



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

March 2019

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What's Happening in March

Sunday, March 3: *Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday*
11:00 Worship and Installation of an Elder



Wednesday, March 6: *Ash Wednesday*
12:00 Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 10: *The First Sunday in Lent*
11:00 Worship and Chili Cook-Off



Wednesday, March 13: 12:00 Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 17: *The Second Sunday of Lent*
11:00 Worship



Wednesday, March 20: 12:00 Community Lenten Service

Saturday, March 23: 9:00 Craft Club



Sunday, March 24: *The Third Sunday of Lent*
11:00 Worship and Birthday Offering

Wednesday, March 27: 12:00 Community Lenten Service



Sunday, March 31: *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*
11:00 Worship and 5 Cents-a-Meal

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During this season of Lent, we hope you can attend most of the services as we draw near to Christ in preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

February 24th Service

This week, our guest pastor was Josh Andrzejewski. He brought more than his skills as a pastor - he also brought his precious daughter, Norah, to join in! The sermon was called Crosses, based on Mark 8:27-38. Margaret Thompson started the service, and Ellen Kendall talked with the children during A Time with the Children. Al Packard led the choir in a lovely anthem, *Lo, A Voice to Heaven Sounding*. Norah and Sierra had a great time in the nursery with Karen Ulan and Ryder Rose.



Preschool Corner

February was an abbreviated month due to President's Day and snow interference, but it didn't dampen all three celebrations: Groundhog Day (puppets and shadow puppet flashlight games), Valentine's Day (parties in our big room), and President's Day activities with the older class (money games, penny cleaning, and presidential silhouette flags).

The younger group read and acted out fairy tales.

They ended the month with Pajama Day and pancakes!

Teacher comments went out to the three-year old parents and Parent Conferences are scheduled for the older class during the first week of March.

We can't wait for our first day on the playground!



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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <i>R Wayne Modena</i>	2
3 11:00 Worship Communion Installation of an Elder	4  <i>Frederick Higgins Lynn Clements</i>	5	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:00 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	7 1:30 Blood Drive 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation	8	9  <i>Millie Tyner</i>
10 11:00 Worship Chili Cook-Off	11 7:00 History Group	12  <i>Lee Packard</i> 10:30 Morning Circle	13  <i>Ben Sherman</i> 12:00 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	14 7:00 Finance	15  <i>Cronin Warmack</i>	16
17 11:00 Worship	18	19 7:00 Session	20  <i>Liam McLeod</i> 12:00 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	21	22  <i>Ryder Rose Zachary Ernst</i>	23 9:00 Craft Club
24 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal Birthday Offering	25	26	27  <i>Lavinia Phillips</i> 12:00 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	28  <i>Alondra Huerta</i>	29	30
31	1	2  <i>Elinor Vasquez Liz Hulme Adam</i>	3 12:00 Community Lenten Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	4 4:00 W&M 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 5:00 Covenant Review 6:00 Property 6:00 Spiritual Formation	5	6 Indicates Birthday 

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
3 Mike and May Saxton	3 Anne Clements	3 Jim Reid Melanie Rose	3 Karen Ulan	3 Connie Norberg Shirley Newman
10 The Gibson Family	10 Nathan Norberg	10 May Saxton Millie Tyner	10 Melanie Rose	10 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
17 Gene and Louise Whitaker	17 Matthew Gibson	17 Robert and Ellen Kendall	17 Rachel Gibson	17 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
24 Ted and Dianne Haberland	24 Ryder Rose	24 Lynn Clements Rachel Gibson	24 May Saxton	24 Cindy Reid Cheryl Lewis
31 Jim and Cindy Reid	31 Taylor Gibson	31 Anne Clements May Saxton	31 Ellen Kendall	31 Karen Ulan Buckshot Clements

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 have four readings on Sunday, the lectionary provides an Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading.

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 9:28-43

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13
 Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35



March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Session Meeting Highlights

- We welcomed two guests to our open meeting; Sharon Mohrmann and Susan Southard, members of the preschool board. They came with a request for financial and/or spiritual support from OPC during the 2019-2020 school year. As a result of our discussion, a number of motions were made and voted upon, with the most important one being that OPC will authorize use of an additional \$8,000 by the Mission and Outreach Committee to provide additional financial support as needed, based on a minimum enrollment of 24 students by July 1, for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, 2019.
- The Second Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019.
- “One Big Story – 52 Week Bible Story Devotional: Connecting Christ Throughout God’s Story” was approved as the curriculum for Pray Station for 2019.
- The Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on March 10, following Worship.
- The 40th Anniversary Preschool Party will be held on April 14.
- A Farewell Coffee Fellowship for Margaret and Jack Thompson will be held on April 28, following Worship.
- A new Incentive Compensation Plan, discussed at the Annual Congregational Meeting by Covenant Review, was approved for the Administrative Assistant and the Director of Music with monies to be drawn from the Reserve Fund.
- Elders Joanna Davies and Carole Sue Graves attended the Presbytery of the James Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 16, at Three Chopt Church in Richmond.
- A planning retreat for members of session will be scheduled during the month of March.

