



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

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Lobster Sale

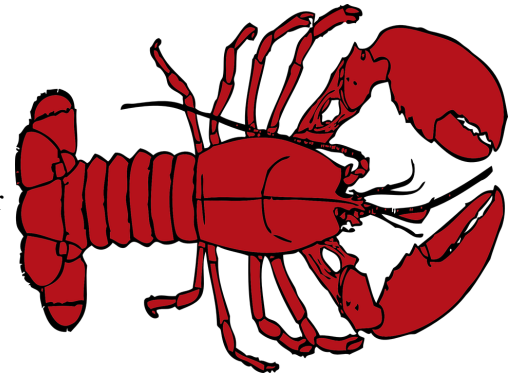
Are you craving fresh Maine lobsters? You can get them again this year with a little twist: Al will go to Maine, purchase them, bring them back and steam them for you to take home and enjoy.

This year there will be NO trimmings such as clams or corn, and NO lobster dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The cost of each lobster is \$12.00.

You can pick up your pre-purchased lobsters on Sunday, September 2 between 3:00 and 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please complete the form on page 5 and turn it in to the offering plate or church office with payment by August 26.



OPC Yard Sale

September 8, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Our Yard Sale is on September 8 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your items to the upstairs Sunday School room before September 1 so they can be priced. Large items or a large quantity of items can be brought directly to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 1 – Tuesday, September 4. Please do not bring items after Tuesday, September 4. If assistance is needed call Louise Whitaker (661-0150). Remember, no clothes and no early sales.

Help will be needed after church on September 2 to move the boxes from the Sunday School room to the Fellowship Hall. We'll also need help in the mornings of Monday through Thursday, September 3 - 6, with unpacking the boxes and arranging the items. If you have questions, give Louise a call.

Ellen Kendall will be organizing a bake sale as part of the yard sale and will welcome all contributions.

Our sale will be a success only if we have buyers, so please spread the word and plan to come yourself. There is a treasure waiting just for you!

Sunday, July 15

On Sunday, July 15, we were treated to a Hymn Sing service. Ralph Graves led the service, giving background information on various hymns, many of which were favorites chosen by congregation members over the last few months. Al Packard, Director of Music, organized the service and a pick-up choir, who sang the Anthem, *We've a Story to Tell the Nations*. The congregation participated by singing selected verses of each hymn after the background was given.



Photos show: Theresa Torian playing the organ while the congregation sings below, Ralph Graves discussing a hymn, and the choir singing the anthem under the direction of Al Packard and Theresa Torian at the piano.



Preschool Corner

With the help of my friend, Sophia (a former preschooler), I've just finished my first big job on my long to-do list in preparation for our Open House on Wednesday, August 29. Our teacher workdays will begin on August 23. Mrs. Ernst will be taking a little time off in the fall to recover from surgery. Fortunately, Christine Bodendorf, who has taught with us before, will join us until Jen returns.

At the moment, our enrollment is a bit low for this time of year but it seems to be slowly increasing.

We have placed an ad in the paper and on Facebook.

I so appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into creating our new playground space. I can't wait to use it. The repair of the wall leading into the basement area looks great as well. Thank you to all of the helping hands who worked so hard this summer.



See you in August!

Mrs. Ski

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	39,043.41	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	12,936.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 121.00
Expenses	\$	5,458.10	Music Fund	\$ 248.56
Ending Balance	\$	46,521.31	Memorial Fund	\$ 3,201.88
			Mission Trip Fund	\$ 1,500.00

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday			1	2 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3  <i>Martha Clements</i> <i>Emily Frobom</i>	4
5 11:00 Worship Communion Installation of Elders	6  <i>Buckshot</i> <i>Clements</i>	7	8	9 6:00 Finance	10	11 10:00 - 12:00 House-warming Party
12  <i>Linda Nash</i> 11:00 Worship	13  <i>Eric Frobom</i>	14	15	16 7:00 Session	17	18
			Melanie on Vacation			
19 11:00 Worship	20  <i>Ralph Graves</i>	21  <i>Shirley Newman</i> <i>Jim Reid</i> <i>Dave Ulan</i>	22	23	24	25 9:00 Craft Club
26 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	27	28	29 3:00 - 5:00 Preschool Open House	30  <i>Lyndsey</i> <i>Norberg</i>	31  <i>Nancy Crowder</i>	1

Greeters

5 Christopher Wynkoop
12 Dot Marks
19 The Rose Family
26 Ralph and Carole Sue Graves

Acolytes

5 Anne Clements
12 Nathan Norberg
19 Matthew Gibson
26 Anne Clements

Nursery Helpers

5 Alice Parcell
Melanie Rose
12 Jim Reid
Millie Tyner
19 Robert and Ellen Kendall
26 Rachel Gibson
Lynn Clements

Counters

5 Connie Norberg
Cindy Reid
12 Dianne Haberland
Ted Sherwin
19 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
26 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis

Lectionary Readings for August

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 necessarily have four readings on Sunday, the lectionary provides an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading to prepare for worship on Sunday.

