



Orange Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Perspectives

August 2017

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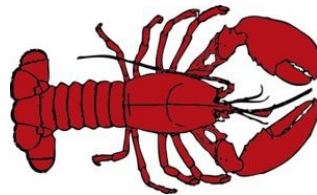
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2017 Final Blow-Out Lobster Fest



**Sunday, August 27, 2017
OPC Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm**

***Lobster Dinner - \$30.00
Extra Lobster - \$15.00
Hot Dog Plate - \$7.50***

*Boiled Lobster with Drawn Butter, Steamed Clams, Corn on the Cob,
Cole Slaw, Maine Baked Beans, Chips, Drinks, Relish Trays,
Watermelon, and Ice Cream Sandwiches*

Hot Dog Plates available for non-seafood appetites.

Lobster, clams, and corn transported directly from Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

See page 5 for a reservation form.

Backpack Collection – Make a Child Smile

Help us provide the school supplies needed for children in Orange and Madison Counties who may not otherwise have them when they start the school year. Bring in supplies during the month of August and place them in the box in the window of the narthex.

Suggested items that are most needed include: glue sticks, #2 pencils, composition books (not spiral), book bags, boxes of 24 crayons, highlighters, scissors, and wide-rule notebook paper. Let's see how many smiling faces we can create by giving children in need a great start this year. For additional information, contact Shirley Newman or any member of the Mission and Outreach Committee.



Together we can make a difference!

From the Pastor

I like being a transitional minister, because of its specificity and because I know *you know* you aren't stuck with me. That gives me a certain liberty, to say hard things, to offer new angles and reflect back to you what I see. It gives you flexibility in exploring what you want and don't want. I also like being YOUR interim minister. You have been an engaged and exploratory church. We've tried new approaches to worship, we've built the Blessing Box, and collaborated in ministry with other churches. We've endured and come through some financial ambiguity. We've completed a Mission Study with wide participation. We've attended to those in need and said goodbye to too many of our cherished members. Recently we've offered new opportunities for fellowship and tracked what matters to you.

But we've had some failures too. You can name those from your own vantage and I can name them from mine. What we consider failure will vary from person to person. But failure isn't the enemy. Complacency, inertia, cynicism - these are the enemy. Failure just means we're not there yet and have to try again or try anew. I'm less concerned about failure and more concerned about the tendency to give up.

People nationwide are giving up on church. People don't agree on a definitive diagnosis or the cure, but the numbers are clear and stark. I can't get through a week without reading a story about the statistics, and the attendant hand-wringing (or denial!). I'm in a group with other members of the Presbytery to explore this topic and what to do about it. In the time I have left I will be sharing with you what this information means for OPC.

I've been preaching a lot lately about Jesus as the WAY. Maybe one of the ways "the church" has alienated people within and outside the body is the tendency for church to say there's an answer and we have the right question. Or, to say whatever your question - we have the answer, the right one. We do, there's truth to that, but the answer is not a line from our Book of Confessions. The answer is a person, a person with whom we are asked to be in relationship.



When we are in relationship with Jesus, our relationships improve, because he gives us the WAY. *Just as important*, when we are in relationship with Jesus, we are also in relationship with his people - you and me and the body of Christ. We may not like what that ends up looking like on any given day, but that's what we need.

What did Jesus say to those early disciples? He simply said, "Follow me." When we take that step, the WAY may not be smooth-sailing but the way saves us from cynicism and anxiety about the future. Whatever the state of the church, at large or here in Orange, when we are in relationship with Jesus and authentic relationship with each other we can meet success and failure with love and hope.

Liz

Preschool Corner

July is normally the month that pays the least attention to preschool - not so this year! Mrs. Ernst and I have been trying to organize early this year and do some deep summer cleaning. At the moment, our 4 year old class is full and there are only a few spaces left in our 3 year old class. Unfortunately, Mrs. Yungman has taken a position at Grymes, so we have been searching for a new teacher. We welcome Genesis Williams as our third teacher for the 2017-2018 school year!


Our Open House is scheduled for August 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. A few days prior to that, we have hired someone to do a thorough cleaning of the preschool area.

