



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

May 2017

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Vacation Bible School 2017

When? Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Who? Orange Presbyterian Church and Trinity United Methodist Church

What? Our theme is "Hero Central," aimed at discovering our strength in God.

This year, we will team up with Trinity United Methodist Church for our VBS. We welcome ages 4 - rising 5th graders under the Hero Central curriculum, and rising 6th - rising 8th graders will have a separate class tailored to them.

See page 7 for a tear-off so you can sign up to help out! We are excited about this new partnership and look forward to another wonderful summer VBS!



Rise Against Hunger

Thursday, June 29, 2017, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Hunger doesn't have to exist - let's end it together.

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.

At Rise Against Hunger, we believe healthy, educated communities are the key to ending world hunger. We invest our food and other aid in programs that teach children and adults, or that provide health care and other services. These programs promote well-being and equip participants with the skills and knowledge to become active participants in the workforce and in their communities. Rise Against Hunger also works to support those who suffer through crises of all types, natural or man-made.

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.

On **Thursday, June 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**, we will welcome Rise Against Hunger to our last day of VBS as we help package meals to help those in need. Watch your bulletins and June newsletter for further information!

From the Pastor

I have to say, I'm all conferenced out. Two conferences in two months was a bit much, but I wanted to take advantage of two incredible opportunities; and the Presbytery was willing to pay for my registration to the latter, *Ecumenical Advocacy Days*.

The first conference came by way of NEXT CHURCH, a network of PC(USA) leaders who believe "the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile." NEXT CHURCH hosts a national gathering each year, and this year's conference took me to Kansas City, MO from March 13 to 15. I will offer a summary of what I learned in a casual meeting during coffee hour on Sunday, May 21.

On April 21-23, along with nearly 1,000 people from various denominations, I participated in the annual *Ecumenical Advocacy Days* in Washington, D.C. It began with people gathering with their own denomination in area churches (New York Avenue Presbyterian for me), then subsequent days at the Crystal City Hilton. The 2017 theme "Confronting Chaos: Forging Community, Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism" was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s April 1967 speech in New

York at Riverside Church. In his speech, King condemned the war in Vietnam and said, "the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism," were the principal challenges of the time. Organizers for this year's advocacy weekend found those challenges our continuing work to meet, 50 years later.



To hear our own denomination's stated clerk, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson lead worship on Sunday was a remarkable and moving experience. We are blessed to share leadership with an outstanding disciple of Jesus Christ. He was humble and prophetic, incisive and empowering.

You can find out more by exploring the PC(USA) website for an overview. You can also join me next year, because wherever I may be next year, I will make sure to attend the next *Ecumenical Advocacy Days* conference!

Easter Joy and Christ's Peace to You,

Liz

Preschool Corner

For the preschool, April was an abbreviated month due to our week-long Spring Break. Both classes did lots of Easter crafts, topped off with Easter egg hunts. The older class had great fun at Mrs. Ernst's house. They rolled down hills, flew plastic bag kites, and found more eggs than they could count!! The younger class found their eggs in the Fellowship Hall (inclement weather) followed by their Easter party. All of the children decorated tissue boxes for their Easter baskets (recycling at its best!).

To finish the month, the four year olds are working on transportation and were able to take a ride on the Orange Trolley.

The younger class learned about the caterpillar life cycle and butterflies. Ellen Kendall substituted and read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to them.

Pastor Liz visited both classes to explain the

Blessing box and helped the children contribute items to the box. Thank you, Pastor Liz!

The surprise of the month was a visit to both classes by Miss Hammers, a 12 week old gray bunny. Her patience was remarkable while every single child was able to hold her.

The last day for 3 year olds is Tuesday, May 23, and we will meet at the park. Graduation Day is Monday, May 22 – the children and teachers are excited!

Look for us at the ODA Kid's Fest on May 20!

Mrs. Ski



May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  <i>Dean Sherwin</i>	3 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	4 1:30 Blood Drive 2:00 Photos 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	5 2:00 Photos	6 10:00 Photos
7 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i>	8	9 11:00 Morning Circle 2:00 W&M	10 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	11  <i>Jennifer Ernst</i> 6:30 Finance	12 4:00 - 6:00 Bridal Shower Open House	13
14  <i>Sydney St. Clair</i> 11:00 Worship	15	16	17 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	18 7:00 Session	19	20 7:30 Community Chorus Concert
21  <i>Carol Woolfrey</i> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Q&A with Liz	22	23	24  <i>Suzanne Sherwin</i> 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	25	26	27
28 11:00 Worship <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	30  <i>Lloyd Parcell</i>	31 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	1 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	2  <i>Melanie Rose</i>	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

7 Ralph and Carole
Sue Graves
14 The Clements
Family
21 Millie Tyner
28 Pat Stewart

Acolytes

7 Anne Clements
14 Zach Ernst
21 Taylor Gibson
28 Lyndsey Norberg

Nursery Helpers

7 Alice Parcell
Linda Nash
14 Millie Tyner
Jim Reid
21 Melanie Rose
Jen Ernst
28 Ralph and Carole
Sue Graves

Pray Station

7 Rachel Gibson
14 Karen Ulan
21 Martha Clements
28 Ellen Kendall

Counters

7 Connie Norberg
Cindy Reid
14 Dianne Haberland
Ralph Graves
21 Louise Whitaker
Ted Sherwin
28 Shirley Newman
Cheryl Lewis

Lectionary Readings for May

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.

May 7

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-35
John 10:1-10

May 21

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 14

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 28

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Session Meeting Highlights

- At its April meeting, the session, among other actions:
- Received notification from the Committee on Ministry of their approval for our formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Session will instruct the Nominating Committee to look for volunteers to serve on the PNC.
 - Approved a recommendation from the Property Committee that the magnolia tree behind the Willis house property line be removed. This will be the access point for the church's side lot, which will be further developed in the near future.
 - Approved a recommendation from the Worship and Music Committee that the church have a designated funeral coordinator to supervise memorial services. Nancy Crowder volunteered and was accepted for this position.
 - Approved a joint recommendation from the Congregational Care and Commitment and Finance Committees that a separate committee be formed for Stewardship. Congregational Care and Commitment will continue to be responsible for Time and Talents.
 - Approved a request from the Finance Committee to increase in the pastor's Continuing Education budget for \$354.55.
 - Approved the Mission and Outreach Committee's recommendation to have a Holiday Bazaar on December 1 and 2, 2017. A third of the proceeds going to the Christian Emergency Council, a third to Orange County Habitat for Humanity, and a third to Orange Presbyterian Church.
 - Approved the Mission and Outreach Committee's recommendation for a school supplies collection and hat and glove collection to be distributed to area schools.
 - Approved the Mission and Outreach Committee's recommendation to offer an Alternative Gift Fair to our congregation and at the Holiday Bazaar.
 - Approved the Mission and Outreach Committee's recommendation that the remainder of our Stop Hunger Now funds (\$750.39) be used for a Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) packaging event on Thursday, June 29, to be held with other area churches.
 - Approved a recommendation that a covenant group be formed to work on the church's history for the upcoming 175th anniversary.



Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Graves
Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	15,772.64	Other Contributions:	
Income	\$	12,793.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 216.00
Expenses	\$	(11,291.53)		
Ending Balance	\$	17,274.11		

2017 Chili Cook-Off Champs!

The Fellowship Hall was again filled with delicious aromas and competitive chefs as nine different recipes of chili were sampled and judged.

The winners were:

- Best Youth Entry: Anne Clements
- Best New Entry: Steve Calhoun
- Best Returning Entry: Charles Campbell

Overall Grand Prize Entry: Matthew Gibson

Matthew made a delicious chicken chili - let's hope he will share the recipe!

Special thanks go to all the chefs, those who provided the side dishes, and the set-up and clean-up crews.



Let's Shower Leslie!

Friday, May 12, 2017

4:00 - 6:00 pm

The Fellowship Hall



The congregation is invited to a Bridal Shower Open House for Leslie Clements and Will Barnes. Come any time between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Covenant groups are encouraged to pool together for a joint gift. The couple is registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. The shower is hosted by the Presbyterian Women. Please contact Ellen Kendall with any questions.

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.

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.



Camp Hanover

Camp Hanover is gearing up for an exciting summer of camp! They offer 3 day camps for younger, new campers and weeklong camp for all ages. There are regular camps and themed ones, such as Mystery Camp and Unlock the Clue Camp (both involve solving puzzles and mysteries), Fishing Camp, Archery Camp, Disc Golf Camp, Hoofbeats (horses), Campfire Cooking Camp, and Discovery Camp. There is even an opportunity for parents or grandparents to camp with their younger campers.



