



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

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OPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 30 - August 3, 2012

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Ages 4 through Grade 5

“Clean Water for All God’s Children”

Crafts, Music, Fun, Recreation,
Snacks, Bible stories, Fun, Discovery

Friday at 11:00 am:
Closing Program and Picnic
(Parents invited.)



An offering will be received each day to raise money for a clean water filtration system to provide clean water for God’s children.

CLEAN WATER SUNDAY – AUGUST 5

On Sunday, August 5, we will celebrate the end of our week of Vacation Bible School with a special emphasis on “Clean Water for All God’s Children.” The children, youth, and adults who participated in Vacation Bible School will participate in the service and share some of the music that inspired them to think about water during the week.

Everyone is asked to participate by:

- **Wearing some shade of blue**

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Pastor's Ponderings

Gen Z: Our Future

Probably you are familiar with the labels often used to classify people depending on when they were born. I am a member of the "Baby Boomer" generation – those born between 1946 and 1964. The oldest members of this generation are now approaching retirement age. [Side note: After breaking my ankle in May, I found this comment on an orthopedic website – "During the past 30 to 40 years, doctors have noted an increase in the number and severity of broken ankles, due in part to an active, older population of 'baby boomers.'" I guess I am a classic example of my demographic!]

Some other categories: The Greatest Generation: 1901-1924. You lived through the Great Depression and WWII. The Silent Generation: 1925-1945. Children of the Depression and too young to serve in WWII. Gen X: 1965-1981. Also known as the "baby busters." Gen Y: 1982-1999. Sometimes called the Millennials.

And then we come to Gen Z—those born between 1994 and 2004. They are sometimes called the Internet Generation (aka Gen I), or Generation Text.

In a July 23, 2012 editorial in the *Presbyterian Outlook*, Jack Haberer says, "It behooves us doing ministry with and among children and teens to learn everything we can from every possible informed source so that we can help grow that generation into devoted followers of Christ. The future of the American Christian movement will largely be made or broken by them."

At a baptism, I always pose this question to the congregation: "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture [names of children] by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?" And then, sitting in a Youth and Christian Education meeting or moderating a session meeting, we go through long, protracted discussions lamenting the need for teachers, youth leaders, and parents to make the commitment to bring children to Sunday School and worship.



Haberer goes on to say: "There's hope. Those ranging in age from 8 to 18 are always the persons most reachable, most impressionable, most primed to learn and most open to committing themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord. And most of the adults in ecclesial leadership - the teaching and ruling elders, the deacons, the church school leaders and musicians - enjoy close enough contact with them (if only as their own children or grandchildren) to be able to exercise godly influence upon them."

Here's something you can do: 1. Be a good example by being present in Sunday School and worship; 2. Be willing to volunteer when help is needed; 3. Pray for them; 4. Acknowledge that the God who never changes can use changing technology to reach others.

Faithfully,

Denise

Preschool Corner

The summer has flown by much too quickly and the Weekday School is getting ready for a new school year.

In the next couple of weeks you will notice our new sign as you drive by the corner of Main and Caroline streets. It will be a permanent reminder of the preschool presence.

Another development for us is a new web page with lots of information about the preschool. It is

linked to the church's web page. Thanks to Scott Ernst for his help and expertise.

And our last bit of news is a staff change. We said to good-bye to Elaine Alexander at the end of the school year. We are pleased that Teresa Shifflett will be working with the four year-old class. She brings lots of experience!



An Open House is scheduled for August 29 from 3-6 pm.

Ready for the new year!

Mrs. Ski

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 to Noon - Vacation Bible School 7:30 Adult Choir	2 Committees	3 Martha Clements Emily Frobom	4
5 11:00 Worship Communion	6 Buckshot Clements Garnett Baker	7 12:30 Knitters	8 7:30 Adult Choir	9 6:30 Finance	10 Erich Uhlmann	11
12 Elizabeth Szunyogh Linda Nash Michael Crowder 11:00 Worship 12:15 Admin. Mtg.	13 Eric Frobom	14 12:30 Knitters	15 7:30 Adult Choir	16	17 David Sanford	18
19 Denise Hall William Sanford Men's Sunday 11:00 Worship	20 Ralph Graves	21 Shirley Newman Jim Reid Dave Ulan 12:30 Knitters	22 McKinley Clore Alexis Conley 7:30 Adult Choir	23 Jeanie Crane	24	25
26 Harold McCauley 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal Congregational Mtg 6:00 Lobster Fest	27 10:00 AWOL - Hartland Institute Trip	28 12:30 Knitters	29 3:00 - 6:00 Preschool Open House	30 Lyndsey Norberg	31 Nancy Crowder	1 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

5 David and Karen Ulan
12 Bob and Elinor Vasquez
19 Ron and Melanie Rose
26 Howard and Jean Berckman

Acolytes

5 Ann Taylor Mohrmann
12 Lyndsey Norberg
19 Hannah Frobom
26 Allison Norberg

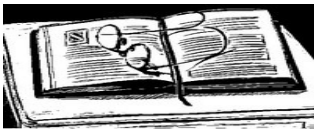
Nursery

5 Linda Nash and
Allison Norberg
12 Ralph Graves and
Ann Taylor Mohrmann
19 Denise Samuels and
Robert Kendall
26 Lynne Clements and
Jim Reid

Lectionary Readings for August

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.



August 5

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Session Meeting Highlights

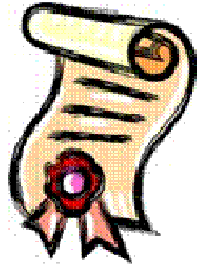
At its meeting on July 24, the session:

- Approved the minutes for the June 21, 2012 stated session meeting.
- Approved to divide the proceeds from the August 26 Lobster Fest between the Barbara Packard Memorial Handbell fund and the purchase of an LCD projector.
- Approved putting the Devotional line item back in the budget under Congregational Care.
- Approved the payment of the remaining two installments (\$1,260) for organ maintenance out of the Bailey fund.
- Approved supporting the Habitat for Humanity Walk to be held on September 16, which is dedicated to raising funds for affordable housing in our Orange County community.
- Approved a Holiday Bazaar to be held at our church on November 30 and December 1, 2012. Profits will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and Christian Emergency Council.
- The Worship and Music Committee presented a draft of the funeral policy. It will be presented at the next Session meeting for final approval.
- Approved that the Worship and Music Committee be allowed to use up to \$250 from American Century fund to pay for bagpipes for the Reformation Sunday service, October 28.
- Approved that Briarwood Florist be given a key to the sanctuary so they may deliver flowers.
- Approved that the \$100 fee for the harp/cello duet come out of the American Century Fund.
- Approved the Child Protection Policy as edited for implementation in September.
- Approved the leadership for Vacation Bible School.
- Approved, the following Sunday School teachers for 2012-2013: Grades K-6: Ellen Kendall and Rachel Gibson; Grades 7-12: Connie Norberg (the committee is looking for another teacher); Calvin Class: Denise Hall and Debbie Rexrode; Leland Lord Class: Lynne Clements and Rod McLeod.
- Approved the Fall Curriculum Plan for Children's Church and Sunday School with approval for the Children's Church and Adult Sunday School line items to go over budget.
- Approved that Ralph Graves and Wendell Nix will represent Session on the Nominating committee.
- Approved to have a Congregational meeting on August 26 to elect members for the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra McLeod, Clerk

Honor Roll - June

For the month of June, the Honor Roll recipients were Kay and Wendell Nix. Both Kay and Wendell have been very active in our church. Kay has served on the Youth and Christian Education Committee and the Mission and Outreach Committee. Wendell serves as a ruling elder on the session, and on the Property and the Worship and Music Committees. Wendell has served previously on the Youth and Christian Education Committee also. If there is ever an event where we need food, Kay and Wendell both willingly help prepare and serve whenever needed.



You may not know it, but Kay and Wendell are very active in Sunday School, with Wendell sometimes filling in as the teacher if the pastor is away. Wendell helps to count the offering one Sunday every month and frequently fills in when someone else is gone. Kay helps those in need in the community by serving on the Christian Emergency Council and works every week at the Food Pantry. They are busy people who give a lot of themselves to our church and our community. Thank you Kay and Wendell for all you do.

Adults Wild on Life - AWOL

**Hartland Institute in
Madison County
August 27, 2012
10:00 am**



On August 27, join AWOL to visit the Hartland Institute in Madison County. Hartland is a Seventh Day Adventist College with students from around the world. We will learn about the school and how it got started, visit its well-known Lifestyle and Wellness Center, have an opportunity to shop at the book store/gift shop and have lunch with the faculty. We will meet at the church at 10:00. Lunch and transportation is included in your \$8 fee. Watch the bulletin for registration forms!

Honor Roll - July

The Honor Roll recipients for the month of July are Ralph and Carole Sue Graves. They are long-time members of our church, raising both daughters in the church. They have both served on the session and most recently Carole Sue was chair of the Congregational Care and Commitment Committee, where she continues to serve as a member. Ralph is chair of the Worship and Music Committee and is on the Finance Committee where he volunteers to count collection at least one weekend a month. While chair of Congregational Care, Carole Sue was responsible for starting the Shepherd program and the AWOL program. Both have also served on the Administrative and Personnel Committee.

Carole Sue and Ralph both frequently work in the nursery during worship or special programs and Carole Sue and Ralph have helped with Free Friday Fun and Vacation Bible School. When we need help with meals or harvest dinners, Carole Sue and Ralph freely give of their time. I wonder how many potatoes they have peeled for Harvest Dinners? Ralph and Carole Sue are both active in the Leland Lord Sunday School class and Ralph can be seen helping with Sunday Worship when our pastor is away. Last but not least, Carole Sue is a member of Habitat for Humanity's Family Selection Committee and is always involved with the interview and selection of a worthy family for a new home. Thank you so much for all you do for our church and our community.

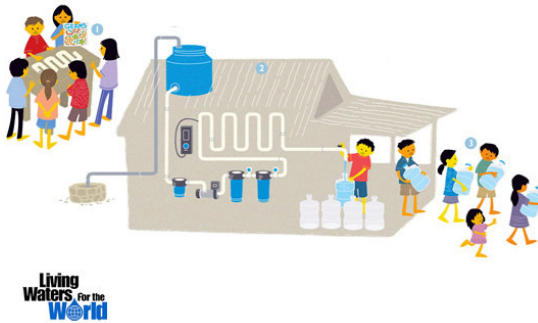


Treasurer's Report - June 30

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,404.83
Income	\$12,878.76
Expenses	\$11,710.44
Financial Review Adjustment	\$ 161.93
Ending Balance	\$ 2,411.22
Liabilities for Tax Withholdings	\$ 2,139.23
AWOL Funds	\$ 56.00
Available Funds	\$ 215.99
5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 160.26

VBS OFFERING – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This year, the theme for our Vacation Bible School is “Clean Water for All God’s Children.” The curriculum was developed by Living Waters for the World, a mission resource of the Synod of the Living Waters of the PC(USA). Living Waters for the World was conceived in the early 1990’s and since its inception has partnered with mission teams to install and operate over 400 clean-water filtering systems.



As part of our year-long emphasis on the “Restorative Power of Water,” our VBS is striving to raise \$2,500 to purchase a clean water filter system and an additional \$1,000 to send two people to help with the installation. Every morning during VBS, the children will be bringing their coins to fill our water jug.

Everyone in the congregation is asked to help us fill the water jug on Sunday, August 5. In addition to your change, you are also invited to make larger contributions by putting a check in the offering that Sunday. We will continue to promote this offering until we reach our goal of \$3,500. Thank you for your generosity!

THANKS TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS

Special thanks to those who helped “make a splash” with our 2012 Vacation Bible School. Your dedication to the children of Orange Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!

Directors: Jennifer Ernst and Cynthia Pedersen
 Registration: Kay Nix and Cynthia Pedersen
 Storyteller: Pastor Denise
 Music: Suzanne Sherwin and Hannah Frobom
 Discovery: Ellen Kendall and Karen Ulan
 Crafts: Carol Roop, Rachel Gibson,
 Joyce Palmer, Shirley Newman, Elinor

**MAKE A
SPLASH**
this summer with OPC VBS!

Vasquez

Guides: Winnie Higgins, Fedie McClung, Alice Parcell, Lavinia Phillips, Bill Taylor, Pat Stewart, David, Woolfrey, Jr., Ann Taylor Mohrmann, Grace Kendall, Leah Magnus, Andrew Magnus
 Recreation: Leslie Clements Nursery: Linda Nash and Kaitlyn Beasley
 Decorations: Sharon Mohrmann Photographer: Jennifer Ernst
 Snacks: Nancy Crowder and Carol Couch
 Picnic: Scott Ernst, Pat Stewart, Stephen Calhoun, Leslie Clements

Water Contest Winners!

Over the past month, Wendell Nix promoted a special water contest to increase our awareness of the many ways we are blessed by clean running water. Contestants were invited to list all the uses for water they could name. Congratulations to the following winners: Adult winners - Lloyd Parcell (1st Place), Joyce Palmer (2nd Place); Children winners – Anne

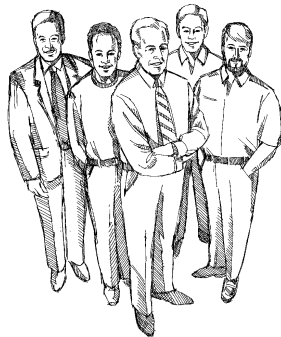
Clements (1st Place), Zachary Ernst (2nd Place); Overall champion – Anne Clements

Pictured left to right: Wendell Nix, Coordinator, Zachary Ernst, Lloyd Parcell, Anne Clements



Men's Sunday Scheduled for August 19

The men of Orange Presbyterian Church will lead all parts of the service on Sunday, August 19. Elder Wendell Nix has agreed to preach the sermon on that day: "Converts are the Worst!"



Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, Elder Ralph Graves, will be organizing the other parts of the service and looking for volunteers. God has given gifts to all of us and on this day we celebrate the gifts of the OPC men!

College Students - Addresses Needed

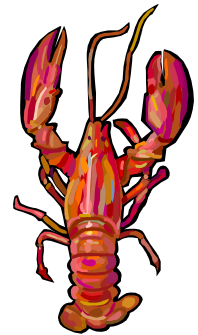
To all our college students (and parents): We want to stay in touch with you. As you return to school, please contact the church office with your new mailing address for the fall semester.



You can email the information to us: opc@orangepc.org. We want to stay in touch with you throughout the year.

May God's blessings be upon all of you in this new school year!

Lobster Fest Sunday, August 26, 2012 OPC Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.



- Lobster Dinner - \$25.00**
- Extra Lobster - \$15.00**
- Hot Dog Plate - \$7.50**

Boiled Lobster with Drawn Butter, Steamed Clams, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw, Maine Baked Beans, Chips, Drinks, Relish Trays, Watermelon, Ice Cream Sandwiches
Hot Dog Plates available for non-Seafood appetites

Lobster, clams and corn transported directly from Boothbay Harbor, Maine.
Please have your reservation in to the church office by Friday, August 17.
All proceeds will be divided between the Barbara Packard Memorial Handbell Fund and the purchase an LCD projector for the church.

Number of Lobster Dinners _____

Number of Extra Lobsters _____

Number of Hot Dog Dinners _____

Total amount \$ _____

Name (please print) _____
(Make checks payable to OPC and note Lobster Fest in the memo section.)



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Presbyterian Women

Morning Circle:

The Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle (combined with the Luncheon Circle) will have our first meeting in the East Room on Tuesday, September 4 at 11:00am.

The new workbooks, *Dispatches to God's Household*, *The General Epistles*, have arrived. If you have not received your copy please contact Shirley Newman. We always welcome new members, so be sure to join us if your schedule permits.



Evening Circle:

The Evening Circle will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 pm. We welcome others to join us.

Prayer Requests

- Mike Lewis
- Louise Lord at Dogwood Village
- Billy Fitch at Dogwood Village



Holiday Bazaar



WE'RE BACK! Plans are beginning for the annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Friday, November 30, and Saturday, December 1. Feel free to bring in white elephant items as you are doing your summer cleaning and to start on those craft items that are always needed.

If you can use scissors, an iron, a needle and thread, or a sewing machine, we welcome you to help one Saturday morning a week in September, October, and November. We'd like to have an assembly line for making fabric items such as jumpers and aprons.

Cutting out patterns and pressing are as important as using the sewing machine, so contact Shirley Newman or Sharon Mohrmann if you are interested in helping us with this project. Our goal is to make at least ten items each Saturday morning, with a new item each week. We need your help for this to be a success!

- Richard and Thelma Sanford at Dogwood Village
- Margaret Chewning at Dogwood Village
- Pat McCauley at America House