



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

January 2013

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A New Year's Prayer

Author Unknown

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;*

*Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;*

*Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;*

*Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;*

*Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.*

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



Congregational Meetings

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 6 following worship to **elect elders for the Class of 2015.**

(The Nominating Committee is bringing the names of Lavinia Phillips and Scott Ernst.)

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 27, following worship.

The Annual Congregational meeting is an opportunity to review the ministry of the Orange Presbyterian Church for the past year. The session will provide packets with reports from our various committees to highlight some of our endeavors from 2012. There will be an end-of-year Treasurer's Report and the 2013 budget will be included.

Packets will be available on Sunday, January 13, 2013.

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Pastor's Ponderings

No More Resolutions

It's that time of year. I've retired the old calendars and brought out the new ones. This is an exercise that always gives me pause to reflect on the year just ending and think about the year ahead.

The other day I came across an article by Chuck Jaffe, a senior *MarketWatch* columnist. The title of his commentary for the end of December was: *Make Goals – Not Resolutions – for 2013*.

He begins by making the observation that it's rare to ask someone who makes resolutions how often they actually reach them – or if they can even remember what they resolved to do beyond the most obvious weight and quit-bad-habits pledges.

As a remedy to that self-defeating habit, Jaffe says: "That's why I gave up on resolutions back in the 1980s and instead started setting annual goals. I didn't want a single mistake to sideswipe a long-term pledge, so I started drawing up a wide-ranging list of personal targets covering everything from the family to the financial."

When he initially started this system, his plan was to seal them in an envelope, tuck it away, and then pull out the envelope at the end of the year. After the death of his brother and going through a heart attack, he decided to make a change. "If the goals were important enough for me to make them a priority, I wanted them visible every day, front and center, where I might revisit them on any given day and where my family or anyone in my office could see them and ask after them, pushing and cajoling me to get them done."

I don't know that I like the "pushing and cajoling" part, but I do like the idea of making goals and

keeping them visible throughout the year.

Here are several helpful guidelines Jaffe offers through the rest of his article:

- Make your goals during the first weekend of 2013. It's a slower time of year and gets you beyond Christmas and New Year's Day so that you can "ruminate on what you want to achieve."

- As you write your goals – don't make them too easy or too vague. It's better to have a goal that offers a challenge, but is also attainable. And make your goals specific.

- Update your will/estate plan. Jaffe says it doesn't have to be done every year, but if you can't remember the last time, then this would be a goal to have for 2013. And if you don't have a will/estate plan, then certainly this would be the year to set one up. (I hope as you consider your estate, you make plans to remember your church.)

- Take care of yourself. It's a challenge for all of us to balance work, home, family and church obligations. Your goals may want to include ways to reduce stress, let go of some things, and realign your priorities.

And here's one I would add (that did not come from Chuck Jaffe):

- Take a spiritual inventory. How is your relationship with God? What changes would you make? Regular attendance at worship? Sunday School? Bible reading? Regular times for prayer?

The apostle Paul encouraged his readers to: "live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27. A worthy goal for all of us!

Faithfully,

Denise
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Preschool Corner

Preschool was a miniature craft factory in December. Both classes produced gifts for their parents (soap and bath salts), ornaments and Christmas snacks. The four-year-old class made doggie treats for the church bazaar. Once again I was able to do silhouettes of everyone in the older class. And Pastor

Denise read one of our favorite Christmas stories, *Who is Coming to Our House*, to both classes.

Each class had a very brief Christmas program for their families. Everyone loved watching them and it showed me that we will begin practicing in October next year!

Hope your holiday was happy and healthy.

Mrs. Ski



Happy New Year @ Happy New Year @ Happy New Year **January 2013** Happy New Year @ Happy New Year @ Happy New Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed 	2 NO PRACTICES	3  Anne Somerville Karen Tinsley Committees	4	5
6  Carol Roop 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Communion 12:00 Cong. Meeting	7  Helen Fisher	8 10:30 Morning Circle 12:30 Knitters	9  Jack Samuels, Jr. 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	10 6:30 Finance Cmte.	11	12  Howard Berckman
13 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Admin. Mtg.	14	15  Liz Harmon 12:30 Knitters	16  Erin Roop Matthew Gibson 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	17  David Woolfrey, Sr. 7:00 Session	18	19  Kim Dukes
20  Gene Whitaker 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	21  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 12:30 Knitters	23 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	24  Shirley Hopkins Ron Rose 7:00 Evening Circle	25	26  Ted Haberland Wyatt Mills
27 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal 12:00 Annual Meeting	28 AWOL Trip to VA Museum of Fine Arts	29 12:30 Knitters	30 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	31  Mildred Butts	1	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

- 6 Carol Couch
- 13 Winnie Higgins
- 20 Lee and Linda Nash
- 27 Jeff, Connie, Allison,
Lyndsey and Nathan
Norberg

Nursery Helpers

- 6 Jeff Norberg and
Dawn Phillips
- 13 Lynne and Anne
Clements
- 20 Sharon Mohrmann and
Robert Kendall
- 27 Linda Nash and
Melanie Rose

Acolytes

- 6 Avery Warmack
- 13 Hannah Frobom
- 20 Grace Kendall
- 27 Allison Norberg

Children's Church

- 6 Tracy, Rick and Taylor
Munger
- 13 Rachel Gibson and
Denise Samuels
- 20 Connie and Allison
Norberg
- 27 Lynn/Anne Clements
and Jennifer Ernst

Lectionary Readings for January

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.



January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

Session Meeting Highlights

- Approved minutes for the November 29, 2012 Stated Session meeting, as distributed.
- Approved moving Mike and Shea Jones, Bart Lace, Pam Lace, Catherine and Kurt Nordman, Jenae and Sierra Richardson, and Neale Nickels to the inactive rolls.
- Approved the 2013 budget after trimming expenses in all areas.
- Approved that we divide equally the Bazaar proceeds between Orange County Habitat for Humanity and Christian Emergency Council.
- Approved sending letters of thanks for in kind gifts to the church.
- Approved by common consent that the candles not be lit for the rest of Advent and Christmas season because of the dripping wax issues.
- Approved *God's Tapestry* by W. Eugene March as curriculum for the Calvin Class beginning in January up to the beginning of Lent.
- Approved the Youth Connections' collection of food and donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandra McLeod
 Clerk of Session



Session Meeting

Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2012

Beginning Balance	\$	4,273.05	Other Funds:	
Income	\$	15,752.19	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 208.68
Expenses	\$	15,070.12	Christmas Bazaar	\$ 100.00
Ending Balance	\$	4,955.12	Clean Water Fund	\$ 2,603.79
Tax Liabilities	\$	1,569.32		
Other Funds	\$	2,912.47		
Available Funds	\$	473.33		

A Healthy Financial New Year

As we begin a new year, one of our most important goals should be to make and fulfill our commitment to God. This means that we pause to consider the time and talents we have pledged to our church and the financial pledge we have made for the coming year. If you have not had an opportunity to turn in either the Time and Talent Form or a 2013 Pledge Card, it's not too late to do so. You can receive either of these forms from the church office.

If you have been following the financial reports in the newsletter over the past six months, you may have noticed that our monthly cash flow has been constrained, and we were not able to pay our Mission and Outreach payments in full until December 31. We give thanks to the generosity of 22 of our 2012 pledges that were paid above and beyond the amount pledged. However, 24 pledges were not paid in full.

Pledging guides the session in the budget-making process. When pledges are not fulfilled, the church experiences a financial strain that inhibits our ability to do ministry. It's a New Year and a new commitment. Let's all do our part to be all that God has called us to be in this place.

Christmas Poinsettias



Gifts were made to the Glory of God and In Honor of:

All our friends at Orange Presbyterian Church by Syd and Joyce Palmer

Gifts were made to the Glory of God and In Memory of:

Leroy Crowder by his wife Nancy and the Crowder family

Charlotte and Wayne Mann by her sister Nancy Crowder

Bill and Nancy Gemmell by their daughter Nancy Crowder

Lutie Gardner and Julia Bray by Judson and Elaine Gardner

Ida and Joseph Hebrance by Carol and Joan Hebrance

Lewis Hutchison by Winnie Lee Higgins

Lee and Mary Win Brown by Winnie Lee Hutchison Higgins

Becky and Gay Shinaberry by Mike and Cheryl Lewis

My loved ones by Billie Mills

My loved ones by Joan Moxley

Our mothers, Louise Nix and Katherine Bixby by Wendell and Kay Nix

Larry O. Phillips by Lavinia P. Phillips

Richard D. Rhodes by Ted, Suzanne and Dean Sherwin

Lois Sherwin by Ted, Suzanne and Dean Sherwin

Betty J. Woolfrey by David and Carol Woolfrey

*Our friends and family by
Maya and Christopher Wynkoop*

Volunteers Needed



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. Shepherds are encouraged to have your flocks host a coffee fellowship.

2013 Flower Calendar

The Worship and Music Committee has posted a Flower Calendar in the Narthex. For many years, a small group of dedicated individuals provided flowers for our worship services. In the past few months, many of you have also taken the opportunity to honor or remember someone by choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for the sanctuary. We would like to invite you to continue to do so. Please select one or more Sundays and sign up on the calendar. The church office will contact you during the week before your selected Sunday to get the information for the bulletin. Thank you for sharing in our worship in this special way.



Thank You



Orange Presbyterian Church,
My delay in thanking your members for making the very nice prayer shawl has gone on much too long.