August 5

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 5:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 5:51-58

August 26

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Session Meeting Highlights

We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner prior to our July meeting! We all know that Presbyterians always like to share food together!

Some highlights of our July 19 Stated Meeting:

- We continued to review revisions of the OPC Administrative Manual, specifically committee/team responsibilities and Financial Operating Procedures. Session recently approved the formation of a Discipleship Team to encourage church members to be faithful stewards of our time, abilities, and to participate in the ministries of the church. This responsibility includes shepherding the time and talent commitments of members made during the annual stewardship campaign throughout the year along with leading the annual stewardship campaign. Discussion continued regarding the responsibilities of this team and recruitment of a chair and team members.
- Communion on August 5 will be served by intinction.
- The Presbytery of the James 2017 Session Examiner's Report for OPC session minutes was received and reviewed.
- We received and reviewed the 2017 Annual Financial Review. Thanks to the Finance Committee and Melanie for their help with this.
- A conversation was held with Elders Elect Anne Somerville and Amy McClung, who will be installed as current Ruling Elders on Sunday, August 5.
- Amy McClung was appointed to be a commissioner to the Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the James on August 7.

- The Property Committee recommended the approval of the purchase of a new thermostat for the kitchen (\$500-\$600) if needed from the Hazard Fund. The motion carried.
- The fence for the preschool playground will be constructed in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to the Property Committee for the planning and implementation of this project.
- The utility shed has been moved from the back door of the sanctuary to the cement pad near the Brooking Street entrance.
- The Community Vacation Bible School (OPC, Trinity United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal) had an average of 14 students each night. The Rise Against Hunger packing event went very well with over 15,000 meals prepared.
- The Spiritual Formation Team is developing a Pray Station curriculum for the fall, with the theme of Bible Super Heroes. Bible skills will be emphasized as well.

Please take a look on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 2018 Stated Session Meetings. Please direct any questions to May Saxton, clerk of session.

Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.

Nancy Crowder, Joanna Davies, Amy McClung, Shirley Newman, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton (clerk), Mike Saxton, Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator)

Melanie's Vacation

Melanie will be on vacation Monday - Friday, August 13-17. As always, you can text or (attempt) to call her cell phone in case of emergency (703-303-1061). Volunteers will be in the office on regular work days from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to assist you should you need anything:

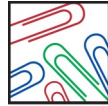
Monday - Carole Sue Graves

Tuesday - Winnie Higgins

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday - Ellen Kendall

Friday - Ellen Kendall



Office Hours

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 their 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!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for selecting me as the Hebrance Scholarship recipient. I am incredibly blessed to come from such a loving church and I'm so excited to go back to Virginia Tech this August (go Hokies!).

Sincerely, Lyndsey Norberg



When You Need Pastoral Support

If you find yourself in need of pastoral support, please remember that your church family is here for you. You can call the church office, call your shepherd, contact May Saxton if you want your prayers put on the prayer chain, or call one of the chairs of the Congregational Care Committee (Pat Stewart or Ellen Kendall). We are not alone just because we don't have a full-time Pastor. If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help.

- Pat Stewart – 540-672-0365, pstewart0287@earthlink.net
- Ellen Kendall – 540-672-3081, ellen_kendall@woodberry.org
- May Saxton – 540-661-7694, saxton-family@comcast.net

Housewarming Party!

Join us for a housewarming party for Martha Clements on August 11 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Join us to wish her well!



Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is up and running. If you need prayer, please contact May Saxton (see above for information), or go to the church web site and click on the Prayer Request icon. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, contact May Saxton.



Lobster Sale Order Form

Pick Up on Sunday, September 2, 2018

OPC Fellowship Hall between 3:00 and 6:00 pm

Number of Lobsters (\$12 each) _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Make checks payable to OPC and note Lobster Sale in the memo section. Forms and payment are due by Sunday, August 26.