This will be the 40th year of the Orange Presbyterian Weekday School - thank you to Elinor Vasquez!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Mrs. Ski



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3  Martha Clements Emily Frobom 4:00 CC&C 5:00 M&O 6:00 Property	4	5
6  Buckshot Clements 11:00 Worship Communion	7	8 2:00 W&M	9	10  Erich Uhlmann 6:30 Finance	11	12  Linda Nash
13  Eric Frobom 10:15 Pick-Up Choir 11:00 Worship 12:15 Spiritual Formation	14 7:00 History Group	15	16	17 7:00 Session	18	19
20  Ralph Graves 11:00 Worship	21  Shirley Newman Jim Reid Dave Ulan 6:00 Middle School End of Summer Party	22  McKinley Clore	23	24	25	26  Harold McCauley
27 11:00 Worship 5 Cents-a-Meal 6:00 Lobster Dinner	28	29	30  Lyndsey Norberg 3:30 - 5:30 Preschool Open House 7:30 Adult Choir	31  Nancy Crowder	1	 Indicates Birthday

Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery Helpers	Pray Station	Counters
6 Lloyd and Alice Parcell	6 Anne Clements	6 Martha Clements (in the sanctuary)	6 Martha Clements	6 Connie Norberg Cheryl Lewis
13 Dave and Karen Ulan	13 Ryder Rose	13 Alice Parcell Melanie Rose	13 Rachel Gibson	13 Dianne Haberland Ralph Graves
20 Lee and Linda Nash	20 Ryder Rose	20 Jim Reid Millie Tyner	20 Melanie Rose	20 Louise Whitaker Ted Sherwin
27 Jim and Cindy Reid	27 Taylor Gibson	27 Jennifer Ernst Melanie Rose	27 May Saxton	27 Shirley Newman Cindy Reid

Lectionary Readings for August

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.



August 6

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Session Meeting Highlights

In July, the Session took the following actions:

- Approved a request from Rev. Adam that communion be delivered by intinction Sunday, August 6, 2017.
- Instructed the Nominating Committee to begin their search for a new trustee to replace Bugs Gardner.
- Approved a Property Committee request to offer bench memorials to church members for the Memorial Garden.
- Approved the purchase of a new flatbed scanner/printer for the church office.



Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Graves
Clerk of Session

Middle School End of Summer Party

August 21, 2017
6:00 - 7:30

OPC will host an End of Summer Party for middle school aged children.

Dinner will be provided and there will be games and plenty of fun to end the summer. Drop children off at 6:00 and pick them up at 7:30. We plan to meet in

the East Room, but will go to the Fellowship Hall if we have too many kids for that room. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$	21,419.58
Income	\$	9,721.00
Expenses	\$	(12,503.82)
Transferred from Pass-Through Account	\$	1,163.89
Transfer to Music Fund	\$	(100.00)
Ending Balance	\$	19,700.65

Other Contributions:

5 Cents-a-Meal	\$	103.00
Pentecost	\$	245.00
Music Fund	\$	646.35

Transfer from the other pass-through account was from the remainder of the insurance payment for the brick wall repairs and a donation given for Sunday School materials in 2016.

College Students - Addresses Needed

We want to stay in touch with all of our college students. As students return to school, please update the church office with your mailing addresses for the fall semester. You can call or email it to opc@orangeopc.org.



May God's blessings be on you as you start a new school year!

OPC History Covenant Group

Monday, August 14 at 7:00 pm

OPC Library

The next meeting of the History Covenant Group will be on Monday, August 14, at 7:00 pm in the library. Please see Mike or May Saxton for more information.



**Church
History**

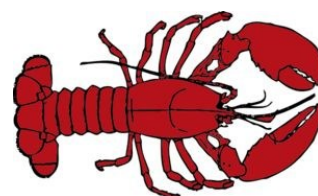
Granite Benches in the Memorial Garden

The granite benches have been placed in the garden to the left of the door going into the church sanctuary. This is OPC's Memorial Garden. With this in mind, members are being given the opportunity to purchase a bench in memory of a past member of OPC. The cost of the bench and a plaque is \$400. This will be on a first come, first served basis. Please call Anne Somerville with any questions at 672-0746.



Lobster Fest Reservation Form

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OPC Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm



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Maine Baked Beans, Chips, Drinks, Relish Trays, Watermelon, and Ice Cream Sandwiches
Hot Dog Plates available for non-seafood appetites.*

Number of Lobster Dinners (\$30.00) _____

Number of Extra Lobsters (\$15.00) _____

Number of Hot Dog Plates (\$7.50) _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____

*Make checks payable to OPC and note Lobster Fest in the memo section.
Forms and payment are due by Sunday, August 20.*

Staff Vacations

The staff will be away quite often during the month of August. All posts will be covered in some way while each person is away.

Melanie will be on vacation from Monday, August 6 through Saturday, August 12. Carole Sue Graves will be in the office on Monday, Pastor Liz will be there Tuesday - Thursday, and Sandy McLeod will be there on Friday. They will help you in any way they can!

