



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

June 2017

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Pentecost Offering

“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all.” (Acts 2:39)



Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Acts 2 tells the story of the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples as tongues of fire, and casts them from their place of contemplation and fear, out into the streets, preaching in languages they couldn't understand for the benefit of all the people gathered there. They told the story of Jesus and taught the people what it meant. This was the beginning of faith formation, meant to inspire and encourage all who gathered into a lifetime of faith. Then as today, the Holy Spirit empowers anyone who will receive to change their lives, to radically share, to gather across lines of difference, to join in communities of compassion and care.

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, when we gather, we will receive the Pentecost Offering. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and support our congregation's efforts of faith formation in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Our congregation will retain 40% to be used locally. The remaining 60% will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support national initiatives of our denomination focused on helping children, youth, and young adults develop their life of faith through supportive communities, caring mentors, and faith-related nurture and service. The Pentecost Offering makes a difference for the life of the whole church and for congregations like ours.

Vacation Bible School

Hero Central!

**Sunday through Thursday, June 25-29, 6:00-8:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
Ages 4 - rising 8th Graders**



Vacation Bible School is happening on June 25 through 29 at Trinity United Methodist Church, as we team up with TUMC and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We have several open volunteer spaces! It takes a village to raise a child, and it certainly takes a congregation (in this case, **three** congregations teaming together!) to lead VBS. There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the Narthex – you can be a part of this unique community experience!

Student registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the church office. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to Trinity UMC by June 25. See page 6 for more information. Please spread the word!

From the Pastor

We think of June as a winding down time, perhaps a slower pace, with less on the to-do list. But at OPC, we seem to be winding up! It is a busy month. Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost (don't forget to wear red), and we will also recognize our graduates during worship. Our covenant groups continue to take shape, and we will meet throughout the summer to build community and relationships.



For VBS we are partnering with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Trinity United Methodist Church for a week of fun, fellowship and immersion in Scripture. One of our daily themes will urge us all to "Do Good, Seek Peace, and Go After It."

Rev. Craig Newman and I will lead the middle schoolers (in the East Room of OPC) while the younger children will remain at Trinity United Methodist; on our last day, Thursday, June 29, everyone will gather in our Fellowship Hall to join hands in assembling 14,000 meals for *Rise Against Hunger*. It will be an apt culmination of the VBS

Rise SM week as the youth put their faith into practice! If you'd like to volunteer **AGAINST HUNGER** for assembling meals, contact the church office so we can keep a tally. Crozet Baptist Church will join us for this effort.

During the summer months, starting on June 5, Melanie will work from home on Mondays. She will check phone messages hourly and respond to email as usual.



Please be aware that we are making changes to our parking area - expanding the number of parking spaces and delineating clearly where OPC folks and guests can park. We are also securing a professional to help us with the sound system in the sanctuary.

Blessings this summer as the sun warms us and the Son guides us.

In Christ,

Preschool Corner

The end of the year arrived like an abrupt roller coaster ride. The older class was busier than ever with Mother's Day crafts, working on Kindergarten skills, and practicing for graduation. They also spent a morning at Orange Elementary School, where they had breakfast, sat in on the Kindergarten classes, and got to climb on the school bus. We had our last visit to the Orange County Public Library and afterwards we were given a tour of the Orange Post Office where they mailed their Mother's Day cards. On



Monday, May 22, the children treated their parents to a wonderful music program and an Ode to Dr. Seuss graduation. (Thank you Pastor Liz for assisting with the diplomas.) We really hated to see this class go!

The younger class made Mother's Day gifts as well as lots of spring crafts. Unfortunately their final day, which was to be a

picnic in the park, was rained out, so we transformed the Fellowship Hall into a play maze and had a wonderful party. There were lots of moms who spent the morning with us which was fun and eye opening for them!!

Finally one of the most worthwhile things we did this month was to participate in the Orange Kids Festival on Saturday, May 20. Our booth was adorable and we knew it was a success because so many children kept coming back to play with us. A big thank you to Jennifer and Olivia Ernst for helping me set up and then standing out there with me all day.

Have a happy, safe summer and listen for the noise to begin again the week after Labor Day.

Mrs. Ski



June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	2  Melanie Rose Office Closed	3
4  Al Packard Robert Kendall Pentecost Sunday 11:00 Worship Communion Graduate Recognition	5	6  Carol Sine 2:00 W&M	7  Steve Sanford 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Finance 7:30 Adult Choir	8	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday 11:00 Worship 12:15 Spiritual Formation	12	13	14 7:30 Adult Choir	15 7:00 Session	16	17  Bill Taylor Louise Whitaker
18 11:00 Worship	19	20 Presbytery Meeting	21  Denise Samuels	22	23	24  Sierra Rose
25  Cindy Reid 11:00 Worship 12:15 Torian Housewarming Party 5 Cents-a-Meal 6:00 VBS (TUMC)	26  Rick Sherman, Jr. 6:00 VBS	27  Carolyn Scott 6:00 VBS (TUMC)	28 6:00 VBS (TUMC)	29  Connie Norberg 6:00 VBS/Rise Against Hunger (OPC - FH)	30  Mark Shepherd	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
4 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin	4 Nathan Norberg	4 Robert and Ellen Kendall	4 Jennifer Ernst	4 Connie Norberg Cindy Reid
11 Jack and Margaret Thompson	11 Matthew Gibson	11 Lynn Clements Rachel Gibson	11 Karen Ulan	11 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
18 Mike and May Saxton	18 Ryder Rose	18 Martha Clements Karen Ulan	18 May Saxton	18 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
25 Cheryl Lewis	25 Anne Clements	25 Alice Parcell Melanie Rose	25 Rachel Gibson	25 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis

Lectionary Readings for June

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.



June 4

Numbers 11:24-30
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Acts 2:1-21
 John 7:37-39

June 11

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 18

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Session Meeting Highlights

At its April meeting, the session, among other actions:

- Approved a request from the Worship and Music Committee to have communion by intinction on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017.
- Approved a request from the Finance Committee that a new music pass-through account be created. The Session also approved the committee's request that at the end of the fiscal year (December 31st) pass-through accounts with funds remaining will be reviewed. If there's not a specific reason why the money should remain in the account, it will be transferred over to the General Fund.
- Approved a request from the Mission and Outreach Committee that the funds remaining in the Stop Hunger Now pass through account (\$750.39) be used to support a Rise Against Hunger event. This will take place in June, during our Vacation Bible School program. \$250 from our Benevolence Account will also be used to bring the amount of support for this program by our church to \$1,000. Other churches in the community will contribute the funds remaining to

- support the balance of this program.
- The Session also approved a request from the committee that the approximately \$350 remaining in the Cancer Support Group account be donated to the Christian Emergency Council. We are not planning to continue this program at this time and the person donating the funds has requested that the remaining funds be donated to the CEC.
- Approved a recommendation from the Property Committee that all lights in the East Room and Sanctuary be replaced with energy-efficient LED lights. A lift will need to be rented for this project. The total cost will not exceed \$2,000, and will come from Capital Improvements.
- Appointed May Saxton as the Session liaison to the Presbyterian Weekday School Board.
- Heard a progress report from the Nominating Committee on their search to find members for the Pastor Nominating Committee.



Respectfully submitted,
 Ralph Graves
 Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	17,274.11	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	14,225.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 196.00
Expenses	\$	(12,146.56)	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 415.00
Ending Balance	\$	19,352.55		

OPC History Covenant Group

Monday, June 12 at 7:00 pm
OPC Library

With the 175th anniversary of OPC coming up on November 8, 2020, Session recently approved the formation of a covenant group centered around OPC History. This group will create a plan for researching our congregation's history, conduct the research, and figure out a way to preserve our 175 years of rich history in this community. This would be a three-year covenant group, culminating with our 175th anniversary in November 2020.



