



# Orange Presbyterian Church

## *Presbyterian Perspectives*

June/July 2012

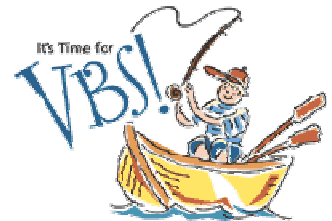
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## 2012 Vacation Bible School July 30 - August 3 9:00 - Noon

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3 (Please note the change in date from previous announcements.) Jennifer Ernst and Cynthia Pedersen are our Director and Assistant Director for this year's VBS. The theme is, "*Clean Water for All God's Children.*" There will be classes for children, ages 4 through Grade 5. No pre-registration is required.

As part of our year-long emphasis on water, our Vacation Bible School will educate our children about the world's water crisis and what we can do to help. The children will learn what the scripture teaches us about water and our responsibility for the goodness of Creation and for the care of the physical health of others. The children will engage in Bible stories, mission projects, crafts, music and recreation while becoming more aware of the importance of water in our lives.



This year, the children and workers who participate in Vacation Bible School will be encouraged to bring a daily offering to help fund the purchase of a Clean Water Filtering System that will be installed in a community in the Appalachia region. As a congregation, we can all participate in this part of Vacation Bible School. Over the next few weeks and months, there will be large water jug in the Narthex that will give you an opportunity to contribute your loose coins. Once we raise enough money to purchase the filtering system, we will send someone to be trained to help with its installation.

Begin now to spread the word that Vacation Bible School is just a few weeks away and plan to support it with your generosity to the special offering.

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## General Assembly begins June 30

The 220th General Assembly of the PC(USA) begins on June 30 in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme this year is: "Walking, Running, Soaring in Hope." Let us be in prayer for the commissioners who will be attending and conducting the business of our denomination.



## Pastor's Ponderings

*Now will you listen?*

Last Sunday while talking with the children during worship, I had someone trying hard to get my attention. Little Nathan Gibson was trying to ask me something, but I was too busy telling the story of David from the Bible. Even his older brother, Matty, tried to get my attention, but I was on a roll.

Finally, when I had stopped speaking, Matty says, "Now will you listen?" And so I did. As it turns out, Nathan asked me about my ankle.

Nathan: "Did you fall...did you fall on the rocks?"

Pastor Denise: "Yes, I fell and now it's broken. See the big bandage the doctors put on my ankle to help it get better?"

And that was it. We had our closing prayer and off he went to the nursery.

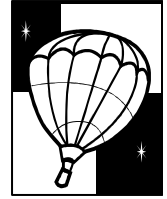
Meanwhile I felt pretty small. Oh, I know that sometimes children can take over, but in this instance Nathan wanted to ask about my ankle and I kept on with my agenda.

I used this story in the sermon a few minutes later because the sermon was about *listening!* I had made myself the perfect sermon illustration!

The past few weeks have given me lots of opportunities to think about how well we do with listening to one another. Mostly I've concluded that it's sort of

like the title of Michael Nichols' book, *The Lost Art of Listening*.

Maybe if we could slow down a little and not think so much about what we want to say, that we could actually listen to someone else. And it's not just the spoken word. We don't "listen" very well in the written word department either. We text, email, facebook message, and we sort of scan what was sent and lose important facts and information because we don't take time to understand the message.



*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

*Leo Buscaglia*

And yes, there's a spiritual dimension to this as well. I often wonder how many times God has said to us, "Now will you listen?" And our response has been that we're too busy, too many family obligations, and just too much to do. We might even say we have too many church obligations.

Jesus uses a story to remind disciples about listening: "*He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.*" (John 10:3, 4) Are our listening skills so tuned that we hear voice of our Savior speaking to us?

Here's a summer project: Take time to listen to one another; take time to listen for God; and experience the joy of really "hearing." Maybe God is saying to us, "Now will you listen..."

Faithfully,

Denise

## Preschool Corner

We ended the preschool year with a packed house at our graduation under the shelter at Porterfield. Not only was it a huge relief to me that all of the practice paid off, but it was the only time that the parents and I have had a chance to casually chat about their children and our program.





