



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

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## Souper Bowl of Caring!

This will be OPC's 14<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, according to the Souper Bowl of Caring website at <https://souperbowl.org!>



### Recent history:

2018 - 180 cans were collected, 90 contributed to the Blessing Box and 90 contributed to Love Outreach Food Pantry

\$57 was collected and was used to purchase items for the Blessing Box

2017 - 408 cans were collected and contributed to Love Outreach Food Pantry

2016 - 242 cans were collected and contributed to Love Outreach Food Pantry

2015 - 251 cans were collected and contributed to Love Outreach Food Pantry

Our goal this year, as set by our Pray Station Youth, is 300 cans! Bring as many as you can to Worship on Sunday, February 3, and place them in your box of choice in the Narthex! One half of the cans will be donated to Love Outreach Food Pantry. The other half will remain at OPC for supplying our Blessing Box. Our youth will be collecting money in soup kettles at the conclusion of Worship on February 3. The collected funds will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box. Thanks in advance for your cans and monetary contributions!



## Prayer Chain

The OPC Prayer Chain is up and running! We know that often we have prayer concerns that cannot wait until Worship on Sunday. If you have an immediate prayer concern, please contact May Saxton:

- Email to [saxton-family@comcast.net](mailto:saxton-family@comcast.net)

- Call her at 540-661-7694
- Go to the church web site and click on the Prayer Request icon.

When a prayer request is received, our five prayer warriors are contacted so that they can start offering intercessory prayer as soon as possible.

We are looking for more people willing to pray on behalf of others as an extra means of support to members of our congregation. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please contact May.

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## Installation of New Elders

On Sunday, January 27, Pastor Wayne Bernardo served as our guest pastor and installed our new elders, Carole Sue and Ralph Graves. They were welcomed with open arms to serve our church in this way, as they dedicated themselves to the task. The choir also performed *Come Follow Me* as the anthem for the service.



## Preschool Corner

We've had one holiday, two snow days, and a late return from Christmas break, so January has been an extremely short month for us in preschool.

The older class spent a week on the book *The Mitten*, making mittens, acting it out, and telling the story themselves. They have also begun practicing writing their names every day and, I'm proud to say, everyone can recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

We anticipated a readjustment period with the younger children after our long holiday, but they have returned with an abundance of enthusiasm and

excitement! Some have started dropping their coats at the door and racing in because they can't wait to start their day. We've spent most of our days making snowmen out of cotton, play dough, and chalk. Their favorite was snowflake shakers!

Mrs. B and I have been putting on puppet shows for both classes. We are in teacher heaven this year.

Looking forward to spring!

Mrs. Ski



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Indicates Birthday</b>					1	2  Robin Kendall
3  Allison Norberg 11:00 Worship Communion	4  Winnie Higgins Ryan Gibson	5  Ted Sherwin Amy Sherman	6 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	7  Dianne Haberland 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation 6:00 Covenant Review	8	9  Elsa Southard
10  Gail Hassmer 11:00 Worship	11	12 10:30 Morning Circle	13 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	14 7:00 Finance	15  Olivia Ernst	16
17 11:00 Worship	18	19 7:00 Session	20 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	21	22	23  Taylor Gibson 9:00 Craft Club
24 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal	25	26  Lynne Clements	27 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	28	1	2  R. Wayne Modena

## Greeters

3 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin  
10 Anne Somerville  
17 Robert and Ellen Kendall  
24 Millie Tyner

## Acolytes

3 Nathan Norberg  
10 Matthew Gibson  
17 Ryder Rose  
24 Taylor Gibson

## Nursery Helpers

3 Robert and Ellen Kendall  
10 Lynn Clements Rachel Gibson  
17 Anne Clements May Saxton  
24 Karen Ulan Ryder Rose

## Pray Station

3 Melanie Rose  
10 May Saxton  
17 Rachel Gibson  
24 Ellen Kendall

## Counters

3 Connie Norberg Cindy Reid  
10 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves  
17 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin  
24 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis

# 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 necessarily have four readings on Sunday, an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading are provided to prepare for worship on Sunday.

## February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

## February 10

Isaiah 6:1-13  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

## February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

## February 24

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

# January Session Meeting Highlights

- We welcomed our newly elected Elders to our January meeting with many thanks for being willing to serve - Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, and Ted Haberland. Carole Sue and Ralph will be installed on January 27. Ted will be installed on March 3.
  - Margaret Thompson was reappointed treasurer and May Saxton was reappointed Clerk of Session, both for a one year term. Ralph Graves will serve as Assistant Clerk.
  - Committee/Team assignments for 2019 (chairs and liaisons) were discussed and will be finalized at our February meeting.
  - Session continues to review revisions for the OPC Administrative Manual. In January we reviewed and approved, as amended, Funeral and Memorial Service Policy and Duty Elder Guidelines for a Funeral or Memorial Service.
  - Congregational Care: A motion was made and approved to collect money for care cards for college students on Sundays, January 20 and 27.
  - Mission and Outreach: Guidelines were discussed for handling requests that come to OPC for financial help for individuals. It was decided that such requests be referred to the Christian Emergency Council, to which OPC contributes in a variety of ways. Exceptions would include Christmas gifts determined to be designated for specific families.
  - Spiritual Formation: A motion was made and approved to collect \$1 contributions on February 3 for Souper Bowl Sunday for use in purchasing food to add to the Blessing Box.
  - Worship and Music
    - A motion was made and approved to place the new hymnals in the sanctuary for the February 10 Worship Service with a brief Service of Dedication and a time of recognition for those who have been honored or remembered.
  - A motion was made and approved that, because we do not have a pastor at this time, we will not have an Ash Wednesday service, but we will encourage attendance of the Community Lenten Service at noon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.
  - A motion was made and approved that we hold a Maundy Thursday service on April 18, at the discretion of the supply pastor.
  - Elders Davies and Graves (Carole Sue) were elected as commissioners (one voting, one non-voting) to the Presbytery of the James Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 16 at Three Chopt Church in Richmond.
- Many thanks to Nancy Crowder and Shirley Newman for their many years of service as Elders. Shirley has served three terms and Nancy has served four terms for a combined total of 21 years as Elders on Session. Very well done, good and faithful servants!
- Please take a look at 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 the Session.
- Please contact any member of session at any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions. Nancy Crowder, Joanna Davies, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Shirley Newman, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Wayne Bernardo (temporary moderator)



## Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	74,956.12	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	10,624.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 93.00
Expenses	\$	5,484.89	Joy Gift	\$ 200.00
Ending Balance	\$	80,095.23	Music Fund	\$ 484.44
			Mission Trip Fund	\$ 1,500.00
			Pastor Nominating Fund	\$ 2,773.00
			Preschool Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,445.68

## Worship Service Volunteers in February

Below is a list of our guest pastor and service volunteers for the month of February. We will let you know by Thursday of the week of services what is needed of you on Sunday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
2/3	E. Richard Knox	Ellen Kendall	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
2/10	E. Richard Knox	Ellen Kendall	Anne Somerville	Anne Somerville
2/17	E. Richard Knox	Ellen Kendall	Ted Haberland	Ted Haberland
2/24	Josh Andrzewski	Ellen Kendall	Margaret Thompson	Margaret Thompson

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

## Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship this winter. The sign-up sheet is in the East Room with plenty of open spots! Join with a group of friends, your flock, or your committee. This is a great way to show hospitality to guests and to the rest of the congregation.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide flowers for the sanctuary. The flowers add beauty to our worship service and are a way you can honor or remember a loved one, or just to share your love for flowers and arranging. Some people order flowers from a local florist and others use their own flowers and skills at arranging - you can do what works best for you!



## Winter Weather Schedule Changes

In the event of winter weather affecting our area, Orange Presbyterian Church will make every attempt to hold Worship at 11:00 am. We will do our best to clear our parking lot and walkways to ensure the safety of members and visitors.



If the weather situation becomes unsafe, we will cancel services and activities at the church. Our practice is that the pastor (at present, our supply pastor) confers with the Clerk of Session to make the decision about cancelling the service. Shepherds are immediately notified to make calls to the members of their flock. We make every effort to contact the local radio and TV stations. You should check these television stations: WVIR TV - Channel 29, NBC; WVAW TV - Channel 16, ABC; WCAV TV - Channel 19, CBS. Radio station: WJMA - 103.1 FM.

## ACT Loans Program is Launched

At the beginning of January, the Christian Emergency Council and UVA Community Credit Union (UVACCU) launched A Community Trusts (ACT) Loan Program to offer affordable loans to our neighbors who are the working poor. Thirty-five percent of the households in Orange County are the working poor or the impoverished, fifty-nine percent in the Town of Orange, sixty-two percent in Gordonsville. Far too often our working poor neighbors turn to predatory lenders for emergency loans charging up to 200% interest. ACT Loans can offer small loans up to \$2,000 at 9.9% interest for things like car repairs or tires, Division of Motor Vehicle fees that keep a working person from getting a driver's license, or a medical or dental need that can be dealt with in a timely manner so that time away from work is minimized. The idea is to help our neighbors in a crisis so that they avoid getting into deeper financial trouble. We can also assist them with educational or business dreams.