First, our cat tried to take over the shawl, but that only lasted one night. Then the grandchildren considered it was just perfect for playing with the shawl on the floor, so that also had to be stopped. Now it is reserved just for me, Vibecka, and any guest knits and has not seen the shawls.

Thank you so much for thinking of me.

Don Ober



Thanks



Dear Church Family,

How grateful I am to you for your generous gifts of love and concern during my recent hospital adventure. The prayers said, the wonderful offerings of food, and the calls of encouragement have warmed my heart and soul. I am truly blessed.

Jean Berckman

Adults Wild on Life (AWOL)

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond
Monday, January 28, 2012
Time to meet at the church will be announced later



Join AWOL on Monday, January 28 when we are going to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to see the Dave Chihuly glass exhibition. Chihuly, an internationally renowned glass artist, remains at the cutting edge of the possibilities of glass as a medium and this exhibit includes many of his iconic works. Cost for transportation and the exhibit is \$22. Lunch will be at your own expense. All reservations MUST be submitted by Monday, January 7 since tickets will sell out fast. **Return forms and payment to Pat Stewart or to the church office. (DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE OFFERING PLATE!) Make checks payable to OPC and put AWOL in the memo section.**

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Honor Roll



The Honor Roll recipient for December is Melanie Rose. Melanie has been our administrative assistant for over a year and has made a tremendous impact on our church office. Melanie is the first point of contact with anyone who comes to the church to ask a question, meet with the pastor, or look for someone or something. The impression they have of our church is first formed by how she meets people and helps them. Not only is she there to answer the phone and take messages but she supports every person in the church when they need help finding something, are gathering data, or looking for information.

In addition to these basic responsibilities, she receives Weekday preschool tuition payments and other activities such as AWOL participants, special collections, etc. She maintains the master calendar of activities happening at the church and keeps the membership list current. Melanie is responsible for getting the Sunday bulletin formatted and copied. She also collects, edits, and formats the monthly newsletter, and prepares all other correspondence for the pastor’s signature. Not only does Melanie attend worship, but she frequently works in the nursery or children’s church. If you need to know something, call Melanie. If she doesn’t know the answer, she will find it for you.

Melanie is very active in our community. She is Co-President of the Orange Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, served as the treasurer for the Orange County Habitat for Humanity Walk, and is very active in Ryder’s football program. Melanie is married to Ron and mother to Ryder (who is a graduate of our Weekday School.) Thank you, Melanie, for all you do for our church and our community.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 3

Youth Connections is collecting

SOUP

for the Love Outreach Food Pantry
for our Souper Bowl Sunday festivities.

Beginning January 13,
we will have containers in the
Narthex for you to place your cans of soup.

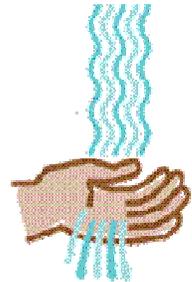
Help us provide soup for those in our
community who are hungry!

Thank you!



Clean Water for the World

On Easter Sunday this past
year, we embarked on an exciting
adventure to focus on “*The
Restoring Power of Water.*” We
began by celebrating the baptism
of two of our children. Throughout
the year, we took many

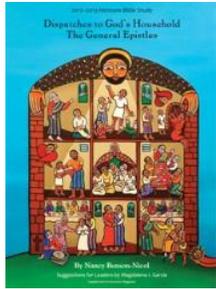


opportunities to learn more about the physical and
spiritual value of water in our lives.

Our Vacation Bible School focused on “Clean
Water for All God’s Children,” and our children
modeled how important this is by helping us kick off
our Clean Water Fund-Raiser with a collection of
\$415 toward the purchase of a clean water filtering
system. As of December 31, we raised a total of
\$2,853.79. This amount not only purchases the
filtering system which will be installed in the
Appalachian area but also includes an additional
contribution.

On Sunday, January 13, we will celebrate this
accomplishment as part of our worship service and
our remembrance of the Baptism of Our Lord.

Presbyterian Women



- The Morning Circle meets on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:30 am in the East Room. Note that the meeting is the second Tuesday of the month since the first is New Year's Day. Join us for worship, fun, food, and fellowship. Please contact Shirley Newman at 672-1023 for more information.
- The Evening Circle will meet on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Chapel. Please contact Lynne Clements for more information.

The *Presbyterian Palate* cookbooks are available for sale at a reduced price of \$10 per copy. Please see Shirley Newman or Cynthia Pedersen if you are interested.

Prayer Requests

- Mike Lewis
- Wendell Nix
- Cynthia Pedersen
- Jean Berckman
- Maruchi Moreth



- At Dogwood Village: Louise Lord, Billy Fitch, Margaret Chewning, and Richard and Thelma Sanford at Dogwood Village
- Pat McCauley at America House



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