For more information or to register, visit their Web site at www.CampHanover.org, or call 804-779-2811

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, May 4, 1:30 to 7:00 pm
OPC Fellowship Hall

OPC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 4, 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.

Holiday Bazaar

Our new storage room in the Education Wing is ready and awaiting your gently used treasures for the Holiday Bazaar. You can drop items off at any time. Remember us while you're doing your spring cleaning!



We also are in need of quart-sized glass jars with lids to use for our soup sales. Some people stay to eat, but many like to take soup home to share with family and friends. See Shirley Newman with questions or for more information.

Memorial Garden

Many thanks to Anne Somerville and Jennie Hill Robinson for all the work they have done on the Memorial Garden. Each time they add something, it becomes more beautiful than before!



Guatemala Mission Trip

August 14-21, 2017

A mission trip is planned to plant trees in a much needed reforestation project in Guatemala with a Mayan community and as part of the trip's focus on "Caring for God's Creation." Hosted by our Presbyterian mission partners, it includes their ministry with disaster recovery, environmental justice, the empowerment of women, and most of all, a biblical faith that transforms lives and communities. Weather is cool. The trip is co-sponsored with Peaks Presbytery. For a full description, cost details, and subsidy, please contact Mary Jane Winter, one of the leaders, at mjwinter@comcast.net.



Easter Lilies



In Honor of:

The Rose Family by Rev. Liz Hulme Adam

In Memory of:

Leroy Crowder by his wife and family

Joseph and Ida Hebrance by Carol & Joan Hebrance

Lewis Hutchison by Winnie Higgins

Lee and Mary Win Brown by Winnie Higgins

Mike Lewis by Cheryl Lewis

Becky Shinaberry by Cheryl Lewis

Bud and Alice Mewha by Cheryl Lewis

Bob and Jerry Nash by Lee and Linda Nash

Richard and Pauline Crone by Lee and Linda Nash

Their parents John & Virginia Hill and

Everett & Mercy Packard by Al and Lee Packard

Joyce Palmer by Syd Palmer

Our families by Lloyd and Alice Parcell

Ed Tyner by Millie Tyner

Our loved ones by Chris and Maya Wynkoop

Susan Wynkoop by Chris and Maya Wynkoop

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We very much need **your help** to make this a great week for our area youth!

Please indicate below where you will be able to help us out. You can return this form to the offering plate on Sunday, place it in the "Hero Central" box in the Narthex, or give it to Melanie in the office or to a member of the Spiritual Formation Team. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Thanks so much in advance for your willingness to help!

Your name: _____

Your email address or your phone number: _____

I would be willing to help with the following:

_____ storytelling _____ music _____ crafts _____ snacks _____ nursery

_____ science _____ providing materials for crafts _____ registration

_____ publicity _____ sewing beforehand _____ photographer

Bring a guide means escorting the children between activities.

_____ being a guide for preschool/kindergarten

_____ being a guide for younger elementary

_____ being a guide for older elementary

_____ another way that I would like to help: _____

For more information, contact Martha Clements, Karen Ulan, or May Saxton.



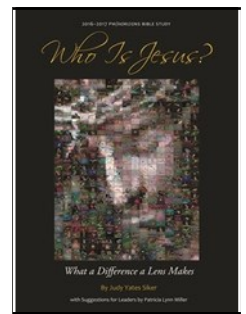
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Presbyterian Women

May marks the final meeting of the Presbyterian Women as we conclude our study of *Who is Jesus? - "According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations."* The meeting will be a potluck at 11:00 (note time the change) on Tuesday, May 9, in the East Room. Pastor Liz will lead the discussion.

Be on the lookout for information about the annual Birthday Offering soon.

We would love to have you join us for next year's group! We meet each month from September to May. See Ellen Kendall for more information.



Prayer Concerns

- The Dulin Family
- Kirisha
- Anne (community member), horseback riding accident
- Matthew in Charleston, SC
- Yvonne and family (from Dot Marks)
- Bernadette (from Lori Mills)
- Denise Samuels



- Joe and Kit Taylor, Lynne Clements's parents
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village
- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Bugs Gardner at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Glen and Jennie Hill Robinson and family upon the death of their grandson.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Pat Stewart and the Ripple family upon the death of her cousin, Cathy.