Worship Services in August

Below is a list of our guest pastors and service volunteers for the month of August. 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>
8/5	Rev. Wayne Bernardo	Tiffany Burchette	Lynn Clements	Lynn Clements
8/12	Rev. Richard L. Clore	Carol Roop	Amy McClung	Amy McClung
8/19	Rev. Richard L. Clore	Martha Clements	Winnie Higgins	Anne Somerville
8/26	Rev. Richard L. Clore	Rachel Gibson	Margaret Thompson	Margaret Thompson

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

Blood Drive from July

Every other month, OPC hosts the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The drives are very successful with very few deferrals (people who come to donate but can't for some reason). Starting this month, we will include an article in the newsletter after each blood drive, letting you know how much the use of our church and the volunteers who serve are impacting the community with their donations.



In July, the American Red Cross received 33 pints of blood from the Orange community. What a worthy mission for our church to support!

Community Event - Hosted by the Orange Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, August 5 at 3:00 pm
Veteran's Park

The Orange Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring a Community Unity Picnic. Come out to enjoy an afternoon hanging with our Orange County neighbors! Free food will be provided. Games and activities will be available for kids of all ages!



History Covenant Group

Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm
East Room



The OPC History Covenant Group will meet next on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the East Room. Some very nice interior pictures of the old sanctuary will be shared! Also, ideas for framing the architectural rendering of the current sanctuary will be discussed. Please join us as we gather information about OPC's history in preparation for our 175th anniversary in November 2020!

Help Wanted!

A local family is asking for anyone who might need free room and board in exchange for preparing dinner and providing light cleaning for a 96-year old woman in Gordonsville. She is of sound mind and body, but has trouble hearing. They'd like for the person to be home with her at night from roughly 11:00 pm to 6:00 am, so having a full-time day job would be fine, or possibly a college student. See May or Melanie for contact information.

Coffee Fellowship

We are always in need of gracious hosts for our Coffee Fellowship after worship each Sunday. If you or a group would like to host, sign up in the narthex!





Many thanks to Gene Whitaker for transporting 31 boxes of our old hymnals, Bibles, and other books to Hands for Christ International in Roanoke! This group has been delightful in our correspondence with them and is very appreciative of our contribution.

Hands for Christ has a vision for reaching the world through Library Discipleship as a mission to fill the need to teach and train new converts bringing them into Christian maturity to strengthen their faith and equip them to do the works of God.

This interdenominational, evangelical nonprofit ministry is committed to providing Christian materials in the form of books, audio and video, tracts, bumper stickers and magazines which are educational, inspirational and biblically based.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.handsforchrist.org/>.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update



Your PNC continues to read Minister Information Forms and to conduct interviews with prospective pastors. We have found some prayers for the search process that we would like to pass on to each of you. We would encourage you to use this guide as you pray for our church family. We have provided a scripture reading for each week of August and will continue to provide scripture readings in subsequent newsletters. We deeply appreciate your continuing prayers and support!

Week of August 5

Scripture Reading: **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for our church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the PNC to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.**

Week of August 12

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 2:1-7**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for our church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for our church and our PNC to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.**

Week of August 19

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 4:1-6**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for unity and peace in our church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among our PNC as they review and discuss pastoral candidates.**

Week of August 26

Scripture Reading: **John 15:1-8**

Prayer Prompts: **Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period. Pray for members of our PNC to remain close to Christ.**

May Saxton, Lynn Clements, Rachel Gibson, Cindy Reid, Louise Whitaker



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Craft Club

Saturday, August 25
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall



Join us on Saturday, August 25 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall as we make snowmen out of tube socks! All supplies will be provided.

This is a simple craft - no sewing is required. Come in and enjoy the fun!



Pray Station will be revamped for the fall! The Spiritual Formation Team is working on a curriculum based on Bible Super Heroes!

If you are interested in teaching the group, please contact Melanie at the church office by Monday, August 20. She will create a teacher schedule that week and mail it to all participating teachers.

Prayer Concerns

- Jennifer Ernst
- Dwight Calhoun
- Pete Hemingway
- Bernice Walker
- Family and friends of Darius Minor
- Wanda Sherwin, Ted's mother
- Judy, Suzanne Sherwin's friend



- Rachel Winn
- Peggy Fitch
- Diana, Lavinia Phillips' niece
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Bill and Ann Nickels upon the death of Ann's mother, Eleanor Folk Canter, on Tuesday, July 24.