Please take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex for the approved minutes of our 2018 and 2019 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: Joanna Davies, Carole Sue Graves, Ralph Graves, Ted Haberland, Amy McClung, Anne Somerville, Pat Stewart, May Saxton, Mike Saxton, Rev. Wayne Bernardo

Treasurer’s Report as of January 31, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$	80,095.24	Other Contributions:		
Income	\$	10,968.50	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	169.00
Expenses	\$	8,383.68	Mission Trip Fund	\$	500.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$	60,000.00	Music Fund	\$	484.44
Ending Balance	\$	22,680.06	PNC Fund	\$	2,773.00
			Preschool Fund	\$	1,445.68

Worship Services in March

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Pastor</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Lectionary Reader</u>	<u>Worship Facilitator</u>
3/3	Rev. Wayne Bernardo	Rachel Gibson	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
3/10	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Rachel Gibson	Lloyd Parcell	Lloyd Parcell
3/17	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Rachel Gibson	Mike Saxton	Mike Saxton
3/24	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Rachel Gibson	Winnie Higgins	Jennie Hill Robinson
3/31	Rev. E. Richard Knox	Rachel Gibson	Jim Reid	Jim Reid

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

Lenten Devotionals

The Season of Lent starts on March 6 (Ash Wednesday) and goes through April 21 (Easter). Lent recalls times of wilderness and wandering, from newly freed Hebrew slaves in exile to Jesus' temptation in the desert. To encourage the congregation to take the time to reflect on the meaning of Lent, the Worship and Music Committee has provided two different devotionals.

The first is in a contemporary magazine format, ***2019 Presbyterians Today Lenten Devotional, Awakening to God's Beauty – A Lenten Invitation to Pray with Art.*** The text, meditations, and original photography are all the loving work of the Rev. Krin Van Tatenhove, long-time Presbyterian pastor, hospice chaplain, substance abuse counselor, and photographer. Relying on the powerful words of the Psalms, we peer at the heartbreaking ravages of the world through Jesus' eyes: social ills that afflict God's beloved children. But with God, there is hope.

For a traditional Lenten Devotional in book format, there is ***A Way Other than Our Own***, by Walter Brueggemann. God has always called people out of their safe, walled cities into uncomfortable places, revealing paths they would never have chosen. Despite our culture of self-indulgence, we too are called to walk an alternative path - one of humility, justice, and peace. The thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace. For those in the congregation who read on electronic devices this book can also be purchased in Kindle form from Amazon. These devotionals will be available soon in the narthex.

Community Lenten Services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Wednesdays at 12:15 pm
Starting March 6

The Community Lenten Services are being hosted by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 119 Caroline Street. The service will begin at 12:15 pm and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



An offering will be received during the service and given to the Christian Emergency Council to help people in need who live in Orange County.

Below are the pastors who will lead the services:

- March 6 Rev. Lin Hutton
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
- March 13 Rev. Alan Miller
Orange Baptist Church
- March 20 Rev. Pam Edelman
Orange Church of the Nazarene
- March 27 Rev. Pat Nabors
Lunch provided by OPC

Daylight Saving Time

It's time to spring forward! Daylight Saving Time officially begins on Sunday, March 10. Move the clock forward on Saturday evening to make sure you're here on time for the worship service!



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 May Saxton, Clerk of Session, by May 15.

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



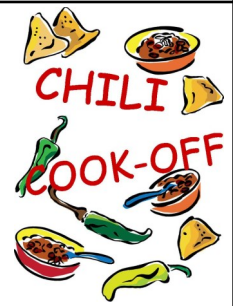
Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary add beauty to our Sunday worship service. The arrangements are either delivered by one of the florists in town or some 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.

Chili Cook-Off

March 10, 2019

Don your chef caps and create a great chili recipe for our annual CHILI COOK-OFF on March 10 after worship. The contest is open to all ages and prizes are given for several categories. Even if you don't cook chili, there are plenty of other items to bring to round out the menu. Sign up in the narthex to enter a chili and for sides you can bring to make this a great event!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 7, 1:30 to 7:00 pm

OPC Fellowship Hall



American Red Cross

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 7, 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 website, or use the app to make an appointment, or just walk in.

Craft Club

Craft Club meets again on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. This session we will be working on three or four different Christmas Trees: some made with corks, some made with jewelry, some artificial trees and who knows what else we may do. Please come and have some fun with us. I promise that we laugh a lot!