I do enjoy the time I have in the classroom without the children. It's a time to reflect, plan, and think clearly about what we can do to improve.



I'm looking forward to a relaxing summer, but am already consumed with ideas about next fall.

Happy summer!  
Mrs. Ski

# June - July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Pat McCauley 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal 	25 Cindy Reid 	26 Rick Sherman  12:30 Knitters	27  7:30 Adult Choir	28	29 Connie Norberg 	30 Mark Shepherd 
1 11:00 Worship Communion	2 Dr. Austin McClellan 	3 12:30 Knitters	4 Independence Day	5 Leslie Clements   Committees	6 Joanna Davies 	7 Sharon Mohrmann 
8 11:00 Worship 12:00 Potluck Lunch	9 Margaret Chewning Barbara Williams 	10 12:30 Knitters	11  7:30 Adult Choir	12  6:30 Finance	13 Sandy McLeod 	14 Peggy Fitch Wendell Nix 
15 Ellen Kendall Karen Ulan 11:00 Worship 	16	17 Phoebe Warmack Ella Stancill 12:30 Knitters 	18  7:30 Adult Choir	19  7:00 Session	20	21 Carol Couch Tracy Munger 
22 11:00 Worship	23 Jack Samuels III 	24 Amy Willis Jayden Davis 12:30 Knitters 	25  7:30 Adult Choir	26	27 Austin McClellan 	28  
29 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal	30 Jean Berckman 	31 Linda Hogan  Caleb Tinsley 12:30 Knitters	1  7:30 Adult Choir	2  Committees	3 Martha Clemens  Emily Frobom	<b>Indicates Birthday</b>
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>						

## Greeters

- 1 Ted and Suzanne Sherwin
- 8 Syd and Joyce Palmer
- 15 Anne Somerville
- 22 Jack and Margaret Thompson
- 29 Millie Tyner

## Nursery Helpers

- 1 Linda Nash & Ralph Graves
- 8 Rachel Gibson & Grace Kendall
- 15 Lynn Clements & Dawn Phillips
- 22 Ellen Kendall & Melanie Rose
- 29 Margaret Thompson & Lyndsey Norberg

## Acolytes

- 1 Ann Taylor Mohrmann
- 8 Lyndsey Norberg
- 15 Hannah Frobom
- 22 Allison Norberg
- 29 Grace Kendall

# Lectionary Readings for June - July

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.

## June 24

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and  
Psalm 9:9-20 or  
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,  
10-16 and Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

## July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

## July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13



## July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

## July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:14-29

## July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

## Session Meeting Highlights

At its meeting on May 31, the session:

- Approved Martha Clements as our Hebrance Scholarship recipient. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1,250.
- Approved changes to the Financial Operating Procedures.
- Approved that Men's Sunday be held on August 19, and that Wendell Nix preach the sermon.
- Approved Jennifer Ernst and Cynthia Pedersen as co-directors of the 2012 Vacation Bible School.
- Approved Presbyterian Women moderators: Shirley Newman of the Morning Circle and Lynne Clements for the Evening circle.
- Elected Wendell Nix and Bill Taylor to serve as commissioners to the Presbytery of the James' meeting on Tuesday, June 19, at Salisbury Presbyterian Church, Midlothian, VA.

At its meeting on June 21, the session:

- Approved a recommendation to raise funds for a Living Waters Clean Water Filtering System for a community in the Appalachia region as part of our year-long water emphasis and the VBS offering.
- Approved a recommendation to withdraw funds from the money market account up to \$5,000 if needed.
- Approved communion by intinction for World Communion Sunday on October 7.
- Approved the leaders for Vacation Bible School.
- Heard a report from the commissioners attending the June 19 meeting of the POJ.
- The pastor gave an update on her recuperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra McLeod, Clerk

## Treasurer's Report as of May 31

Beginning Balance     \$ 3,039.23  
Income                     \$ 12,931.25  
Expenses                   \$ 14,565.65  
Ending Balance         \$ 1,404.83

5 Cents-a-Meal         \$ 181.50  
Pentecost Offering     \$ 238.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to the ministry of our church!

