



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

August 2019

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## Rebekah's Installation

On Saturday, July 20, Rebekah was officially installed as pastor of Orange Presbyterian Church. A commission of 6 people from the Presbytery of the James were here, as well as some elders from surrounding churches. Included in the commission were our own Rev. Lynne Clements (Westminster PC) and Rev. Liz Hulme Adam (Tabor PC). Leading the installation was Rev. Diane Prevary of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church. Joining her were Rev. Walter Canter (Blue Ridge PC), Elder Steve Hicks (Mitchells PC), Elder Bucky Hill (Culpeper PC), and Elder May Saxton (Orange PC). Rev. Charles Tucker (Kirkwood PC), Rebekah's father, gave an emotional sermon during the service. Below, the commission and elders praying over the newly-installed Rebekah, and the choir singing *O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* (Eugene Butler).



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## Pastor's Ponderings

*“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.” Mark 4:35-36a*

The temperature is rising, and the days are long. We are in the dog days of summer. People have been coming and going on vacation. I am so glad for that because vacation is so important for mental, physical, and spiritual health. Getting away from the routine helps us step away and get a look at the big picture – what really matters. Even Jesus took time to get away from the ever-present crowds. And we all know God rested on the seventh day! If you have not done so yet this summer, I encourage you to take some guilt-free time for yourself.

That's what I will be doing this weekend. On Thursday I will be going to Baltimore, MD to attend the PC(USA) Big Tent event. This is an opportunity



for Presbyterians to come together for worship, continuing education, social justice issues, and more, all under one big tent. This is a

great chance for me to get to know the larger connectional church and bring back what I learned to our church family. Stay tuned for that!

But of course, that is continuing education, not vacation. I do have plans for the latter. On Saturday, Cameron and the boys will be joining me in Baltimore for some time to play. I always look forward to spending quality time with my family and making good, lasting memories.

Of course we cannot stay in the place of rest forever, there is still work to be done, and plenty of opportunities to work. One thing I am looking forward to is the Rise Against Hunger event. Like in previous years, OPC will be partnering with our neighboring churches for this event. What a wonderful way to serve our neighbors near and far.



I am thankful for time to rest, and to be renewed. I am thankful that God knows that we are limited creatures and calls us to times of rest. And I am also thankful that after a good rest, I can come back to the vast mission field God has called me to and continue on. So, dear friends, take the time to rest and enjoy these dog days of summer. Take a deep breath in so that we can go forth in the name of God.

In Christ,

*Pastor Rebekah*

## Preschool Corner

It's now the end of July and the back-to-school process is beginning. It's been a great summer but now it's time to send one of my children off to her first year at high school, my oldest son off to his first year at Radford, and me to Preschool. Yes, I laughed a little as I typed that.

We are still searching for teachers for the preschool. I'm confident that the search will bring about two wonderful additions to our school soon.

I want to thank those who have donated items to the preschool. Some of you have left us some stuffed animals and puppets to add to our collection in the classroom, so thank you!

This month, I've been working on our class newsletters/lesson plans for the coming school year.

I hope to have them finished at the end of this month so that I can focus entirely on setting up for our Open House by August 28th. I've organized the book room, some of the craft closet, and I've completed some new art projects for the backpack room wall and other areas of the classroom. I've found some great finds for our room at Goodwill, including storage bins, a brand new kid's Ikea table, and an ABC foam mat for the floor.

The pieces are coming together, and I look forward to sharing all of the details with you in September!

