

# highlights

## Hurricane Ida

Submitted by Cindy Reid

Ida, Hurricane Ida...by the time you read this, Ida will be gone. Lives will be changed. Lives may be lost. In watching the weather news this week, what I remembered was Hurricane Katrina. No, I wasn't there. But as weeks and months and years passed, so many problems remained in the aftermath of that disaster.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sponsored work camps where groups could go to New Orleans and help with clean-up and house repairs. A group of us from OPC answered that call and drove to New Orleans to do what we could. In that group were Margaret and Jack Thompson, Anne Sommerville, Dianne Haberland, Gene Whitaker, Reed Richardson, and Cindy Reid.

It was in November and I can tell you from that experience that it definitely gets cold in New Orleans at that time of year! We worked on the home of an older woman whose house was stuffed with, well, "stuff." All of it was waterlogged and ruined. As we worked that week, we took out huge piles of trash, joining other huge piles of trash all up and down the streets.

Things I remember Gene, with as much energy at the end of the day as at the beginning! Dianne buying me a fleece hat on a trip to Walmart because I was so cold. Anne getting up in the night to try to get the cranky heater in our tent to keep putting out some warmth. And some kind soul who dropped off fresh tangerines at our camp every day. What a blessing that was!

Out of chaos — Hope. That is the motto of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

There will continue to be disasters of all kinds, and churches like OPC will answer the call and go help where they can.



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## Pastor's Ponderings

Dear friends,

During our most recent sermon series we talked about what it means for the institutional church to live and die in Christ. We explored ways different congregations have been reborn and renewed in their life of faith, in their mission and outreach and in their congregational vitality. We also talked about what it means to die well, knowing that death is part of the life cycle. Yet, death is not the end of the life cycle – after death there is resurrection. Now that we are approaching stewardship season, I am begging this question to all of you: how can we, as a congregation live, in order that when we die, we will leave behind a legacy of resurrection?

In other words, as we consider our stewardship, let us consider what it means to live in a way that brings about the kin-dom of God. Let us use our stewardship to build relationship with the community God has called us to serve. Let us open our hearts to being reborn to a new life that serves God through serving our neighbor. Let us strive to leave behind a legacy of resurrection. The stewardship packets will be mailed out by the end of the month. Dedication Sunday will be Oct 3. Between now and then, please prayerfully consider how Orange Presbyterian can use our time, talents, and treasure to live in Christ, and bring about the kin-dom of God.

Blessings,

*Pastor Rebekah*

## Treasurer's Report

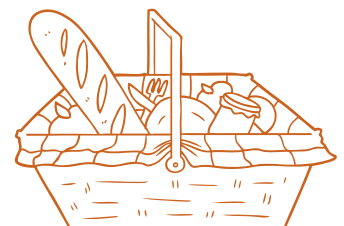
Beginning balance: 23,808.45  
Income: 6,969.97  
Expenses: 7,186.09  
Ending balance: 23,592.33

5 Cents A Meal: 295.31  
Memorial: 1,238.07  
Music: 135.42  
Scholarships: 9,175.53



## Community Picnic Postponed

The community picnic was previously scheduled for Sunday, September 12. With the rise of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we are unfortunately postponing the community picnic. We hope to hold this event more safely on a future date, to be determined.





### **1990**

\$500.00 was sent to the Lynchburg Children's Home in January. In March, Presbytery approved \$350,000 for the renovation of the old sanctuary. The communion table was moved from the old sanctuary to the present Narthex. A memorial gift from Joseph Hebrance's family was received in April for a scholarship fund for college students from our church. In September, \$1,000 was sent to a missionary, John Somerville, in Korea.

### **1991**

Renovation of the old sanctuary "report": It was decided to sell sixteen pews to churches only, keep five special pews, and reserve four for members to purchase. It was also decided to keep the pulpit chairs, sell the pulpit, and return the 'five connected seat pulpit' to Grace Covenant Presbyterian church in Richmond. In December, plans were made to celebrate the Director of Music, Lois Shanks', 20th anniversary, to be held in February.

### **1992**

In April, plans were made to host Presbytery on October 24th and to invite Waddell, Madison, and Gordonsville churches to co-host. Presbytery advised in November that there were 4 amendments to our church constitution concerning racial justice and inclusiveness.