# Our Graduates



## High School

***Alec Kendall***

Son of Robert and Ellen Kendall  
 Graduate of Woodberry Forest School  
 Plans to attend Virginia Tech  
 Alec played Varsity Soccer and Varsity Football at Woodberry, and also did winter track. He was one of the kickers on the Football team and earned academic honors as a senior. He is planning to major in business at Tech. This summer he is working for Woodberry's sports camp and will be working as a lifeguard.

***David Woolfrey, Jr.***

Son of David and Carol Woolfrey  
 Graduate of Orange County High School  
 Active in 4-H; Plans to join the military

***Rachel Crowder***

Daughter of John and Jill Crowder  
 Graduate of Orange County High School  
 She is a member of the Honor Society, active in Young Life, and played Field Hockey. Rachel will working in an orphanage in China and participating in Young Life Camp. She plans to attend Liberty University to work on her nursing degree.

## Graduate School

***Deborah Rexrode***

Graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology from the University of Virginia. Her dissertation was about financial giving to the church. Debbie holds an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from WV State University. She is currently employed by the University of Virginia Center for Survey Research as a Project Manager and teaching as an Adjunct Faculty in the Sociology Department.

## College

***Martha Clements***

Daughter of Lynn and Lynne Clements. Honor graduate with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies and minors in PreK-6 Math and PreK-6 English from Virginia Tech. Martha has begun working on an M.A. in Education. She is the 2012 Hebrance Scholarship Recipient

***Taylor Roby***

Graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Bridgewater College. Plans to continue working as a firefighter in Rockingham County.



# Special Thanks!

Dear OPC family,

I just wanted to say thank you in the deepest sense for being nominated as the Hebrance scholarship recipient this year. I was humbled to be considered and receive such a helpful scholarship as I take on the expenses of grad school. You all have been a part of my family since the first time I entered this church as a newborn. Thank you so much for being a part of my journey from Sunday school to handbells to mission trips and PNC. I have grown up in this church and consider myself a better person because of my church family. I cannot give enough gratitude in receiving this scholarship. Thank you!

With so much love and gratefulness,  
 Martha Clements

Dear friends at OPC,

I want to thank you for your continued support during the past few years as I completed my Ph.D. at the University of Virginia. As you can imagine, this achievement was no small undertaking, and your words of encouragement and interest along the way always gave me a boost of energy for the task at hand. I am especially grateful for your prayers and notes on this journey.

I am reminded of a quote by Alexander Graham Bell, "When one door closes, another opens..." The door on this part of my education and learning has closed, and I am looking forward to the doors that will open and the opportunities that may come my way to continue to serve in the ways that God has called me to serve.

Ruling Elder, Deborah Rexrode

# Water Works!

## A Contest for all Ages

**How many uses for water can you name?**



Especially in Virginia, God has blessed us with a wealth of water from the sky, in the ground, in rivers and lakes.

When you think about it, you will be amazed at how many ways we use this wonderful water.

How many can you name? In church, in the house, around the house, on farms, for recreation, for industry, and other?

### Contest rules

Separate contests for pre-school through grade 6, grades 7-12 and post high-school (including senior citizens). Parents may help spell words, but not provide answers.

“Hints” will be placed around the church: Narthex, East Room, and Library (Leland Lord Room) over the next few weeks for a memory aid.

Get an entry form from the Narthex or Office. Fill in the form with the uses you think up. There will be prizes! **Deadline for submission: Sunday July 15.**

# Honor Roll Students

All A Honor Roll at Prospect Height Middle School 7th grade:

- Grace Kendall
- Lyndsey Norberg
- Jacob Barragan

We've got some sharp kids in Youth Connections!



# Vacation Bible School

## What can you do?

Vacation Bible School begins on July 30, and there are things that we can all do to prepare for that fun week with the children.

Our craft leaders are looking for:

- cardboard paper towel rolls
- cardboard wrapping paper rolls
- 1 gallon milk/water jugs
- 16.9 oz. water bottles



We are also looking for volunteers to help during the week. We need “guides” who help the children move from place to place. If you can commit to one day or five days, we would love to have your help!

