



Orange Presbyterian Church

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October 7 - World Communion Sunday Celebration and Peacemaking Offering

On the first Sunday of October, we bring together two long-standing traditions. We join with sisters and brothers around the globe to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. (This year we will receive the sacrament by intinction - coming forward to receive the bread and then dipping it in the chalice.) It is always a special time to remember that we are part of the Church wherever it gathers to worship God and lift up Jesus as Lord and Savior.



As you enter the sanctuary on October 7, you will notice special adornments of the chancel area. We are using containers of every kind to symbolize those things that hold water. We can reflect on the peaceful role that water has on our lives. From the day that we were baptized and felt the waters of baptism until now when we experience the beauty of a trickling stream, a flowing river, or the sparkling ocean, there is a peace that water brings to our spirit.

We also receive one of our denominational offerings. The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every council level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. The gifts are divided in the following manner - twenty-five percent retained by congregations for support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent used to support presbytery peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly.

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Potluck Luncheon - Special Speakers

Sunday, October 14 Following worship

Join us for our potluck luncheon where we continue to learn about the importance of clean water for our lives. Our guest speakers, Lee Brown and Cindy Mabry, from First Presbyterian, Richmond will share with us their experiences in installing filtration systems in Nicaragua and Haiti.



OPC members Cindy Reid and Margaret Thompson will also share with us the need for safe, clean water. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.

Congregational Care Committee

Pastor's Ponderings

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity

The theme for the 2012 Commitment emphasis is: *Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity*.

Think about it – the Bible is about abundance. Theologian Walter Bruggemann says: “From the first chapters of Genesis, God not only initiates abundance – calling forth plants and fish and birds and animals – but promises continued abundance by commanding them to increase and multiply (v. 22)” Then God declares all this ‘very good’ (vv. 30-31).”

The abundant generosity of God - the examples are too numerous to count. Let’s consider just two:

In the Old Testament at the time of the exodus - the Israelites left the land of scarcity immediately anticipating the land of abundance. Instead, they find themselves at risk in a wilderness, a place of scarcity where even bread seems an impossibility. There are murmurs and complaints. Then, in this desert wilderness, bread inexplicably appears. A fine, flaky substance comes down - a demonstration of God’s faithful generosity.

Then in the New Testament, Jesus knows all about the generosity and faithfulness of God. Filled with God’s generosity, Jesus went around to people suffering from scarcity – of health, of acceptance, of power, of understanding – and replaced it with a gift of abundance.

In the eighth chapter of Mark’s Gospel there is the second feeding story. Jesus is moved “to compas-

sion” – a Greek term that means that his insides are turned over. He cares about the hungry and knows something must be done. To the disciples Jesus points out the need: “they have nothing to eat” (8:2). Perhaps he’s hoping his disciples will remember the last time this happened, and start looking around for a few loaves and fishes. But their minds are still stuck on scarcity: “How can you feed these people with bread in the desert?” (v. 4). You can sense the resistance in the disciples’ question. It’s the resistance of pragmatism, of efficiency, of “the real world.” The words are “how can you?” but they’re really saying “You can’t.” “It won’t work.” “Get real.” These are not generous words; these are not words that arise from abundance. However, Jesus has abundance on his mind, so he refuses to even answer their question. Instead he moves on, asking a question of his own: “How many loaves do you have?” (8:5). They answer: “Seven.” It is enough.

Again and again we are reminded that it is enough. Ponder anew these stories from scripture. Think about the *abundance* God has provided in your life.

(The two examples shared here are excerpted from Walter Bruggemann’s article, “Enough is Enough.”)

Abundantly grateful,

Denise

(Join us for Bible Study at 7:00 pm

on Tuesdays in October:

***Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity.*)**



Preschool Corner

In years past it has taken our preschoolers many weeks to settle in to our routine. This year, we are blessed with two groups of children who have felt comfortable with us from the very beginning.

Let me say “Thank you” to those who were responsible for cutting the ivy back on the playground. We’ve really enjoyed being outside on these beautiful days!