Many thanks,

Kim



# August 2019

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <br><b>Indicates Birthday</b> |  |  |   | 1<br>Rebekah Away<br><br>4:00 CC<br>6:00 Property  | 2<br>Rebekah Away   | 3<br><br><i>Martha Clements</i><br>Rebekah Away |
| 4<br>11:00 Worship<br><i>Communion</i><br>Rebekah Away   | 5<br>Rebekah Away  | 6<br><br><i>Buckshot Clements</i>                 | 7   | 8<br>Office Closed<br><br>5:00 M&O<br>7:00 Finance | 9   | 10   |
| 11<br>11:00 Worship<br><i>Pick-Up Choir</i>  | 12<br><br><i>Linda Nash</i><br><br>6:00 Spiritual Formation | 13<br><br><i>Eric Frobom</i>                      | 14  | 15<br><br>6:00 Covenant Review                     | 16<br><br>7:00 Game Night   | 17<br>9:00 Craft Club  |
| 18<br>11:00 Worship<br><br>3:00 Rise Against Hunger  | 19   | 20<br><br><i>Ralph Graves</i><br><br>7:00 Session | 21<br><br><i>Shirley Newman</i><br><i>Jim Reid</i><br><i>Dave Ulan</i> | 22   | 23  | 24<br>8:00 Leadership Retreat<br><br>5:00 Lobster Pick-Up  |
| 25<br>11:00 Worship<br><i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>   | 26   | 27   | 28<br><br>4:00 - 6:00 Preschool Open House  | 29<br><br>4:00 W&M                                 | 30<br><br><i>Lyndsey Norberg</i> | 31<br><br><i>Nancy Crowder</i>                |

## Greeters

4 Fedie and Amy McClung  
 11 Jim and Cindy Reid  
 18 Gene and Louise Whitaker  
 25 Ted and Dianne Haberland

## Acolytes

4 Ryder Rose  
 11 Matthew Gibson  
 18 Taylor Gibson  
 25 Anne Clements

## Nursery Helpers

4 May Saxton  
    Anne Clements  
 11 Karen Ulan  
    Ryder Rose  
 18 Alice Parcell  
    Melanie Rose  
 25 Jim Reid  
    Millie Tyner

## Counters

4 Connie Norberg  
    Anne Somerville  
 11 Ralph Graves  
    Dianne Haberland  
 18 Louise Whitaker  
    Karen Ulan  
 25 Cheryl Lewis  
    Shirley Newman

# 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, an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading are provided.



## August 4

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## August 11

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

## August 18

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

## August 25

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

## Session Meeting Highlights from July

- Prior to the stated session meeting, elders met for a Potluck Dinner and the first of three discussions of the book, Neighborhood Church - Transforming Your Congregation Into A Powerhouse For Mission.
  - Rebekah will attend Big Tent in Baltimore August 1-3.
  - Session accepted the Examiner's Report from the 2018 POJ Review of 2018 Stated Session Minutes.
  - The Property Committee is working on a fee structure for use of all OPC facilities.
  - The Finance Committee recommended that the Financial Review for 2018 be accepted. The records and financial reports were audited by Gary Honaker, Chief Financial Officer, Orange County Public Schools.
  - The Nominating Committee is looking for members for Session, Nominating Committee, Endowment Committee, and the Covenant Review Team for 2020.
  - The Pastor Support Team has met twice in the last month with good discussions of how things are going from Rebekah's and the team's perspectives.
  - The Spiritual Formation Team is making plans for the fall to include a confirmation class, a new members class, middle and high school youth group, and Sunday morning Faith Exploration classes for youth and adults.
- Approved minutes of 2019 Stated Session Meetings are posted in the narthex bulletin board. Please direct any questions to May Saxton, Clerk.
- Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions: Joanna Davies, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley (moderator).
- Remember that you are welcome to attend open stated meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

## Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2019

|                   |    |           |                                |             |
|-------------------|----|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ | 27,419.28 | Other Contributions and Funds: |             |
| Income            | \$ | 11,477.00 | 5 Cents-a-Meal                 | \$ 194.00   |
| Expenses          | \$ | 8,836.55  | Music Fund                     | \$ 599.90   |
| Ending Balance    | \$ | 30,059.73 | Memorial Fund                  | \$ 55.00    |
|                   |    |           | Pentecost Offering             | \$ 384.00   |
|                   |    |           | Preschool Scholarship Fund     | \$ 1,145.68 |

## 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](mailto:opc@orangepc.org).



May God's blessings be on you as you start a new school year!

