



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

February 2020

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Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday February 2

Join the OPC Souper Bowl competition! Bring in your soup cans (and/or any other non-perishable food) on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, and place them in the box for your choice to win the game - the Kansas City Chiefs (AFC) or the San Francisco 49ers (NFC). One half of the food will stay here for the Blessing Box and the other half will be donated to the Love Outreach Food Pantry.



Dollars will also be collected in soup pots following Worship on February 2, and will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box.

Last year, we collected 197 food items and \$71! Let's break both of these records this year!

Adult Spiritual Formation Resumes Sunday, February 23

The Adult Spiritual Formation Group that has been meeting on Sundays between 9:45 and 10:30 am will resume on Sunday, February 23 in preparation for Lent, which starts on Wednesday, February 26. We will discuss "Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross" and will be following the "Stations of the Cross." We have received copies of "Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross." If you would like a copy in advance, please see May!

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Community Lenten Services Begin Wednesday, February 26



This year, the Community Lenten Services are being hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church at 143 W Main St. Services will begin at 12:15 pm and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served afterward.

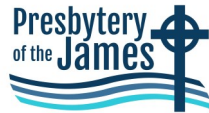
An offering will be received during the service and given to a local organization to help those in need.

The first service, on Ash Wednesday, will be led by Trinity's pastor, Rev. Joshua D. Munnikhuisen.

Pastor's Ponderings

2020 has some very exciting things in store – we have 2 family reunions to celebrate! I trust you all know that this year is our 175th anniversary as a congregation. The History Team has been hard at work planning this celebration. This is a time for current and former members and pastors to come together and celebrate the life of this part of the body of Christ. 175 years is something to celebrate indeed. I'm so excited to be a part of it.

While the 175th anniversary is a time for our immediate family, we have an extended family reunion this year as well. We will be hosting the October 17th Stat-ed Presbytery



Meeting of the Presbytery of the James! As a connectional church, all PC(USA) congregations are part of our family, and we are a part of theirs. By hosting this presbytery meeting, we get to re-acquaint ourselves with these family members. We have the opportunity to come together as one body, one family to worship God, hear news from around the Presbytery, share mission experiences, and do the work of the larger church.

Both of these family reunions are special events in

and of themselves. How wonderful it is to have our extended family be here with us to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our immediate family!

I hope we can come together with our various gifts and abilities to make both of these family reunions wonderful, welcoming events.

Blessings,
Pastor Rebekah

Matthew 25 Events

The Blessing Line project has been extended through February. Many items have been taken, showing that there is a need for this project in our town! We continue to accept hats, scarves, and gloves. There is a basket in the East Room for new or gently used donations.



Our Blessing Box, also a Matthew 25 project, is being used regularly as well. It needs to be restocked several times a week. Families need all kinds of things, including non-perishable foods, toiletries, and Tylenol. We would love your help restocking our closet. Look in the narthex for a basket in which to place your donations.

Preschool Corner

After a nice Christmas break, we returned in January to some chilly weather, but with plenty of excitement to see all of the children, and for them to see their friends again. We had one snow day and a holiday, so January went by very quickly.

The four-year-old class is beginning a more concentrated schedule revolving around more activities that will be preparing them for Kindergarten in the Fall. Both groups have made many winter crafts, including pinecone bird feeders, painting snowmen, and lots of learning about polar bears and penguins.

I'm finishing the last of the forms necessary for our state licensing and look forward to having it completed this week. I've learned an incredible amount about the licensing procedure this year. It will be a great feeling when it is all finally completed.



Thank you to everyone who has donated toys, storage baskets/shelves, and other items to the preschool. The children enjoy finding new things in our preschool room, so thank you all for your generosity.

With thanks,
Mrs. Kim





Choir Practice Resumes at a New Date and Time

Choir Practice will resume starting on Sunday, February 2 at 9:45 am in the Choir Room. New and experienced members are welcome!

Appreciation Sundays

The Covenant Review Team will be hosting Appreciation Sundays throughout the year. The first one will be Sunday, February 16, during the Coffee Fellowship, where we will show appreciation for our staff.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Indicates Birthday						1  Charles Motley Isaac Motley
2 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	3  Allison Norberg	4  Winnie Higgins Ryan Gibson 10:00 W&M	5  Ted Sherwin 7:00 Lenten Working Group	6 10:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	7  Dianne Haberland	8 9:00 Bazaar Workshop
9 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	10  Gail Hassmer 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 History Group	11 10:30 Morning Circle 7:00 Pastor Support Team	12 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	13 7:00 Finance	14  Kim Bartley 7:00 Game Night	15
16 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18 7:00 Session	19	20	21	22 9:00 Bazaar Workshop
23  Taylor Gibson 9:45 Faith Exploration 9:45 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	24	25	26  Lynn Clements <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:15 Community Lenten Service	27	28	29

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Counters	Youth FE
2 Lloyd and Alice Parcell	2 Matthew Gibson	2 Melanie Rose	2 Connie Norberg Anne Somerville	2 May Saxton
9 Winnie Higgins	9 Ryder Rose	9 May Saxton	9 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves	9 Sharon Mohrmann
16 The Rose Family	16 Anne Clements	16 Robert Kendall	16 Louise Whitaker Karen Ulan	16 Ellen Kendall
23 Ralph and Carole Sue Graves	23 John Huerta	23 Melanie and Ryder Rose	23 Dianne Haberland Cheryl Lewis	23 Rachel Gibson