Pastor Liz will be away Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 20. Olin Herndon and Ralph Graves will give the sermons on the two Sundays she is away.

Al will be away from Monday, August 14 through Saturday, August 26. He will deliver the lobsters for the Lobster Fest on August 27 upon his return!

Theresa will be away Sunday, August 20 through Sunday, September 3. Bob Brockman, Fay Utz, and Trish Johnson will share their piano and organ talents with us during the Sundays that Theresa is away.

The staff appreciates their time away with their families and will return refreshed for the fall!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

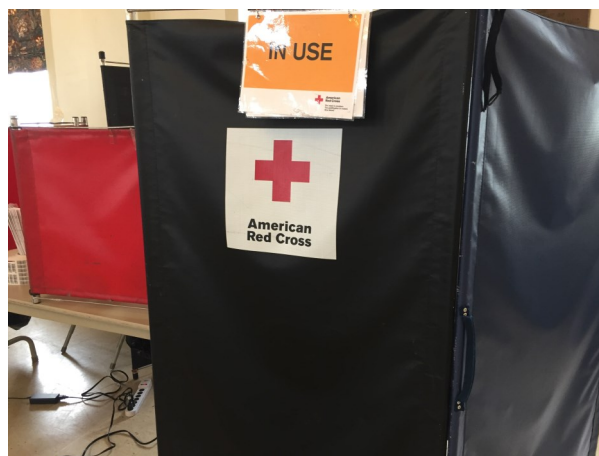
OPC has been hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drives for several months now. Along with the ARC staff, several volunteers have been helping with set-up, check-in, and clean-up each month. Many thanks to all who have volunteered and to all who have donated blood!



Left: Jim Reid and others during their blood donation.

Below left: Sandy McLeod and Joanna Davies volunteering during a blood drive.

Below: The American Red Cross takes your privacy seriously. When you donate blood, you have to answer several questions about your health and have a short health screening. These take place behind a divider, such as the one pictured below.



Holiday Bazaar

December 1 and 2, 2017



Share your time and talents to help individuals in our community. All profits will be split between Orange Presbyterian Church, Christian Emergency Council, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Let us know how you can help.

_____ I can make soup for the café and/or assist in serving.

_____ I can arrange a workshop to share my craft ideas: _____

_____ I will donate baked or canned goods for sale.

_____ I plan to make the following craft items: _____

_____ I can help with set up on days prior to the bazaar.

_____ I can donate white elephant items.

_____ I can assist with the Greenery Workshop on Thursday, November 30.

_____ I can assist with cleanup after the bazaar on Sunday, December 3 after worship.

_____ I can be available during the bazaar to assist customers or collect payments.

_____ I will assist in another way: _____

Share with us what you are working on. You may leave completed items in a safe, locked area or return them to us the week of the bazaar so we can price and display it.

Your items will be very important to the success of this Holiday Bazaar mission and we very much appreciate any help you can provide in this area.

Name _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SHIRLEY NEWMAN OR PAT STEWART OR THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX LABELED "HOLIDAY BAZAAR."

White Elephant Items

We are collecting items for the White Elephant sale already! The last room on the right in the Sunday School wing is set up to store any gently used items you'd like to donate to the bazaar. We also need items for gift baskets. If you have an item you think would be good for that purpose, or if you have a group of items that would make a theme for a basket, please let us know!

Workshop Ideas

Do you have a craft idea that you would like to help others learn to do that would result in bazaar items? We would love to hear your ideas and have you sponsor a workshop! We are glad to help you prepare for the workshop. Sharon, Shirley, Nancy, and Winnie made peach and strawberry preserves last week in our mini-cooking workshop. We had a great time together and were very productive!

All profits will go to OPC, the Christian Emergency Council, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity.



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Thank You

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for all your help in getting the Packard family "Packed" and moved earlier this summer. Finding and bringing boxes, packing those boxes, driving truck loads to Goodwill and to storage, cleaning cabinets, packing the pantry and the outside sheds, and other acts of goodwill and support are in our thankful thoughts, and you are in our prayers.

We are passing the boxes along to friends who are moving, and looking forward to being part of the team on the next "the church will help" project. Again, thank you.

With our love and gratitude, Lee and Al



Prayer Concerns

- Dave Ulan
- Gloria Meeham
- Chris Graves
- Glenn Robinson
- Joe and Kit Taylor
- Mildred Butts at Dogwood Village



- Bill Taylor at Dogwood Village
- Harold McCauley
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Gardner family upon the death of Judson (Bugs) Gardner. A memorial service will be held at OPC on August 11 at 2:00 pm.