Contact Jennifer Ernst (672-2460) or Cynthia Pedersen (672-3462) to volunteer!

# Year-Long Emphasis

Since Easter Sunday, our church has embarked on a year-long emphasis on “water.” It has been a prominent part of our worship through baptisms and is a focus for all of our committees. The session has approved the promotion of a special fund-raising effort to raise funds to purchase a Clean Water Filtering System that would provide clean water for an entire community in the Appalachia region of our country. Our goal is to raise \$3,500 that would supply the system and train someone to help with the installation. The picture here shows how the system works. You will continue to hear more about this in the bulletin and through the newsletter.

# A Living Waters for the World Clean Water Filtering System



# Thank You

Dear OPC,

Thank you so much for the donation of laundry detergent, diapers, and personal care items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ginn Mullins, SAFe

Dear OPC,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, calls, cards, flowers, and an exceptionally kind embrace during the stress and grief of my husband's sudden passing.

May God bless you all.

Shirley Hopkins



Dear Pastor Denise,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making Zach's and Olivia's baptism day so special. We are thrilled to be a part of the OPC family and are grateful for such a loving leader!

Love,

Jen, Scott, Zach, and Livvy Ernst

Dear OPC,

Crawford and I would like to thank you for all the get well cards and food from best cooks anywhere during my hip recovery and our mutual viruses. We are grateful to be home and gaining back our health.

Liz and Harmon Crawford

# Honor Roll



Ann Taylor Mohrmann is the Honor Roll recipient for the month of May. Ann Taylor has grown up in our church and has always been an active member. She assists with Free Friday Fun, attended and now helps with Bible School, and is active in our Sunday School. Ann Taylor assists in the Nursery during the church hour and shares responsibilities for our Children's Church on a regular basis. She is also an acolyte. Ann Taylor enjoys music and when we had a Youth Choir she was always there to sing. She is now a member of our Bell Choir and is active in Youth Connections.

Ann Taylor participated in the mission trip to North Carolina and has frequently served meals at Sheltering Arms. She has also served meals to the President Madison residents and assisted them with crafts. She is involved in numerous school and community organizations. Oh Ann Taylor, where do you get all that energy! Thanks for all you do for our church and our community.



## July Potluck Lunch

July 8 - following worship.

Bring a covered dish and join us in the fellowship hall!

# Adults Wild on Life (AWOL)

**Charlottesville Municipal Band at the Paramount Theater  
Tuesday, July 17 at 5:30 pm**



Join AWOL on for a trip to hear the Charlottesville Municipal Band at the Paramount Theater. You will recognize several of our Orange friends presenting "A Night with Richard Rodgers" of Rodgers and Hammerstein fame. We will leave the church at 5:30 pm and have dinner on the downtown mall at an Italian restaurant. The cost is \$7 for transportation and parking. The band is free and dinner is at your own expense. Please put your form in the offering plate or turn in to the church office by July 8th. Make checks payable to OPC with AWOL in the memo section.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Can You Drive? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If Yes, How many can you take with you? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Thank you from the Pastor!

Dear Orange Presbyterian Church,

On Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, only a few minutes from the bottom of Humpback Mountain, I slipped on the loose gravel and broke my ankle. For two Sundays, I preached with a broken ankle waiting for surgery. Now I am preaching with a boot while the ankle is healing. I cannot do any weight bearing for several more weeks and am hopeful July 19 is the day the surgeon says I can walk again!

In the meantime, I am grateful for the prayer shawl that was delivered to my house as well as the cards and notes of encouragement. On several occasions folks brought lunch or dinner to me and the conversation fed my soul while the food fed my body.

It is my prayer these bones “knit” quickly and I am eagerly looking forward to being able to walk and drive. Thank you so much for your concern and prayers during my broken ankle recuperation.

Pastor Denise Hall

## Prayer Requests

- Denise Hall
- Peggy Fitch
- Liz Harmon
- Mike Lewis



- Billy Fitch, Louise Lord, and Margaret Chewning at Dogwood Village.
- Richard and Thelma Sanford at Dogwood Village
- Pat McCauley at Americahouse