The month has been full of apple activities:

making applesauce, planting seeds, etc. We’ve made our own play dough, marble painted, and had a blast in the Fellowship Hall with our red balls.



Happy Fall! Please stop by and watch us in action whenever you are at the church in the morning.

Mrs. Ski

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <i>Scott Ernst</i>	2 11:00 Morning Circle 12:30 Knitters 7:00 Bible Study	3 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	4  <i>Robert Vasquez</i> <i>Ellen Graves</i> <i>Committees</i>	5  <i>Irwin Sherman</i>	6  <i>Elaine Gardner</i>
7 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Communion</i> 1:30 Uth Connect.	8  <i>Ann Taylor</i> <i>Mohrmann</i>	9 12:30 Knitters 7:00 Bible Study	10 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	11  <i>Steve McCallum</i>	12	13
14  <i>Susan Southard</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Admin. Mtg. 12:15 Potluck Luncheon	15	16  <i>Evelyn Scott</i> 12:30 Knitters 7:00 Bible Study	17 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	18  <i>Bugs Gardner</i> <i>Latisha Baker</i> 7:00 Session	19  <i>Lee Nash</i>	20
21  <i>Gail Chapman</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	22  <i>Jennie Hill</i> <i>Robinson</i>	23 12:30 Knitters 7:00 Bible Study	24 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	25 7:00 Evening Circle	26	27
28  <i>Marc Hogan</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Admin. Mtg. <i>5 Cents-a-Meal</i>	29	30 12:30 Knitters 7:00 Bible Study	31 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	1	2	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters

- 7 Ralph and Carol Sue Graves
- 14 Ted and Dianne Haberland
- 21 Robert and Ellen Kendall
- 28 Crawford and Liz Harmon

Nursery Helpers

- 7 Linda Nash and Grace Kendall
- 14 Margaret Thompson and Ann Taylor Mohrmann
- 21 Denise Samuels and Ted Sherwin
- 28 Ralph Graves and Melanie Rose

Acolytes

- 7 Avery Warmack
- 14 Jackson Warmack
- 21 Grace Kendall
- 28 Hannah Frobom

Children's Church

- 7 Lynne Clements and Melanie Rose
- 14 Ellen and Grace Kendall
- 21 Lynn/Anne Clements and Jennifer Ernst
- 28 Karen Tinsley and Jacob Barragan

Lectionary Readings for October

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.



October 7

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 21

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:35-45

October 14

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 28

Job 42:1-9, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Session Meeting Highlights

- Sherry Flournoy from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry visited the session as a liaison with Lynne Clements as an Inquirer.
- Received an updated Endowment Committee Policy for review from Jim Reid.
- Viewed a video from *Living Waters for the World* as part of the Youth and CE report.
- Tabled the Funeral Policy for additional discussion.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$300 for painting the shutters on the Fellowship Hall.
- Approved the reallocation of the \$1,000 Homeless Ministry line item for disbursement in December.
- Approved the combining of two Property line items under the new category, "Maintenance."
- Approved the collection of snacks and supplies for college care packages.
- Approved the curriculum for the Stewardship Bible Study entitled, "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity." Pastor Denise was approved as the study leader.
- Elected Deborah Rexrode as a commissioner to the October 20 Presbytery of the James Meeting to be held in Chesterfield.
- Approved the purchase of a new copier for the church office. The Hamilton Fund will be used to pay for the copier and will be repaid monthly in lieu of a lease payment.
- Approved the pastor to be away on November 2-5. The Rev. Dale Dealtrey was approved as supply pastor to preach and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Rexrode, *clerk pro tem*

Treasurer's Report as of

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,096.69	Other Funds:	
Income	\$15,744.78	Lobster Dinner Proceeds	\$ 538.17
Expenses	\$13,433.32	(Final amount through September \$648.17)	
Ending Balance	\$ 3,408.15	AWOL	\$ 24.00
Tax Liabilities	\$ 1,459.98	Clean Water Fund	\$ 1,219.00
Other Funds	\$ 1,781.17	(Amount through September \$1,944)	
Available Funds	\$ 167.00	5 Cents-a-Meal	\$ 157.31

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll recipient for September is Liam McLeod. Liam has grown up in the church and has been very active in all aspects of our church and our community.



Liam attends Sunday School, has helped in the Nursery, attended Vacation Bible School and then assisted with VBS, and was an Acolyte for Sunday services. Frequently he has helped to take up the offering and was a member of our youth choir.

Liam was a member of the Charlotte mission trip a few years ago. In addition to his school activities, Liam also played baseball on a Cal Ripken Baseball team. Thank you, Liam, for being an active part of our church and our community.

Walk for Habitat

The Board of Directors of Orange County Habitat for Humanity thanks all those from the Orange Presbyterian Church who helped us raise money for our 27th Habitat house in Orange County.



It was a beautiful fall day as we made laps around the Cheetah track behind the Orange Elementary School. A second walk location was at the Lake of the Woods in the other end of Orange County.

We are pleased to report that we raised over \$3,200 from the walk. Many of you came out to volunteer, to walk, and to donate. Orange Presbyterian was our biggest single supporter! Thank you! We are grateful to you!



To the Congregation of Orange Presbyterian Church,

Billy and I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, and especially to those who provided food during my recent surgeries. It's a real blessing to be part of such a caring and giving church family.

Peggy Fitch

Adults Wild on Life

Wednesday, October 10

Lewis Ginter

Botanical Garden



Join us as AWOL will be visiting Heart of the Garden at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

We will leave from the church at 9:45 am, and have lunch before a guided tour of the Conservatory, the Sunken Garden, Healing Garden, and Four Seasons Garden. We will visit the current exhibit in the Gallery and the library complex. All paths are flat and benches are conveniently available.

The cost for the trip is \$17, which includes transportation. (Lunch is on your own.)

Please turn forms and money in by Sunday, September 30 in the offering plate or to the church office.

Reservations will be made early next week!

Picnic Planned at PMI

The Mission and Outreach Committee is planning a picnic for the residents at President Madison Inn on Saturday, October 6 at 12:00 pm.

If you would like to assist in the preparation or serving at this activity, let any member of the committee know.



To assist in preparing the meal, we will meet in the church kitchen at 10:30 am.

To assist in serving the meal, we will meet at President Madison Inn at 12:00 pm. Thank you for your help.

Shirley Newman

Church-Wide Water Emphasis Continues

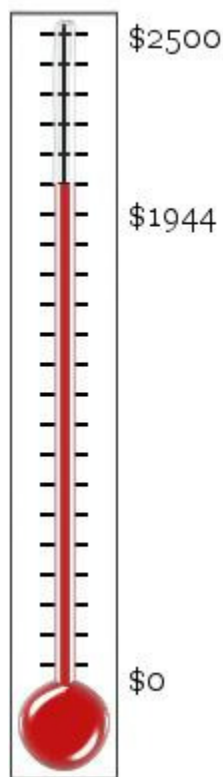
Lots of opportunities have been provided for us to think about the restoring power of water in our lives. Special thanks to Lloyd Parcell for the model in the narthex of a clean water filtering system. Lloyd helped the Sunday School classes put this model together at our Rally Day.

Upcoming activities:

On Sunday, October 7, there will be a special display of unique pitchers and vases in our worship service. If you have earthen pottery or crystal pitchers as well as wooden or porcelain implements, we invite you to share them with us. Bring these to church on Sunday, September 30 and leave them in the narthex.

On Sunday, October 14, the Congregational Care Committee will be hosting an after-church luncheon with special presentations by Lee Brown and Cindy Mabry from First Presbyterian Church, Richmond and Margaret Thompson and Cindy Reid from OPC. Lee and Cindy have been a part of Living Waters for the World and will have just returned from an installation of a clean water filtering system. Margaret Thompson also has a first-hand experience to share about the need for water around the world. Cindy will give us a glimpse at the needs in our own community.