## Info Update from the Thompsons

We are settling in as time passes. Please come see us when you come this way or make it a trip (one hour from orange). Our new address and phone are:

1316 Glenside Dr.  
Rockingham, VA 22801  
Home phone: (540) 437-8811  
Cell still same.

Jack and Margaret Thompson

## Thank You

Dear OPC,

Thank you so much for your support and care since Elinor's passing. You have been a source of comfort and strength during this time.

Bob Vasquez

Dear OPC,

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts with the McDonald's gift cards. They will be helpful for late nights. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Jacob Barragan

## When the Staff is Away!

Rebekah will be away August 1 - 5, and on August 8. (The office will be closed on the 8th.)

Melanie will be away on August 8 and September 5 - 6.

Al will be away August 18 - 23.

Theresa will be away August 25 and September 1.

We hope they enjoy their time with family and friends!



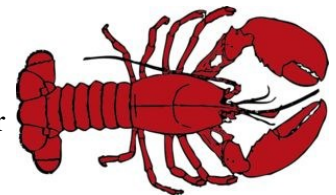
## Lobster Sale

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.

The cost of the first lobster is \$15. Additional lobsters are \$10 apiece.

You can pick up your pre-purchased lobsters on Saturday, August 24 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please complete the form below and turn it in to the offering plate or church office with payment by Sunday, August 18.



**Pick-Up on Saturday, August 24, 2019**  
**OPC Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm**

**Number of Lobsters** (\$15 + \$10 for additional) \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to OPC and note Lobster Sale in the memo section.  
Forms and payment are due by Sunday, August 18.*

## History Covenant Group

A couple questions from our July OPC History meeting for all of you:

1. Do you remember when the paneling at the front of the old 1910 sanctuary was dismantled and pieces were sold? Do you recall anyone in particular who made purchases?
2. Can you share any details about the time capsule that was placed in the front left of the new sanctuary in 1995 at the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OPC? (We plan to open the time capsule at the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, add some items, and close it, to be re-opened on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary!)

Please share any insight that you might have with Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or May Saxton.

## OPC's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: November 2020

We are only 16 months away from our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! We continue our work to inventory and preserve items regarding the rich history of OPC. With the celebration less than a year and a half away, we need to start working on specifics for our November 2020 celebration. If you would be willing to work with us on the planning of this celebration, please contact Carol Couch, Winnie Higgins, Lulu Sherman, Anne Somerville, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, or May Saxton as soon as possible.

P.S. We are on the lookout for a fireproof safe or filing cabinet for the storage of our OPC historical books and documents. Please let anyone in the history group know if you have some leads!

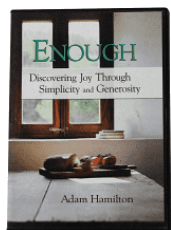
## Spiritual Formation for Fall 2019

We have new and exciting plans for the fall for your spiritual nourishment! We will offer a Confirmation Group for high school youth, a Youth Group for middle and high schoolers, a New Member Class, and Faith Explorations groups on Sunday mornings for youth and adults between 9:45 and 10:30 am.

For your fall calendar:

- **Sunday, September 1, 12:15 to 12:45 pm:** New Member Class will meet in the Pastor's Study
- **Sunday, September 15, 9:45 to 10:30 am:** Kick-Off Breakfast for Confirmation, Youth Faith Explorers, Adult Faith Explorers, and Youth Group
- **Starting Sunday, September 22, 9:45 to 10:30 am:**
  - Confirmation Group will meet in the Youth Group Hangout.
  - Adult Faith Explorers will meet in the East Room.
  - Youth Faith Explorers, formerly Pray Station, will meet in the Leland Lord Library or the Fellowship Hall
  - Youth Group: Day and time TBD

Youth Faith Explorers, formerly Pray Station, for ages 5-13, will meet between 9:45-10:30, for Faith Explorations. During Worship, youth will stay with their families or to do some quiet activities at the Pray Station table in the back of the sanctuary. We would love to have additional guides for this group! The curriculum is easy to use and requires little to no preparation. If you are willing, talk with any member of the Spiritual Formation Team: Karen, Ellen, Sandy, May, or Pastor Rebekah.



The Adult Faith Explorers will start out with a four week discussion of Adam Hamilton's book, Enough - Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity. If you would like to purchase a book, they are available on Amazon for \$7.76. It is not necessary to have a book because most of the discussion is based on the weekly video viewing during class. We do need facilitators for this class! We will have a Leader's Guide which makes facilitating easy! If you are willing, please talk with May or Pastor Rebekah.

## Upcoming Activities sponsored by the Moved by the Spirits Covenant Group

Everyone is invited to join in with the upcoming activities of the Moved by the Spirits covenant group!

- Game Night - Friday, August 16 at 7:00 pm! Games to include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Code Names, Mexican Dominoes, Bridge. Bring your favorite game and a dessert/snack to share! Watch your bulletins and Weekly Memos for additional details!
- Montpelier Seasonal Stroll - Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$10 each for ages 7 and up.
- Group trip to see the movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" on the release date, Friday, November 22. Watch your bulletins, Weekly Memos, and newsletters!

## Rise Against Hunger - Sunday, August 18 at 3:00 pm

The Orange Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger event!

It will take place on Sunday, August 18 at 3:00 pm in the OPC Fellowship Hall.



Rise Against Hunger is an organization that helps provide food to the hungry around the world. Their mission is to end hunger by 2030. 820 million people in the world don't get enough food to live a healthy life. Africa has the highest prevalence of undernourishment, affecting 21% of the population. Malnourishment is the single largest contributor to disease.

You can help! Join us as a community to pack meals to send to the hungry. Rise Against Hunger will bring all the supplies and we will fill individual meal packets to distribute to those in need.

## Helping Others Through Prayer

Our Prayer Group needs additional members! Our current prayer intercessors: Pat Stewart, Anne Somerville, Mike and May Saxton, Joanna Davies, Carole Sue and Ralph Graves, and Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley are available to pray for any concern that might be shared during the week. As we know, not all prayer concerns happen on the weekends. During the week you can submit a prayer request in one of four ways:

- by email to [maysaxton@gmail.com](mailto:maysaxton@gmail.com).
- by phone to (540) 661-7694 (call or text).
- by going on our church website at [www.orangepc.org](http://www.orangepc.org), clicking on the logo at the bottom of the front 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.
- by contacting one of the intercessors listed above.

When the coordinator receives your request, she will contact the other intercessors to pray on your behalf. If you have questions or would be interested in joining the Prayer Group, please contact May.

## Yard Sale Update

A huge assortment of items has been amassed for our yard sale on Saturday, September 7. If you have additional items, please leave them in the hall by the men's restroom.

The yard sale room is full! The cut-off date for bringing items is Sunday, August 11. Bags for customer use can be left in the Narthex.



Lots of volunteer help will be needed after church on Sunday, September 1 for moving everything to the Fellowship Hall. More volunteers will be needed Monday - Wednesday for unpacking and arranging, and on sale day, Saturday, September 7, volunteers will be needed to clerk and assist customers.

Customers are the key to success, so please spread the word, and come and bring your friends. Proceeds will be divided among Habitat for Humanity, Christian Emergency Council, and the OPC Weekday School. Please call Louise Whitaker at 661-0150 with any questions.



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## Presbyterian Women

As we look ahead to resuming our monthly morning circle meetings in September, I encourage all OPC women to consider participating this year. The 2019-2020 Bible study is Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. We meet at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May. This is a wonderful opportunity for in-depth Bible study, thoughtful discussion, support, and fellowship.

Also, please let me know if there is interest in an evening circle this year.

**Attention to last year's participants:** If you have a copy of the study, God is with Us, please turn it into the church office or give it to me. It may be used for an upcoming study at OPC. Ellen Kendall (672-3081)

## Craft Club

Craft Club will meet on Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 -11:00 am. Sharon has plans for us to make prayer boxes and emergency kits. It should be lots of fun! We hope to see you there!



## Prayer Concerns

- Lloyd Parcell
- Grieving families
- Peggy Fitch as she returns home
- Those in constant conflict in the Middle East
- Chris Wynkoop at Dogwood Village



- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Elinor Vasquez, upon her death on Thursday, June 27. A memorial service was held at OPC on Wednesday, July 10.