



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

February 2012

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Resurrection Routines

For the 40 days of Lent plus the six Sundays in Lent, everyone will be given a daily scripture and a small "resurrection routine" to add to your regular daily routines. The "resurrection routines" will include things like, "Call up a friend to let them know you are thinking about them." or "Stop for a moment and smell the daffodils that are beginning to bloom." or "Write a prayer for something you want to change in your life." These "resurrection routines" and daily scriptures will be printed and distributed as part of the Ash Wednesday worship.



Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22 and is known as Ash Wednesday. We will begin this time in our church year with an opportunity for you to participate in the burning of the ashes. It is our tradition to save the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday processional. These dried palms are burned and become the ashes that are used as part of our Ash Wednesday service during the "imposition of ashes" - the placing of a cross on the forehead or hand of each worshipper. As we gather for the Ash Wednesday service, we will burn last year's palm branches together. This will be our first "resurrection routine."

Many people choose to "give up" something during Lent. As a church community, we often think more about the "routines" we will begin to help us reflect on our relationship with God. You are invited to begin Lent by joining us in some new "resurrection routines."

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Souper Bowl of Caring! February 5, 2012

Our youth have challenged us to collect 600 cans of soup for this year's "Souper Bowl" Sunday. As of this past Sunday, we still have close to 300 cans to go. Bring your cans on Sunday!

Let's help our youth meet their goal.

Help our team fight hunger!

Pastor's Ponderings

New Form of Government

For several weeks now, I've been leading elder training sessions with the four new folks who will come onto the session for the Class of 2014.

This year's elder training meetings have been particularly interesting because of the changes to our *Book of Order*. Specifically, the "Government" section of the Book of Order has been completely overhauled. It is now divided into a "Government" section and a "Foundations" section.

There are a number of other changes as well. We were introduced to a few of those revisions at the Annual Congregational meeting on January 31, 2012, when the congregation voted on a document called, "Orange Presbyterian Church – Congregational Rules of Agreement."

Over the next few months I am going to devote the *Pastor's Ponderings* space in the newsletter to highlighting and reviewing some of the changes in our denominational structure.

A new Form of Government was approved by a majority of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and took effect on July 10, 2011. The document is more streamlined than its predecessor, allowing for more flexibility to sessions, congrega-

tions, and presbyteries in how they will be ordered and structured to accomplish the mission to which God calls them.

In response to the vote, denominational leaders issued a letter, which states in part: *"It is a season of much change in the church, and change is often accompanied by anxiety. Making the transition from the current Form of Government to the new one will take time, patience, and grace. We will all be living gradually into these new dimensions of the church's governance."*

Recognizing that change can cause anxiety, the OPC Session agreed to continue with the procedures outlined by the "old" 2009/2011 *Book of Order* to give us time to adopt and make provision for the changes in the "new" 2011/2013. The Presbytery of the James, our presbytery, has also made provision to do the same sort of thing on a presbytery level.

While most of us will not notice any change – we will still have Sunday School and worship, ministry will happen, choirs will continue to rehearse, committee meetings will take place – there are some things you will notice.

Most importantly, please be assured that Christ is still head of the Church! Amen!

Faithfully,

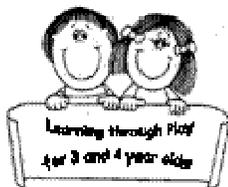
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Preschool Corner

January in preschool – so far, so good. No snow days, no icy parking lot, few absences, and everyone seems thrilled to be back after the holidays (especially the parents)!

The older class is now focusing on Kindergarten skills. This month, they learned about the seasons, polar bears, penguins, and snow. They've made marshmallow toothpick capital letters, glitter dough, and "ice skated" in the Fellowship Hall. On the last day of January, we had Pajama Day with hot chocolate and s'mores. What fun!



The younger children have really settled down and are a joy to teach. They have focused on winter, bears, and hibernation this month. We made "snow" in the kitchen, snow bears with chalk, and even had a paper snowball fight in the Fellowship Hall.

In the next few weeks, both groups will construct a cereal box house in our big room. Take a peek near the end of the month – we should be finished!

Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hargett, and I plan to attend an all-day Applebaum Training Conference in Chantilly in March where we will learn all kinds of new tricks for our classrooms. We will then have our sixteen hours of training credits for this year.

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Ski

Lectionary Readings for February

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.

February 5

Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9

February 12

2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45



February 26

Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

Session Meeting Highlights

At its January meeting the session:

- Approved the minutes for the December 15, 2011 Stated Session Meeting, the January 4, 2012 called session meeting, and the January 8, 2012 congregational meeting.
- Approved the Session Manual of Administrative Operations.
- Recommended that the new Congregational Rules of Agreement be recommended to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting.
- Dissolved the new Form of Government Task Force and thanked them for their work.
- Approved new curriculum for the Leland Lord Sunday School class - a study entitled, *Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts That Make*

Us Presbyterian by Earl S. Johnson, Jr. The study is to begin in February.



- Elected Gene Whitaker and Wendell Nix as commissioners to the Presbytery of the James' meeting at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond, on Saturday, February 18, 2012.
- The pastor gave an update concerning the new class of elders and the session planned a retreat for February 10 and 11 to include a session meeting, the examination of new elders, and planning for the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sandy McLeod,
 Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2011

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 4,517.08 | 5 Cents-a-Meal | \$ 140.80 |
| Income | \$ 23,143.80 | Christmas Bazaar | \$ 5,198.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 19,635.48 | Poinsettia Collection | \$ 360.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 8,025.40 | Joy Gift | \$ 467.00 |

All end-of-year giving statements not picked up by Sunday, January 29 have been mailed. If you would like to make a pledge for 2012 and have not had an opportunity to do so, you can put that information in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or contact Suzanne Sherwin, Treasurer.

College Student Care Packages

The Congregational Care and Commitment Committee would like to send along a treat to our college and boarding students in early March. We want to be sure they know we are continuing to think of them as they begin to think about exams and that they are always in our prayers. Our COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES plan is to send a \$5 McDonald's Gift Card and a letter of encouragement to each student studying away from home.



For further information, please see any member of the Congregational Care Committee.

Shirley Newman

Honor Roll

This month we honor Robert Kendall as the honor roll recipient. Robert has been an elder on the session multiple times and has served as the Clerk of Session. He has also served as chair of the Administrative and Personnel Committee and co-chaired the Congregational Care and Commitment Committee. This past year, Robert was the chair of the Commitment Campaign and was responsible for writing monthly articles for the newsletter concerning financial issues and questions.



Robert has also worked in Bible School and has attended Bible Studies. He is a teacher at Woodberry Forest and coaches the soccer team. Thank you, Robert, for all you do for our church and our community.

Sunday School Classes

It's a great time to join in a Sunday School Class! The Leland Lord Class will be starting a new study on Sunday, February 5 called, *Witness Without Parallel*. The study explores eight biblical texts that have been instrumental in forming the basis of Presbyterian belief and mission. This is a wonderful study written by a Presbyterian teaching elder who helps us understand how the Bible can be used to lead the church in the future. This class meets in the library at 9:45 am every Sunday morning.

The Calvin Class is continuing to follow the lectionary scriptures, the same scriptures on which the worship service and the sermon are based each week. This class has been discussing our individual call to service and the ways in which we all can be in ministry in the church and in the community. We will explore the meaning of covenant as we head toward the season of Lent and a study of God's overwhelming love for us! This class meets in the Prayer Chapel at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings.

If you have children or youth, there are classes for all ages. Then you can come and study with one of the adult classes. We hope you will join us!

CROP Walk Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the CROP Walk on January 14. More than twenty participants from OPC led the walk with joy and the desire to help those in need. Several Orange County churches and one church from Madison County participated. We raised about \$8,000 to help feed the hungry in our community. Non-perishable food items were donated by participants as well. We've taken another step to stamp out hunger.



Adults Wild on Life

Dinner and a Movie
Saturday, February 25,
at 5:00 pm



We will leave from the church at 5:00 pm to go to dinner, then see *Citizen Cane* at Culpeper Packard Campus, Library of Congress at 7:00. Please reserve your spot by contacting Pat Stewart by Monday, February 13. (Cost: \$2.00 for transportation plus your dinner.)