Lectionary Readings for February

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

February 2

Micah 6: 1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

February 9

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

February 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 23

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 OR 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Session Meeting Highlights

From the January 21, 2020 Stated Session Meeting:

- Our two new elders were welcomed - Lynn Clements and Jennie Hill Robinson.
- The completed 2019 PC(USA) Statistical Report was received and approved.
- Elder Ralph Graves was elected as our 2020 Clerk of Session.
- Cindy and Jim Reid were elected as our 2020 Co-Treasurers.
- The OPC Pastor Job Description was approved as presented.
- A Maundy Thursday Service will be held at OPC on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. Communion will be served.
- The distribution of Souper Bowl of Caring food and monetary contributions between our Blessing Box and Love Outreach Food Pantry was approved.

- The purchase and installation of a new air conditioning unit for the sanctuary will be paid for from Capital Improvements and from a Small Church Grant that was secured from the Presbytery.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 2019 Stated Session Meetings.

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

Lynn Clements, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Jennie Hill Robinson, Mike Saxton, Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley (moderator).



Remember that you are always welcome to attend our open stated meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Leland Lord Library.

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	27,970.92	Other Contributions:		
Income	\$	17,025.44	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	178.30
Expenses	\$	11,994.94	Memorial Fund	\$	8,653.92
Transfer from Interim Fund	\$	20.00	Mission Trip Fund	\$	318.13
Ending Balance	\$	33,021.42	Music Fund	\$	185.42
			OPC Weekday School Fund	\$	5,027.50
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$	9,240.53

175th Anniversary Celebration

November 8, 2020!

We are only 9 months away from our celebration! The History Covenant Group very much needs your help with different facets of our celebration. Please contact any member of the group if you are willing to help in any of these areas. Thanks in advance!

- Homecoming Luncheon
 - Organizing
 - Set up, clean up
 - Table decorations
- Time capsule opening and new items to be added
- Photographing the event and a church family group picture
- Display of pictures and artifacts in the Fellowship Hall for the luncheon

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 10, at 7:00 pm in the Leland Lord Library. We would love to have you join us!

Melanie's Last Day

Melanie will be leaving OPC as Administrative Assistant on Friday, February 28. She has loved her time at OPC, and will continue to be a part of our congregation as she explores a new opportunity.

While she will miss working at OPC, she looks forward to seeing everyone on Sundays.

Thank You

Dear Orange PC,

Thank you so much for the kind Christmas gift. The extra money is very generous. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of the music at Orange PC, and also the loving community. Looking forward to continuing on in 2020.

Thanks,

Chelsea Holt

Ways You Can Serve!

There are several ways you can serve at OPC. One way is to host our weekly Coffee Fellowship held every Sunday after worship. This is time to spend with your church family after worship and to make newcomers feel welcome with snacks and a warm welcome. You can host on your own or join with a group - your committee, your covenant group, or your flock, for example. The sign-up sheet is in the East Room behind the coffee pot.

Another way to serve is to provide flowers for the front of the sanctuary. Each week, someone or a group brings a beautiful arrangement of flowers for the congregation's enjoyment. These can be purchased or made from your own gardens. This can also be a solo or group effort. Flowers are often provided in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

A third way to serve is remember the things you checked off on the Time and Talents sheet. These are used to see who is willing to serve in specific areas, but you are always encouraged to volunteer on your own as needs arise!

Winter Weather Schedule Changes

Even when winter weather affects our area, 11 AM Sunday Worship will be held. We will do our best to clear our parking lot and walkways to ensure the safety of members and visitors. If conditions become unsafe, we will cancel services and activities at the church.

The Pastor and the Clerk of Session will confer to make the decision about canceling the service. Shepherds are then immediately notified to contact their flocks. We will contact the local radio and TV stations, and post notices on our website and Facebook page. If we have enough lead time, we'll send an email notice.

Television stations: WVIR TV - Channel 29, NBC; WVAW TV - Channel 16, ABC; WCAV TV - Channel 19, CBS.

Radio station: WJMA - 103.1 FM

Internet: orangepc.org



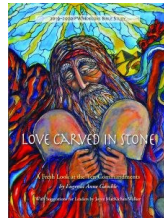


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Presbyterian Women

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will discuss Lesson Six, *Hold Your Marriages Sacred*, from [Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments](#). Fedie McClung will lead the lesson and Lavinia Phillips will provide refreshments.

Contact Ellen Kendall at 672-3081 for more information or with questions.



Bazaar Workshops

The first of many workshops for the 2020 Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 12, both from 9:00 - 11:00 am. We will be creating pine cone art, which involves attention to detail, so there will only be 4 spaces each day. I am happy to have another workshop if more people are interested. Please sign up ahead of time at madjhr@gmail.com, or call 540-718-5711.

The next workshop will be Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will decorate beautiful artificial wreaths that someone generously donated. We have 8 artificial wreaths to work on and 3 grapevine wreaths. We also have lots of goodies for decorating. I hope lots of you will be able to come!

Prayer Concerns

- Frederick Higgins
- The Shrader Family
- Jim Golas's brother's family upon the death of Jim's sister-in-law
- Nan Hawkins
- Alice Parcell



- Shirley Sprouse's friend
- Gene Whitaker
- Charles Tucker
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village