### **1993**

In January, a smoke free facility policy was passed. The manse was sold for \$130,000 with no commission due Jack Samuels Realty. 115 bibles were purchased in June to commemorate Betty Bailey.

### **1994**

In April, Pastor Nickels trained in Richmond for the Logos program for youth. A potluck supper was planned in October to introduce "Logos", a program for children. Quilters were needed to help Jean Berckman make a quilt for the 150th Anniversary celebration. It was designed by Judson Gardner.

### **1995**

150th Anniversary for Orange Presbyterian Church. In January, Pastor Nickels reported that twenty-five young people were registered for Logos in grades K-7. The program ran for six weeks, and it was considered a great success overall. A potluck dinner was held in March with missionaries John and Virginia Somerville as guest speakers. The Somervilles also visited the children's Sunday School classes on March 12th.

## **150th Celebration**

The oldest and longest members of OPC were celebrated in July. A marker was placed at the site of the first sanctuary, donated by Tony Preddy. Jim Carson, the builder of our pipe organ, played it during worship on October 15th. The time capsule was buried in the brick planter beside the pulpit in the Sanctuary. It is intended to be left there for fifty years, until 2045.

### **1996**

In February, a letter was received from the Services to Abused Families thanking us for our continued support and supplies. In July, a church family retreat was scheduled at Massanetta Springs to be held in lieu of regular worship services here.

### **1997**

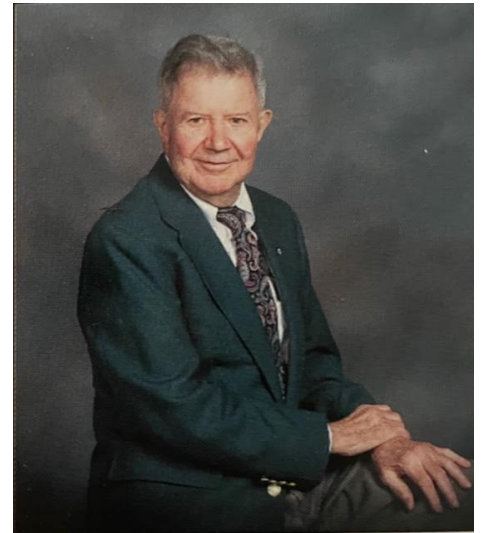
In January, the congregation prepared to sponsor Jim Reid and Peter Davies on their mission trip to Mexico around Easter. Logos had twenty-nine children signed up to start February 12. It was passed in February to give \$750 for the Mexico Mission Trip and \$750 for improvements to the food pantry. A gift of \$150,000 from the Hazard family was offered in August for the use of maintenance, enhancement, and upkeep of the old sanctuary. The gift was accepted with gratitude for their generosity and God's grace, along with its terms and conditions. A task force was formed to assess and organize the planning, accomplishment of repairs, and improvements to the old sanctuary building.

### **1998**

In January, a letter was received from Austin McClellan informing us of his intention to provide the church, through his will, a gift of \$20,000 earmarked for the purchase and improvement of Willis property. A motion was made in July, and approved, to borrow up to \$55,000 from Rev. Scott for the purchase of the Willis property.

### **1999**

After years of discussion about having an American flag and church flag for the sanctuary, it was approved in April, to put them in the Fellowship Hall. In May, the finance committee submitted a report on an endowment fund. A motion was offered to endorse the concept of an endowment fund for OPC. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.



Austin McClellan

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:00 Property and Safety	3	4
5 10:00 Worship <i>communion</i>	6 Labor Day— office closed	7 First day of OPWS	8	9 7:00 Finance	10	11
12 10:00 Worship	13 5:00 Movement of the Spirit	14	15 7:00 Matthew 25 Study	16	17	18
19 10:00 Worship	20	21 7:00 Session Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 Worship <i>5 cents a meal</i>	27	28	29	30		



Margorie Clements 9/2	Lee Motley 9/16
Nathan Norberg 9/4	Jack Thompson 9/17
Caroline Parcell 9/6	Charles Campbell 9/17
Cheryl Lewis 9/9	Amy McClung 9/19
Dot Marks 9/15	Lulu Sherman 9/27