In terms of our Church-wide Clean Water Fund-Raiser, as of September 22, we have collected \$1,944. The balance needed to purchase a clean water filtering system is \$556. Let's see if we can collect that amount by Sunday, October 14! Checks in the offering should be marked in the memo section, "Clean Water Fund." Your generosity will help us provide clean water for all God's children!



We have only \$556 left to collect and we can purchase a clean water filtering system for a community in need of clean water!

Let's try to reach our goal before the October 14 luncheon!



Youth Connections Plans Outing

Sunday, October 7, at 1:30 pm

Join us as we connect to nature, God, and one another!

We'll meet at the church at 1:30 pm and return no later than 3:00 pm.

(In case of inclement weather, we'll meet at the church!)

More details to follow - watch for an email!

Water Works

Fall is a wonderful time to work outside and there are plenty of opportunities outdoors to save on water usage. Pick an idea or project that appeals to you and start there. Every little change makes a big difference in the long run. Most of all, have fun!



- Use a trigger nozzle on your garden hose so you can turn the water on and off easily.
- It's generally best to water lawns and flowerbeds in the early morning and late evening because large amounts of water can be lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.
- Raise your lawn mower blade. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.
- Reduce the number of times you fertilize your lawn per year. Once per year is usually sufficient. This will reduce grass growth which means less mowing, plus reduce the amount of chemicals that seep into our water system.
- Consider reducing the amount of insecticides used on your lawn. This also will reduce the chemicals in the water runoff. Plus, you will see more birds in your yard.
- Decrease the amount of lawn you have by adding a low maintenance flower meadow or drought resistant shrubs and groundcover.
- Consider planting drought-tolerant native plants, for which rainfall is usually enough.
- Add compost or mulch around trees and shrubs to reduce evaporation and weed growth.
- Use a drip irrigation system instead of sprinklers for your garden. The water is directed to the roots and is most effective.
- Direct a downspout to an area of your yard and create a rain garden.
- Go to <http://www.raingardennetwork.com> for more information on rain gardens.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing them off.
- Cover pools and hot tubs to prevent evaporation.
- Collect rainwater from your roof, shed, garage or carport in a rain barrel or buckets. Use this water to water your plants.

Note – the average roof collects about 22,500 gallons of water per year. That is enough water to fill 450 50 gallon rain barrels.

These ideas and more can be found in the book *Water – Use Less - Save More* by Jon Cliff and Amanda Cuthbert, or on the website: <http://www.waterusitwisely.com>.

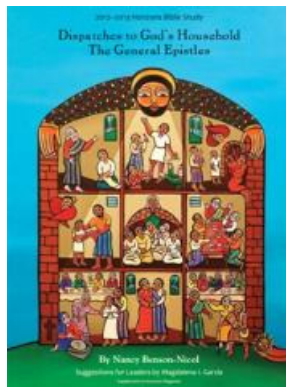


Reformation Sunday Worship - October 28

On Sunday, October 28, we will remember our Reformed heritage with a special worship service. The theme of the service music, choral anthem, and sermon for the day will have an emphasis to remind us of our history as Reformed Protestants. Bagpiper, Tim Stakem, will join us with some special music to remind us our Scottish and Presbyterian heritage. Plan to be with us that day as we worship God!



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Presbyterian Women

Morning Circle: The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 11:00 am in the East Room. Join us for worship, fun, and fellowship. Please contact Shirley Newman at 672-1023 for more information.

Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will meet on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the East Room. Contact Lynne Clements for more information.

Joys and Concerns

- Wendell Nix
- Mike Lewis
- Margaret Chewning, Louise Lord, Billy Fitch, and Richard and Thelma Sanford at Dogwood Village
- Pat McCauley at America House



- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Woolfrey family on the passing on David's mother Betty Jean Woolfrey on Sunday, September 9, 2012.
- Special congratulations to Erich Uhlmann and Christopher Wynkoop on the birth of grandsons; and to Bill Taylor on the arrival of a great-grandson! Best wishes to all!