



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

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## Pizza Supper and Ash Wednesday Service



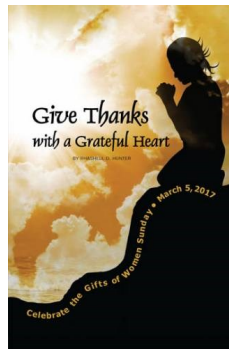
March 1, 2017

6:00 - Pizza Supper

6:45 - Burning of the Palms and Service

Join us on Wednesday, March 1, for a Pizza Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, burning of the palms outside, and our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, as we enter the season of Lent. We will start by enjoying fellowship during the Pizza Dinner (includes pizza and salad), followed by the ritual burning of the palms, and ending with a traditional Ash Wednesday service.

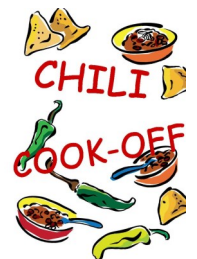
## Gifts of Women Sunday



Join us on Sunday, March 5, 2017, as we celebrate the women of OPC! In addition, we celebrate the many women ministers and heads of staff in the PC(USA), and that the 222nd General Assembly (2016) elected two clergywomen as co-moderators - the first all-women team of moderators in the history of our church. On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we are encouraged to live life with an "attitude of gratitude." Living life with an "attitude of gratitude" is having a readiness to show appreciation, returning kindnesses, saying thank you, and giving thanks with a grateful heart.

## Attention Cooks of All Ages: It's Chili Time! - Sunday, March 19, 2017

OPC's Tenth Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held immediately after worship on March 19. This is an event the entire congregation looks forward to. Join the Congregational Care and Commitment Committee and past winners as we crown the next champion. You can sign up in the Narthex to bring a favorite chili recipe or something to go along with the chili.



Categories for the judging include Overall Grand Prize Chili Entry, Best Youth Entry, Best New Entry, and Best Returning Entry. Direct any questions to Ellen Kendall (672-3081). Please plan to join us for a delicious and fun-filled gathering!

# From the Pastor

How we understand the role of the pastor shapes how we relate to that person. We can't help but be affected by our past and our past relationships. As a child I didn't even use the word pastor; as a child of Catholic parents I only understood the terms "priest" and "Father." Certainly a priest is a pastor, though set aside in a different way than a Protestant minister. A Presbyterian minister is set aside for two distinct roles - to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. Presbyterians enjoy our identity as the "priesthood of all believers" but the pastor has a distinct responsibility to study and teach the faith and equip the body of Christ for the work of ministry.

In the near future you will call a person to exercise a ministry of Word and Sacrament here in Orange. When you do, he or she will work primarily for the sake of the Gospel, in other words, as a servant of Christ; he or she will secondarily work for the presbytery, and, in a third sense for you - to support and equip you for *your* ministry. Likewise, pastors are accountable first to God, then to their presbyteries, and then to the congregations that call them.

This in-between time at OPC has allowed you to discern what is important for you as you take the next steps. The Mission Study Team has prepared the congregation well in exploring what is important. We have examined internal and external needs, and will use that information as a way to invite a good match. In the meantime, think about how your past

relationships with ministers impacts how you see the next relationship. Think about what you will do to foster a good relationship - what you will do to welcome and partner with the person called to work at this place in these particular times.



Now that the Mission Study Report is complete we have invited our General Presbyter Carson Rhyne to lead worship on March 12, then meet with session members and the Mission Study Team after worship to consider next steps. His role is to lend insight about possibilities and to accompany you along the way as you make your own decisions.

Please mark your calendars for all Lenten activities at OPC. Our spiritual practice for Lent will be two-fold: rising and setting with prayer (get up in prayer and go to bed in prayer); and, using the six weeks of Lent to prepare for **rebirth**. God gave birth to this church in its original form on November 8, 1845 (serving Madison and Orange Counties) then birthed its formation at West Main and Caroline Streets in 1910. As we make our way to Easter, let us expect a rebirth, as we prepare for a new chapter, new ministries and new vision. The Resurrection forms the backdrop to our hope; Lent gives us space to prepare.