Church History

We have a number of members who have already volunteered to be a part of this effort. We welcome others who might be interested to a meeting on Monday, June 12, at 7:00 in the library. Please contact Mike or May Saxton (saxton-family@comcast.net) with questions or suggestions.

Housewarming Party

June 25, 2017, 12:15 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall

Many of you remember that a few years ago Charles and Theresa Torian lost their home and all their belongings in a horrible fire. Now they have rebuilt and are ready to move back home. Let's help them restock their kitchen!



On Sunday, June 25, there will be a potluck lunch and housewarming party in the church Fellowship Hall after worship. Bring a gift and a lunch item to share. The Torians are registered at *Bed Bath and Beyond* and at *Pampered Chef*. There will be lots of good food and fellowship. See Pat Stewart or Joanna Davies for more information.

God's Bounty/God's Creation Covenant Group

Our God's Bounty/God's Creation Covenant Group is ready to be launched! Our first gathering will be at the Market at Grelen on Thursday, June 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, with dinner and music provided by



Scuffletown. The cost is \$25 per person. To make your reservations, please go to <https://squareup.com/store/the-market-at-grelen/item/june-music-dinner>. Please let Mike & May Saxton (saxton-family@comcast.net) know if you are planning to join us so we can make arrangements with the Grelen staff for us to sit together as a group.

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

*Wear red to represent
the flames of the Holy Spirit!*



On Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday, We will have several special things happening. We will have communion, recommitting ourselves to God. We will collect the Pentecost Offering, which goes toward programs helping children and youth (see page 1 for more details). We will recognize our graduates, who have worked so hard over the years to get to the end of their schooling. We will also collect the Birthday Offering, as the Presbyterian Women host the Coffee Fellowship (see page 8 for details).

Hebrance Scholarship

Lyndsey Norberg is the recipient of the Hebrance Scholarship this year. She was awarded \$1,533 to help with tuition, room and board, and books.



Lyndsey will start her freshman year in the fall. We look forward to hearing stories about her adventures. Best wishes, Lyndsey!

VBS Is Coming Soon!



Hero Central!
Sunday - Thursday, June 25 - 29, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church

VBS is just around the corner - are you ready? We still need a few volunteers to serve as guides for the children and to act out the stories. If you're up for the challenge, sign up on the easel in the narthex. We'd love to have your help!

Children age 4 through 8th grade are invited to join the fun. Children through 5th grade will meet at TUMC to follow the Hero Central program. Middle School students will join Pastor Liz and Pastor Craig Newman from TUMC, who will bring them to OPC for their own special program.

On the last night, Thursday, June 29, we will meet at OPC for our Rise Against Hunger event (see next column). We will end with an ice cream sundae social!

We hope to see many familiar faces as we encourage children in their faith and have a great time while we do it!

Rise Against Hunger

Thursday, June 29, 2017
OPC Fellowship Hall



Join us on Thursday, June 29, on our last day of VBS, to package meals for Rise Against Hunger. If you are not attending VBS and want to help, please let Melanie know so we can keep track of how many volunteers to expect.

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.

Rise Against Hunger meals are dehydrated, high in protein and highly nutritious. They contain four ingredients - long grain white rice, texturized soy protein, dehydrated vegetable blend, and a sachet of vitamin powder. Because the meal is fully dehydrated, it needs to be boiled in clean water to be eaten. You will find cooking instructions on each box and on each bag of meals.

After this event, we will have an ice cream social with the VBS students. We hope to see you there!

Holiday Bazaar

Don't forget the Holiday Bazaar. We really want to get things going early this year so we can have the best bazaar ever.