Thank You for Snow Removal



Thanks to Ted Haberland and W.A. Sherman for clearing the snow from our parking lot!

2019 Committee/Team Assignments

	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Session Liaisons</u>
Communications	Ralph Graves	Ralph Graves
Congregational Care	Ellen Kendall, Pat Stewart	Pat Stewart
Covenant Review	Mike Saxton	Mike Saxton
Discipleship	open	open
Finance	Ted Haberland	Ted Haberland
Mission & Outreach	Carole Sue Graves	Carole Sue Graves
Nominating	TBD	Carole Sue Graves
Property	Anne Somerville	Anne Somerville
Spiritual Formation	May Saxton	May Saxton
Worship & Music	Al Packard	Joanna Davies
Pastor Nominating	Lynn Clements, May Saxton	May Saxton

All of our committees/teams need and welcome new members! Please talk to the chairs or liaisons for more information! As you can see, our **Discipleship Team** needs leadership and members! This newly formed team encourages church members to be faithful stewards of their time, abilities, and possessions, and to participate in the ministries of the church. This team will also help other committees/teams in their volunteer recruitment based on Time and Talents commitments made during our annual stewardship drive as well as reinforcing the efforts of our many volunteers. Please see or contact any member of session if you have questions about this important ministry!

Souper Bowl of Caring Results

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring!



The results:

Patriots - 54 cans, Rams - 62 cans, Saints (a box prepared for those not pleased with the Patriots or the Rams!) - 81 cans (including 24 Ramen noodles).

Our total is 197 food items: 98 items were contributed to Love Outreach Food Pantry and 99 items were saved for our Blessing Box.

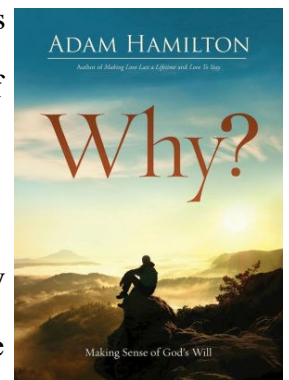
Your monetary contributions totaled \$71, which will be used by Mission and Outreach for purchasing items for the Blessing Box. Thanks again for all of your support!

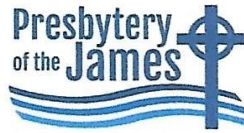
Adult Spiritual Formation Book/Bible Discussion Group

During Lent, we will discuss Adam Hamilton's book, Why? Making Sense of God's Will. If you haven't already signed up, there are seats available!

This is a four week series that will potentially start the week of March 18, with the day to be determined. We plan a potluck dinner each week as we enjoy discussion and fellowship.

Please see or contact May Saxton at saxton-family@comcast.net for more information or to sign up!





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February 5, 2019

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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hold dear the letters my mother, Kate, wrote to me through the years. Up until her death in 2010, she would include wonderful news of our extended family and friends. As her handwriting grew less legible, she would add a postscript that read, "Take all mistakes as love."

When the Apostle Paul writes to young Pastor Timothy, his letters are full of wisdom, love, and encouragement. In First Timothy 6:18-19 from *The Message* translation, Paul charges Timothy to tell the people "to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life." You are doing just that!

We celebrate your extravagant generosity in your community, in your region, and throughout this nation and world. Thank you for making the Presbytery of the James part of your generous work as, together, we strive to do good and to be rich in helping others. We have received your 2019 Statement of Intent and give thanks for your faithfulness in supporting our connectional church. In response, the Presbytery promises to be faithful in our distribution of the offerings and gifts you share.

Paul completes the first letter to Timothy by saying, "Overwhelming grace keep you!" Amen and Amen!

In Christ's Service,

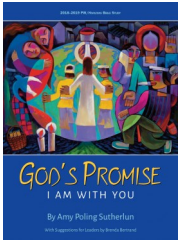
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Presbyterian Women



This month, the Orange Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 am in the East Room. We will study Lesson Seven, God With Us as Emanuel from *God's Promise: I Am With You*. Fedie McClung will lead the discussion and Amy McClung will provide refreshments.

We will also collect the Birthday Offering on Sunday, March 24. This offering gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. Your gift will allow PW to provide funding to the Disaster Response Team, Effingham Child Development Center, Presbyterian Homes, and Services of Kentucky, Inc., and Wings of Refuge.

Prayer Concerns

- Chris and Maya Wynkoop
- Kate Cook
- Rich and Nan as they travel
- Pastor Nominating Committee
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Elizabeth Goodwin at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village



- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Waugh and Robinson families upon the death of Don Waugh.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Saxton family upon the death of Mike's mother, Carlene.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the friends and family of Jean Berckman, upon her death on February 3.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Clements family upon the death of Lynne's father, Joe Taylor. A service will be held in March.