Yours in Christ,

# Preschool Corner

Spring fever has set in during February in the preschool due to the mild weather, so we were able to spend an unusual amount of time outside with both classes.

Both classes had yummy (and somewhat healthy) Valentine's Day parties in the Fellowship Hall. The older children focused on President's Day with activities honoring Washington and Lincoln. We also walked to the library on nice weather Wednesdays. The four year olds have spent the last two weeks engrossed in dinosaurs. They've made



masks, chalk dinos, play dough dinos, and played in the sand with them.



The younger class has been introduced to fairy tales, with crafts to go with each tale. They've also been treated to daily "plays" by the teachers, which they love!

Although I have not given much thought to next year, we have already had a number of inquiries about our program and several families have stopped by to visit. It looks promising for next year!

Spring is right around the corner – we can't wait!

Mrs. Ski

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  <i>R. Wayne Modena</i> Ash Wednesday 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:00 Pizza Supper 6:45 Burning of Palms and Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 Adult Choir	2 1:30 Blood Drive 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	3	4  <i>Frederick Higgins Lynn Clements</i>
5 11:00 Worship Communion 12:15 Youth & CE	6	7 2:00 W&M	8  <i>Rachel Crowder</i> 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	9  <i>Millie Tyner Syd Palmer</i> 6:00 Finance	10	11  <i>Amy Kendall</i>
12  <i>Leighton Reid</i> 11:00 Worship (Guest minister General Presbyter Carson Rhyne) Daylight Savings	13  <i>Ben Sherman</i>	14 10:30 Morning Circle	15  <i>Cronin Warmack</i> 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	16 7:00 Session	17	18
19  <i>Rialand Tucker</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Chili Cook- Off	20  <i>Liam McLeod</i>	21	22  <i>Ryder Rose Zachary Ernst</i> 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	23	24	25
26 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal	27  <i>Lavinia Phillips John Mohrmann</i>	28	29 12:15 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	30	31	 <b>Indicates Birthday</b>

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
5 Buckshot and Margie Clements	5 Matthew Gibson	5 Rachel Gibson Lynn Clements	5 May Saxton	5 Connie Norberg Cindy Reid
12 Dave and Karen Ulan	12 Ryder Rose	12 Martha Clements Karen Ulan	12 Rachel Gibson	12 Dianne Haberland Ralph Garves
19 Lee and Linda Nash	19 Anne Clements	17 Alice Parcell Linda Nash	19 Karen Ulan	19 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
26 Lloyd and Alice Parcell	26 Zachary Ernst	26 Millie Tyner Jim Reid	26 Melanie Rose	26 Shirley Newman Cheryl Lewis

# Lectionary Readings for March

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 on Sunday.



## March 5

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## March 12

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

## March 19

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

## March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

# Session Meeting Highlights

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

- Welcomed incoming ruling elders Joanna Davies and May Saxton onto Session.
- Thanked outgoing ruling elders Leslie Clements, Ellen Kendall, Al Packard, and Ted Sherwin for their dedication and service.
- Approved the scheduling of the annual Chili Cook-Off in the Fellowship Hall be held on Sunday, March 19 after worship.
- Were informed by the Mission and Outreach Committee of two mission trip opportunities to Richwood, WV. The town was devastated by flash floods. April 1-8 there will be a mission trip for skilled workers. April 9-15 there will be a second trip for unskilled and semi-skilled workers. The cost of participation is \$200 per person. The Session approved the committee's recommendation for each church member who participates, this cost will be covered with money from the Benevolence Fund.
- Were informed by the Personnel Committee that its name has been changed to the Covenant Review Team. This is part of the process of revising the traditional personnel review process to one that recognizes we're in a ministry of all believers.
- Approved a recommendation from the Worship and Music Committee that the church allow the Community Chorus to use the sanctuary April 22-23 or May 6-7 for a rehearsal and concert.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Graves  
Clerk of Session



## Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	34,641.49	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	13,002.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 285.95
Expenses	\$	12,369.57		
Ending Balance	\$	35,273.92		

# Community Lenten Services

**Orange Presbyterian Church**  
**12:15 pm Worship**  
**(followed by a simple lunch)**

**Schedule: Wednesdays during Lent**

**Theme: *Miracles***

- March 1: Rev. Liz Hulme Adam  
(Orange Presbyterian Church)  
Lunch provided by Orange Presbyterian Women
- March 8: Rev. Lin Hutton  
(St. Thomas Episcopal Church)
- March 15: Rev. Craig Newman  
(Trinity United Methodist Church)
- March 22: Rev. Pat Nabors  
(Good Shepherd Lutheran Church)
- March 29: Rev. Alan Miller  
(Orange Baptist Church)
- April 5: Rev. Pam Edelman  
(Orange Church of the Nazarene)

# Souper Bowl Update

Souper Bowl Sunday was a great success thanks to everyone who participated. The final count was 415 pounds of food! This food was donated to the Love Outreach Food Pantry. We would like to give a special thanks to Buckshot Clements for delivering everything to the food pantry. Thank you to everyone for making this a successful event at OPC.



# Daylight Savings Time



It's time to spring forward! Daylight Saving Time officially begins on Sunday, March 12. Move the clock forward on Saturday evening to make sure you're here on time for the worship service, and to hear General Presbyter Carson Rhyne's sermon!

# Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my birthday (and Christmas too!). I feel so blessed and loved to have such a caring church family. I miss you all and am always praying for you.



Love,  
 Allison Norberg

Dear OPC,

Thank you for all that you do to make the GED class possible. Your generosity of time and effort are much appreciated by all.



Allen Remorenko  
 (GED Teacher)

# 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. 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.



# Blessing Box

The Mission and Outreach and Youth and Christian Education Committees partnered with the Property Committee to offer a “Blessing Box” to the community. Giving and taking is part and parcel of the spiritual life - we both give and receive.

If you have something to share, put it in the box. If you are having a difficult week or month, find something you can use. Spread the word, share on Facebook.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, March 2, 1:30 to 7:00 pm**  
**OPC Fellowship Hall**

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 2, from 1:30 to 7:00. For anyone who wants to donate, please stay well hydrated that day and maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet in the weeks before your donation. You can call, visit the Web site, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.



## Hebrance Scholarship

The Hebrance Scholarship was established by the family in 1985 to provide financial assistance for deserving students in the church family who are continuing their education after high school. These awards are made directly to the scholarship winner’s school.



If you are interested in applying, please submit a one-page essay which includes the following: 1) your future educational plans; 2) your activities in the community; and 3) how OPC and the church family influenced your life and goals. Send this to Ralph Graves, Clerk of Session, by May 15.

## College and Boarding School Students Addresses

Our students are hard at work on their studies and will be preparing for exams before they know it! Below are their addresses. Drop them a line of encouragement and let them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them.

Courtney Crowder, 120 Rank Thomas Ave, Unit 109, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Hannah Frobom, 606 W 137th Street, Apt. 6B, New York, NY 10031

Grace Kendall, Foxcroft School, 22407 Foxhound Lane, PO Box 5555, Middleburg, VA 20118

Leah Magnus, 10384 Wilhoits Mill Road, Barboursville, VA 22923

Liam McLeod, George Mason University, 4450 Rivanna River Road, Apt. E, Fairfax, VA 22030

Ann Taylor Mohrmann, Longwood University, 200 Poplar Forest Road, Apt. E, Farmville, VA 23901

Allison Norberg, Virginia Tech, 504 Edgewood Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Avery Warmack, Woodberry Forest School, 45 Woodberry Station, Woodberry Forest, VA 22989

Jackson Warmack, Woodberry Forest School, 45 Woodberry Station, Woodberry Forest, VA 22989

## Bazaar, Bazaar, Bazaar

The Holiday Bazaar needs your help. We are looking for individuals or groups who would assume responsibility for various parts of the bazaar in the coming year. Find one of the areas listed below, consult a friend, and sign up together to use your expertise and enthusiasm to manage all aspects of this area in the coming year.