February 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--|--|--|---|--|
| | | | 1 NO REHEARSALS | 2 Robin Kendall 12:30 Luncheon Circle Committees | 3 Allison Norberg | 4 Winnie Higgins Ryan Gibson |
| 5 Ted Sherwin Amy Sherman 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Communion Souper Bowl Sun. | 6 | 7 Dianne Haberland 10:00 Morning Circle 12:30 Knitters | 8 Charlene Funkhouser 4:30 Instrumental 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir | 9 Elsa Haberland 6:30 Finance | 10 Gail Hassmer 6:00 to 9:00 Session Retreat | 11 9:00 to 1:30 Session Retreat |
| 12 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Admin. Mtg. | 13 | 14 12:30 Knitters | 15 Olivia Ernst 4:30 Instrumental 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir | 16 | 17 | 18 Presbytery Meeting (Grace Covenant PC, Richmond) |
| 19 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 20 | 21 12:30 Knitters | 22 4:30 Instrumental 7:00 Ash Wed Service 7:30 Adult Choir | 23 Taylor Gibson 7:00 Evening Circle | 24 | 25 Steve Stancill 5:00 AWOL Dinner and Movie |
| 26 Lynne Clements 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship First Sunday in Lent 5 Cents-a-Meal | 27 | 28 12:30 Knitters | 29 4:30 Instrumental 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir | 1 Wayne Modena 12:30 Luncheon Circle Committees | 2 | Indicates Birthday |

Greeters

5 Rachel and Ryan Gibson
12 Ralph and Carol Sue
Graves
19 Dianne Haberland
26 Robert and Ellen Kendall

Nursery Helpers

5 Dawn Phillips and
Ralph Graves
12 Linda Nash and
Jim Reid
19 Robert and Grace
Kendall
26 Alice Parcell and Ann
Taylor Mohrmann

Acolytes

5 Grace Kendall
12 Leslie Clements
19 Seth Dalton
26 Ann Taylor Mohrmann

Children's Church

5 Lynne/Anne Clements
and Jeff Norberg
12 Jennifer Davis and
Seth Dalton
19 Tracy and Rick Munger
26 Karen Tinsley and
Jacob Barragan

The following document was recommended by the session and approved by the congregation to address some of the procedures that are no longer specified in the new *Book of Order*.

ORANGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL RULES OF AGREEMENT

I. Relationship to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Orange Presbyterian Church is a congregation in the Presbytery of the James in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)

II. Governance of the Congregation (G-1.0103)

The Congregation shall be governed by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which consists of two parts: (1) The *Book of Confessions* and (2) The *Book of Order*. *Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised)* shall be used for parliamentary guidance, except when it is in contradiction to the Constitution.

III. Meeting of the Congregation (G-1.0501)

The annual meeting of the Congregation is ordinarily held on the fourth Sunday of January or as soon thereafter as possible. At that meeting, the following business may be transacted:

- Annual Reports
- Election of Church Nominating Committee
- Election of Ruling Elders and Trustees
- Changes to the terms of call of the pastor
- Presentation of the church's annual budget.

Meetings of the Congregation shall be called by the session, presbytery, or by the session when requested in writing by one fourth of the active members on the roll of the congregation. (G-1.0502)

IV. Notice of Meetings (G-1.0502)

Public notice of Congregational Meetings shall be given on two successive Sundays prior to the meeting. Any item of business shall ordinarily be distributed two weeks in advance.

V. Quorum for the Meeting (G-1.0501)

The quorum for a Congregational meeting shall be 25% of the active membership of the congregation. No proxy voting is allowed.

CONGREGATIONAL RULES OF AGREEMENT CONTINUED.

VI. Moderator and Secretary of the Meeting (G-1.0504; 1.0505)

The installed pastor shall ordinarily moderate all meetings of the congregation. If it is impractical for the pastor to preside, he or she shall invite another teaching elder who is a member of the presbytery or a person authorized by the presbytery to serve as moderator.

VII. Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting shall be approved by the Session at its next Stated Meeting.

OR

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting shall be approved by the congregation at the end of the particular meeting.