Things you can do to help:

- Plant one tomato or pepper plant to be harvested for our Presbyterian relish. When we have to purchase green tomatoes and peppers it really cuts into our profit.
- We could use baskets if you have some you could donate.
- Share your craft ideas with us. We know you have at least one great craft item you could make. We really need your ideas.
- Bring in those white elephant items. Place them in the last room on the right in the Education Wing down the hall from the church office. If you are spring cleaning, moving, remodeling, or just don't want it anymore - bring it to us.

Thanks for your help. All profits this year will be divided in thirds: 1/3 to the Christian Emergency Council, 1/3 to Orange Habitat and 1/3 to our church. By working together we can make a big difference!



Summer Office Hours

Starting Monday, June 5 and continuing through the summer, Melanie will work from home on Mondays. She will check her email as usual, and check phone messages throughout the morning. Make sure to leave a message if you call so she knows to call you back! She will be on duty during her regular times - 8:45 am to 1:15 pm.



Office Hours

She will have access to most of the computer files while working at home, but will not have access to paperwork kept in the office. She also will **not** have access to Church Windows, which is our membership and accounting database. If you have issues regarding those items, she will need to answer those questions when she is in the office Tuesday through Friday.

Moving forward, the situation will be evaluated based on how the change in hours works for the congregation and for the office staff.

Summer Worship Time



11:00 am

Please note that the summer worship time remains the same - 11:00 am. Worship will be followed by light refreshments. Please consider signing up on the sheet in the East Room above the coffee pot.

Thank You

OPC Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during EXAM WEEK! I loved the encouraging notes and great snacks! I can't wait to be home with you all summer.

Love,

Ann Taylor Mohrmann



Camp Hanover

Camp Hanover still has some open spots for summer camp available. There are day and overnight camps available for campers in grades 1-12. They have special camps, such as:

- Mystery Camp
- Discovery Camp
- Unlock the Clue Camp
- Gone Fishin' Camp
- Archery Camp
- Hoofbeats Camp
- Adventure Camp
- Cooking Camp



Each camp features its specialty, but includes plenty of time for regular camp activities as well.

At Camp Hanover, campers will:

- Meet new friends as they build Christ-centered communities
- Live in, live with, learn about, and care for God's Creation
- Understand and practice servant leadership
- Have the opportunity to grow in their faith

Visit them at www.CampHanover.org!

Coffee Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to host the Coffee Fellowship on Sundays after worship. The sheet to sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the East Room. Feel free to find someone to host with you and make it a group effort, such as friends, your flock, or any other group in which you participate. This is a way to show hospitality to members and visitors to our church.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The floral arrangements are either delivered by one of the florists in town or some folks use their own flowers and creativity to make an arrangement for everyone to enjoy. They are often provided in memory or in honor of a loved one.



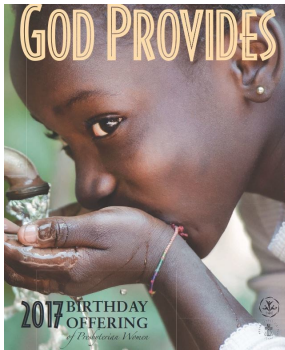
If you choose to provide flowers for this purpose, please alert the church office, and we will list the note in the announcement section of the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



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Presbyterian Women

Birthday Offering - June 4, 2017



We will collect the Birthday Offering on Sunday, June 4, in the East Room as we host the Coffee Fellowship. The offering will be divided between the following projects: Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties' Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence (South Carolina), which will provide shelter for victims of domestic violence; First-Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative, which provides health care to people living in rural communities in Cuba; and Paper for Water's Navajo Water Project, which will install water systems for households without running water in New Mexico.

Prayer Concerns

- Joe Taylor (Lynne Clements' father)
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Bugs Gardner at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley
- The family of Cole Clark



Parking Lot Changes

We have begun expanding our parking lot! A power line was removed in May and the tree at the lower end of lot was removed on June 1. During the month of June, more work will be completed, including the removal of the dividing curb to the grassy area and complete conversion to more parking for the congregation. Keep an eye on the situation as it develops!