastrophe challenge in the wake of Hurricane Camille.

1970 - Total Budget: \$41,486, Benevolences \$11,150 (general assembly, senate and presbytery), current expenses: \$28,436 (pastor total reimbursement \$11,500 plus manse interest \$1900) Bible teacher Orange Co \$450. Note: building fund receipts \$27,000 not included in budget Total indebtedness: \$26,510 (manse).

1970, March 10 - Youth Club program begins for youth grades 4 - 8 to include bible study, music, recreation, and fellowship (dinner).

1970, April 7 - Congregational meeting approved the Rittenhouse low bid of \$213,177 for the new church and committed to spend up to \$246,000. Trustees commit to borrow amount not to exceed \$260,000 at interest of no more that 8% over 15 years. Trustees were authorized to convey strip of land on South side of Main St. to Town of Orange for purpose of widening street with town agreeing to construct new curb, gutter, sidewalk and retaining wall to and alter the front of the old sanctuary.

1970, June 9 - \$120 for support to missionary C. Betts Huntley for support of Korean children, \$15 for dental work needed for local person.

Orange Presbyterian Church - Orange VA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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Assets		
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Liabilities		
200.400	State Withholding	65.00
200.500	Federal Withholding	1,426.54
200.700	Pastor's Additional D&V Benefits	0.02
	Total Liabilities	\$1,491.56
Fund Balance		
300.100	General Fund	27,297.71
300.300	Peacemaking Fund Balance	10.00
300.400	One Great Hour Fund Balance	169.55
300.700	Five-cents Meal Fund Balance	1,559.24
300.750	Christmas Bazaar Fund Balance	200.50
300.800	Other Pass-through Fund Balanc	4,064.00
300.810	Easter Lilies Fund Balance Balance	130.00
300.820	Music Fund Balance	5.42
300.850	Memorial Fund Balance	19,543.39
300.900	Mission Trip Fund Balance	318.13
300.925	Preschool Scholarship Fund Balance	9,706.78
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