VIII. The Session (G-1.0503a; 2.0401)

The Session of Orange Presbyterian Church is ordinarily composed of twelve Ruling Elders elected by the Congregation for a three-year term. There shall be a period of one year ineligibility after serving one full term of three years.

IX. Nominating Committee (G-2.0401)

The Church Nominating Committee may be elected by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting or any other congregational meeting called for that purpose. Members shall be elected for a term of one year. The Church Nominating Committee shall be composed of two active ruling elders designated by the session, one of whom shall serve as moderator of the committee, and three church members elected by the Congregation. The pastor shall be a member of this committee, serving ex officio and without vote.

X. Amendments to the Congregational Rules

These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, providing that the proposed changes shall have been distributed at the same time as the call of the meeting at which the changes are voted upon.

Adopted by the congregation: January 29, 2012

If you have questions about this document, please contact Sandra McLeod, Clerk of Session.

Session News for February

In February, the outgoing session members of the Class of 2011 will finish their duties. We give thanks to Bugs Gardner, Robert Kendall, and Cindy Reid for their past three years of service to the session.

The newly elected ruling elders will be examined by the session at their annual retreat.

Session Retreat

Friday, February 10 - 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, February 11 - 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Ordination and Installation Of Elders

Sunday, February 12
We will ordain Cheryl Lewis and Cynthia Pedersen as ruling elders and install Cheryl, Cynthia, Lynne Clements and Bill Taylor as members of the Class of 2014.

Confirmation Class

A Confirmation Class is being planned. This is a time to make your public profession of faith. Please contact Denise if you are interested.

Community Lenten Services

Community Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the Orange Baptist Church. The service begins at 12:15 with worship in the sanctuary and is followed by a light lunch of soup and bread. The schedule for worship is:

February 22 - Ash Wednesday
Rick Clore, Orange Baptist Church

February 29
Denise Hall, Orange Presbyterian Church

March 7
Lin Hutton, St. Thomas Episcopal

March 14
Tom Barnard, Trinity United Methodist

March 21
Jim Beavers, Christ Anglican Fellowship

March 28
Pat Nabers, Good Shepherd Lutheran

Our church will prepare and serve the meal on Wednesday, February 29.

Winter Weather Schedule Changes

In the event of winter weather affecting our area, Orange Presbyterian Church will make every attempt to hold Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am. We will do our best to clear our parking lot and walkways to ensure the safety of members and visitors.

While we have experienced a rather mild winter, if the weather situation becomes treacherous, we will cancel services and activities at the church. Our practice is that the pastor confers with the clerk of session to make the decision about cancelling the service. If time permits, the Shepherds will make calls to the members of their flock. On those occasions when we have cancelled services, the decision is not made until Sunday morning. We make every effort to contact the local radio and TV stations. You should check these television stations: WVIR TV - Channel 29, NBC; WVAW TV - Channel 16, ABC; WCAV TV - Channel 19, CBS. Radio station: WJMA - 103.1 FM You can also call Pastor Denise: 661-3231 (home) and 661-6377 (cell phone).

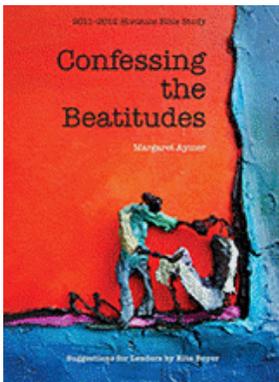
In all situations, please use your best judgment. Take into consideration your own safety and well-being. Even though we may be holding services, your own particular circumstances will need to be taken into account. If it is not safe for you to travel to the church, then stay safe and warm at home.





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Presbyterian Women



The **Morning Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 am in the East Room. For more information contact Shirley Newman at 672-1023.

The **Luncheon Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 2 at 12:30 pm in the East Room. Cynthia Pedersen will be the lesson leader and Jean Berckman will provide lunch this month.

The **Evening Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Chapel. Debbie Rexrode will be the lesson leader.

Prayer Requests

- Margaret Chewing at Dogwood Village
- Skinny Redmon at Dogwood Village
- Pat McCauley at America House
- Leroy Crowder



- Rialand Tucker
- Billy Fitch
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the friends and family of Margarete Reynolds.