- **KITCHEN** - Work with others in your group to handle the sale of soups during the two day bazaar event, locate others willing to make soup for the occasion, man the cafe during the two day event, make sure the kitchen is kept clean.
- **SET UP** - Decide best format for setting up tables for sales, obtain additional tables as needed, determine what table covers should be used and arrange to have things packed away at the end of the bazaar.
- **GIFT BASKETS** - Determine how to best obtain items for gift baskets, collect baskets to be ready on the day they are to be filled, arrange baskets and wrap in plastic wrap for sale.
- **WHITE ELEPHANT** - Assist in collection of items throughout the year, arrange for pricing and placing on tables in preschool area, box up unsold items to be delivered to Goodwill. Coordinate with preschool staff the use of the preschool area during the bazaar.
- **BAKERY** - Arrange for items to be donated for bakery table, wrap and arrange them as necessary, perhaps hold a cooking morning in the church kitchen with friends using favorite recipes to make items for sale.
- **GREENERY** - Arrange to have items available on Thursday before the bazaar to make floral and greenery arrangements. Make sure containers and oasis are available.
- **CRAFTS** - Hold workshops to make craft items and have the congregation donate craft items they have made. Try to collect items throughout the year.
- **MARKETING** - Determine where to market the bazaar (signs, newspaper, newsletters, bulletins, etc.), prepare the advertisements and submit as appropriate, modify the street signs and hang them at the appropriate time.
- **PRICING** - Each item needs to be priced when all items have been placed on sale tables. Some items may already be priced by the person donating the item.

## Mission Trip - Your Opportunity to Serve

Last summer horrific rains and devastating floods, comparable to a category 3 hurricane, devastated Richwood, West Virginia. This small struggling town is located in the valley of the mountains along the Cherry River. The heavy rains caused flash floods that poured water down the mountain and directly through the houses. The Cherry River flooded land, homes, and the only shopping center. Neither the middle school nor the high school could reopen, and students have been sent elsewhere. If you could help, Richwood would appreciate having you.



The Presbytery Mission and Service Team is pleased to announce two mission trips to Richwood in April. Folks of all skill levels are needed to support our neighbors in nearby West Virginia where work is greatly needed to repair homes. The first trip is April 1-8. Brown Pearson, an elder at Southminster Presbyterian Church, will lead this group. He has led over 25 teams to the Gulf Coast and other locations. All skill levels are needed and welcomed.

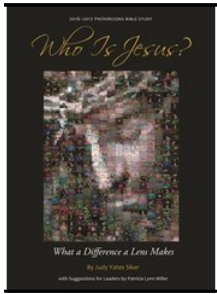
The second trip is April 9-15, with a departure from Richmond on Sunday afternoon. The leader of this group is Ken Brammer, also an elder at Southminster. This trip is especially designed for unskilled and semiskilled workers, youth, and young adults.

The Presbytery is sharing in the costs, and the requested donation from the participants will be covered by the church as approved by Session. Sleeping arrangements are at Richwood Presbyterian Church. For more information, please contact Shirley Newman or a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee.



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## Presbyterian Women



The March meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be in the East Room on Tuesday, March 14, at 10:30 am. Lavinia Phillips will lead the Bible study *Who Is Jesus? "According to the Non-canonical Gospels,"* and Fedie McClung will provide refreshments.

For more information, please contact Ellen Kendall at 540-672-3081. We welcome you all to join us!

## Prayer Concerns

- Billie Mills
- Jack and Denise Samuels
- Cinde and Martin Dodson
- Syd Palmer
- Rachel Crowder
- Carolyn, Jennifer Ernst's aunt



- Lynn, Jill's stepmother
- Cook and Hensley
- David
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Bugs Gardner at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley