

highlights

Congratulations to our graduates!



June 6 is Graduate Recognition Sunday! Orange Presbyterian Church would like to acknowledge the following scholars.

From the graduating classes of 2020:

- Jacob Barragan graduated from Shepherd University with a degree in Economics and a minor in Education.
- Chelsea Holt graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in Cognitive Science: Neuroscience.
- Liam McLeod graduated from Western Governor's University with a degree in Cloud and Systems Administration.

From the graduating classes of 2021:

- Grace Kendall graduated from the University of Virginia with degrees in Art History and Global Studies in the Middle East and South Asia.
- Lyndsey Norberg graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in National Security & Foreign Affairs and minors in Arabic and Geographic Information Science. She will be continuing her education at George Mason University this fall.

Treasurer's Report for May 2021

Beginning balance: 18,254.78

Income: 9,777.87

Expense: 9,204.67

Ending balance: 18,827.98

Fund Reports

5 Cents a Meal: 354.06

Memorial: 1,019.07

Music: 135.42

Scholarship: 9,706.78

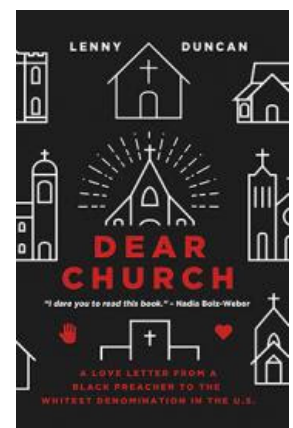


Summer Worship Time Change

Starting with the first Sunday in June, worship services will commence at 10am during the summer months.

Dear Church Meeting Dates

Our book study will be meeting 3 times to discuss "Dear Church". Meetings will take place on the following Wednesdays: June 2, June 23, and July 14. You can still sign up and receive a book by contacting Pastor Rebekah.





Pastor's Ponderings

Friends,

Back in April I had to opportunity to go on a weeklong retreat called CREDO. This retreat was created by the PC(USA) in order for pastors to take a sabbath rest. Although we are tasked with preaching and teaching about the importance of sabbath, often times pastors are terrible examples at keeping sabbath. There is always something else that could be done, always a task that needs attention, always a sermon that could be better written. But keeping sabbath is crucial. In fact, it's even a commandment to do so. Therefore, the powers that be saw a need to aid pastors in taking a sabbath so that we can be better equipped as pastors and as sabbath keeping models.

As we get into the part of the year where things tend to slow down - school is out, vacations are planned, days are long - I want to set an example on how to take a sabbath so that you can feel empowered to do the same. Sabbath is not just a weekly day off. Take time every day for sabbath. Find an activity, or a place where you can rest. Maybe that is your garden, maybe your favorite room. Find that place for you and, every day, take time to rest. Breathe deeply, feel all your feelings, commune with the Spirit. Be still and know God.

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Session Highlights

At its May 18th stated meeting, the Session, among other actions:

- Received a report from the Covenant Review Team outlining the procedures for performance reviews for pastor and music director.
- Received a report from the Property and Safety Committee that the brick wall repairs had been completed.
- Approved a recommendation from the Spirit Moving Committee that Sunday worship be moved to 10:00 am beginning June 1 and ending September 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves
Clerk of Session

OPC History: From 1970 thru 1977

1970 - September 27, a committee was formed for the 125th Anniversary and Newton Sparks was chairman. A "Buy a Brick" program was started for young people to help raise money for the building of the new sanctuary.

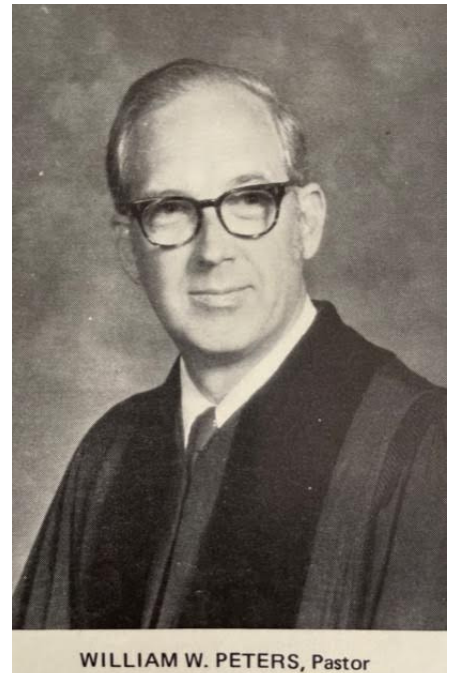
1971 - In February, it was approved to move the organ and its improvement and rebuilding to the new sanctuary. The work was to be done by James Carson and not to exceed \$10,000. In May, Mrs. Woodberry S. Ober was appointed to landscape the new sanctuary grounds.

The Youth club completed its first year of work with 80 adults involved. Rev. Hildebrandt visited the Holy Land and attended a conference in Jerusalem. On September 14th, Session voted 7 to 3 to merge Deacons and Elders. The board of Deacons approved the merger unanimously.

On September 19, the first service was held in the new sanctuary and the Dedication was on October 3rd.

Disbursements for the new Sanctuary totaled \$269,567.

The new sanctuary was designed by the architect firm of Bailey and Gardner. The firm included church members J. Russell Bailey, Judson Gardner, Malcolm Duncan, and Lorris Clements.



WILLIAM W. PETERS, Pastor

1972 - In January, the church program committee suggested starting a newsletter. Lois Shanks was hired as choir director and organist. May saw the first publication of a pictorial directory.

The Presbyterian Church Extension Committee approved a grant of \$5,000 for Orange Day Care Center. During July, the church was placed in Hanover Presbytery. In October, the Session approved an outside live nativity scene.

1973 - There was a formation of a Shepherd committee in January to keep in touch with all members. Russell and Betty Bailey gave a gift of a communion table and baptismal fountain as a memorial for their daughter Debbie. June brought Richard Hildebrandt's termination of call as of July 31 with \$2000 in severance pay granted and the manse vacated by August 31st.

July 1st, the Pulpit nominating committee was formed. St. Thomas Episcopal Church and OPC made a joint effort in September for a coffee house held in the old library building for youth. On December 9, OPC approved a call for Rev. William W. Peters of Graham, NC.

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1974 - In December, a request was approved for the Lutherans to begin a study of the feasibility of organizing a Lutheran Church in the community using the old sanctuary. They also were approved to use a small nursery room on Sunday, all for \$50/month.

1975 - In May, OPC signed an agreement with District 9 Nutrition Services to allow them the use of Fellowship Hall and kitchen. They provided lunch meals for the elderly on Tuesdays and Fridays. Allowances were made to smoke, play cards and bingo, but no money-making activities.

In September, the congregation approved deacon appointment for 3 years rather than 6 years.

1976 - Sharon Mohrmann was approved as a member of Hanover Presbytery "Operation Mexico Team" and later reported on her trip to Mexico.

1977 - In September, the Treasurer reported insufficient funds to cover the payment on the church debt during a joint meeting of Deacons and Session. A lengthy discussion of the stewardship campaign followed.



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Book Study	3 5:00 Mission and CC 6:00 Property and Safety	4	5
6 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	7 Pastor Rebekah away	8 Pastor Rebekah away	9 Pastor Rebekah away	10 Pastor Rebekah away 7:00 Finance	11 Pastor Rebekah away	12
13 11:00 Worship, <i>Guest preacher</i>	14 Pastor Rebekah away 5:00 Movement of the Spirit	15 Pastor Rebekah away	16 Pastor Rebekah away	17 Pastor Rebekah away	18 Pastor Rebekah away	19
20 11:00 Worship, <i>Guest preacher</i>	21	22	23 7:00 Book Study	24	25	26
27 11:00 Worship	28	29	30			



June Birthdays

Al Packard 06/02

Robert Kendall 06/04

Carol Sine 06/06

Bill Taylor 06/17

Louise Whitaker 06/17

Denise Samuels 06/21

Sierra Rose 06/24

Rick Sherman Jr. 06/26

Connie Norberg 06/29

Mark Shepherd 06/30