The launch of ACT Loans happened because of generous donations from individuals, churches, and denominational organizations within and beyond our county. We met our goal of raising \$10,000 in November of last year. The UVACCU matched our fundraising so that we have \$20,000 available for loans. We cannot overstate the appreciation we hold for UVACCU's partnership! Presently no loans have been offered but we are ready to go.

An essential service provided in ACT Loans is financial mentoring. We are excited that we have twelve trained volunteer financial mentors. By the way, financial mentoring is for anyone. One does not have to apply for a loan to take advantage of it. We are already mentoring some of our neighbors in budgeting and tracking of expenses.

The ACT Loans Oversight Committee members are Tom Pitz, President of the Christian Emergency Council, member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Bernice Washington, Adult Education Coordinator with the Department of Social Services, member of Blue Run Baptist Church; Vicky Schafer, retired from Virginia National Bank, member of Orange Baptist Church; Valencia Bailey, First Lady (Pastor's wife) of House Of God Tabernacle and co-founder of Good Samaritan Incorporation; and Rick Clore, retired pastor of Orange Baptist Church.

If you are interested in volunteering as a financial mentor with ACT Loans Program, contact Rick Clore at [rlclore01@gmail.com](mailto:rlclore01@gmail.com) or 540-308-0056. Donations can be channeled through Orange Baptist Church or sent to Christian Emergency Council, PO Box 41, Orange, VA 22960. Please always indicate on your contribution that it is for ACT Loans. Thank you for your support of this much needed service to our neighbors!

### Craft Club

The OPC Craft Club will get together at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 23. We will be making wreaths and wall hangings. This is a NO SEW workshop and should be lots of fun. We are looking for unusual natural items for our work. Please join us!



### Blood Drive

We had another successful blood drive in January! We collected 45 pints of lifesaving blood. Thanks to all of our donors!

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, March 7 from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. Remember to eat plenty of iron-rich foods and stay hydrated in the days before your donation. You can make an appointment at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), download the app to make your appointment, or just walk in. We hope to see you there!

### Sweetheart Ball

**Tuesday, February 12**  
**6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**Dogwood Village**

Come in festive attire to enjoy dancing, wine, and hors d'oeuvres at Dogwood Village on February 12! The Kool Kat Kwintet will provide music for the evening.

RSVP by February 5 to 540-672-1830.



## Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunity

The Spiritual Formation Team would like to offer a Bible discussion opportunity during the winter. In response to the Spiritual Formation 2017 Survey, we would offer this on an evening to be determined by those interested in participating, along with a potluck dinner. In response to the survey, we would offer this on a Wednesday evening, along with a potluck dinner.

The Presbytery of the James Resource Center has recommended several books and DVD series by Adam Hamilton that have been used in other churches throughout the Presbytery. For more information about the author, take a look at <https://www.adamhamilton.com>.

A couple of choices are:

1. *Why?* by Adam Hamilton

Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations, where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to mar his creation? In "*Why?*", best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

§ God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him.

§ God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering.

§ While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.

1. *Christianity's Family Tree - What Other Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton

Learn more about the Christian histories and traditions of other denominations within the faith "family" as Adam Hamilton respectfully explains their similarities, differences and value within the Church. Eight denominations are discussed: Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism (Reverend Hamilton's tradition).

Please indicate your choices below and return to the offering plate, to Melanie in the office, or to the envelope on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact May Saxton with any questions.

### Adult Spiritual Formation Winter 2019 Bible Discussion

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in a Wednesday evening potluck/Bible study during Winter 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to help facilitate a session. (A Leader's Guide will be provided.)

Please rank (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) your preferences of the two offerings above.

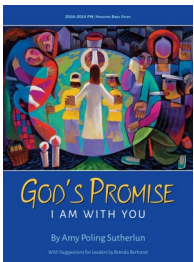
\_\_\_\_\_ *Why?* by Adam Hamilton

\_\_\_\_\_ *Christianity's Family Tree - What Other Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton



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## Presbyterian Women



This month, the Orange Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 8 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will study Lesson Six, God With Us through Our Trials from *God's Promise: I Am With You*. Lavinia Phillips will lead the discussion and Shirley Newman will provide refreshments.

Many, many thanks to all who donated diapers in January for the Love Outreach Food Pantry. We collected over 874 diapers. Thank you so much!

## Prayer Concerns

- Chris Wynkoop
- Jennifer Ernst
- Rachel Saxton
- Dwight Calhoun
- Kate Cook
- Jim Smith
- Sylvester Coleman



- The March family upon the death of Helen
- The Altman family upon the death of Tucker
- Emmy and Chess upon the death of their mother
- Jim Golas's friend
- Sandra, Fred Higgins' niece
- Joe Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village