



PRES NOTES

THE NEWS AND PRAYER LETTER OF OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Winter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we make our way through another winter, we have lots of reason to rejoice in a new year that brings great promise to this congregation. So much of the renovation work has now been completed in the Parish House, and so it's now time to start using this new bright space. Let's show it off!

In January we began with a wonderful gathering of over 40 folks who came to see the Holy Land Presentation. That evening centered on a Power Point program of photos and information from the recent trip that 17 of us from Oak Ridge and Berkshire Valley made over to the Holy Land. In that 10 days on the ground in the Holy Land, we visited over 50 sites and grew closer to our love of what Christianity means to our lives. We read the Sermon on the Mount on the mountain where Jesus preached it, sailed on a boat on the Sea of Galilee as Jesus and the apostles had, touched the waters of the Jordan where Jesus was baptized by John and even ate some really good pizza in Bethlehem where we slept in an inn in Manger Square for five nights. It was wonderful to share that journey.

This coming month we're going to be having a Valentine's Day dance on February 15th, the day after Valentine's Day. Master DJ Tom Stephen's will be mixing it up for everyone to have a memorable time. That will be free and open to the public, so let folks know about it and plan to attend for yourself this family friendly event!

And of course, we're approaching the beginning of the start of Lent in a few short weeks, we of course start Lent with the service of Ash Wednesday. I know that services for Ash Wednesday have not been traditionally held at ORPC, but at Berkshire Valley they have been. I hope that folks will mark their calendars for that service at 7 PM, Wednesday, February 26th. The first Sunday of Lent will then be on March 1st this year.

It's at the start of this season that so many often ask me, "What exactly is Lent, I always thought that it was more of a Catholic thing when they eat fish on Fridays?" Well, Lent is actually a wonderful time of the year when we can recollect on the previous year, consider where we really are in our relationship with Jesus Christ and it's our time also to think about just what the responsibilities are that we should be taking on in our relationship with not only Jesus Christ, but with his church. Is church for you a place to simply meet up with your friends once a week and on special occasions, or does it mean a lot more than that, and if it does mean more, what exactly is that that it means?

I do appeal to everyone to take advantage of this time to do some figuring out of those questions surrounding those special spiritual relationships in our lives. We will be doing some special programming during the Lenten season, once again, take advantage of it. Not all churches have such a wonderful space as we have here; own it, use it and grow from it.

And finally, I'd like to put out there a note about our most recent sermon series. We're now a few weeks into our look at the wisdom of Ecclesiastes. I really do love looking at Ecclesiastes because the way that he wrote this book not only makes us think long and hard about the issues he brings up, but really makes us think long and hard about those issues in a very personal way. What does pleasure and work and materialism and oppression and wealth and power all mean to us and how do those things affect us in our lives? As always, I invite folks to share their thoughts and feelings with me, about Ecclesiastes and anything else. My door is always open and phone is always with me. To see me at the office, call ahead to be sure I'm there, and when calling me, know that if I don't answer my phone, it's because I'm not able to and will call you back as soon as I can.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Chris

WORSHIP NEWS

Communion dates over the next few months are as follows:

February 2nd, March 1st & 29th, April 5th

The first two celebrations are following the tradition of the 1st Sunday of the month, while the second two celebrations will be our Joint Service With Berkshire Valley at Berkshire Valley, and then on Palm Sunday. Remember, our joint service with BVPC will be at 10 am, as all joint services are.

****Of special note:** If anyone would like to try their hand at preaching, have a talk with Pastor Chris, he'll help you through the process to present the message that God has seeded within all of us. Consider how God uses you, and can further use you, for the glory of His church!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women in the Newton Presbytery

2020 Spring Retreat

Theme: Spiritual Practices In Our Lives

March 21, 2020, 9am – 4pm

The Shrine Of St. Joseph

1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, NJ

This spring's retreat will be led by Amy Clarkson and Lorelei Oelschlager and will be exploring spiritual practice that one can take on in their lives and find replenishment from in our busy and often crazy world. The cost for the retreat is \$40 per person and that fee covers leadership, morning snack, a wonderful hot lunch and materials that the leadership will be using. You can get a registration form at the church office, or for more info., call Carol Mullen at 973-697-3409

(To Learn More About PW, Look Them Up On Line At: www.presbyterianwomen.org)

A NOTE ON CHURCH SUPPORT

As most folks know, as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church, we are also required to take part in the leadership of the presbytery. That means not just going to presbytery meetings, but being on committees for the presbytery, which really is how the presbytery functions, which really is something that we on the parish level really rely on and need if we aren't to be independent churches with loose rules and standards. We are Presbyterian, and therefore, just a tiny part of something far bigger than ourselves, we are a Connectional Church.

The way that our presbytery, and the General Assembly, are able to do the work they do is by way of our system of Apportionment or Per Capita. It's essentially an amount that each church needs to pay into a larger pool so that the governing bodies can function. Right now, many churches are struggling to pay this amount, or just simply do not pay it. Sometimes it's because of budgetary shortfalls and sometimes it's because it's not seen as important, either way the end result is the same. Our presbytery is running on a deficit budget and has been for some time now. If folks don't start paying their Apportionment, or Per Capita, our presbytery will cease to be able to do all of the things that they do for us. And trust me, that really is a great amount.

So, I am asking the folks of our congregations, both Oak Ridge & Berkshire Valley, as your pastor, PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA AMOUNT TO THE CHURCH! The amount has newly been increased to \$39 per member, the money is paid to the local church – be sure to mark it as 'Apportionment or Per Capita' – and then the local church forwards the amount on to the presbytery. I know that many people have thought of this amount as a tax in the past, and that many people believe it can simply be taken out of your pledge or regular giving. The problem with that is that it becomes difficult for a local church to pay out that amount to the Presbytery and General Assembly, because that then comes out of funds that would be otherwise designated to something else needed by the congregation. Apportionment or Per Capita really is, and needs to be, known as A One Time Church Support Over And Above Regular Giving. Any questions, please don't hesitate to touch base with me.

MISSION & NURTURE COMMITTEE

Lots and lots and lots of things continue to be planned out and happening with the Mission and Nurture Committee. For this Fall though, we want to focus on just a couple of things that we are really hoping will be wonderful opportunities for us all to show how we actively engage with living the Gospel message!

1. **Faith In Action** – That time is soon coming upon us for Faith In Action, this year the date for FIA is May 17th. As in years past, we'll focus our efforts more on our focus of Strengthen Our Sisters, and we'll be in touch with them to see exactly what it is that they need. We'll keep people informed as the events for that day unfold. Organizational meetings have begun and if anyone is interested in attending those meetings, see either Sue Elam or Pastor Chris.
2. **Hearts For Honduras** – Hearts for Honduras is a project of Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church. It's a school that was begun twenty years ago in the community of La Entrada and has done wonders in transforming this poor community. Your Mission and Nurture Committee has decided that we together as a congregation will sponsor one student, which costs \$400 per year. We're asking folks to add a dollar or two to the new jar in the narthex each time you leave the sanctuary. The money goes toward books, uniforms and supplies, as well as a nutritious daily meal, vitamins, health check-ups and teacher/staff salaries.
3. **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** – We've been busy making the world's best potholders (seriously!) and we are selling them to folks for \$10 per pair. They make great stocking stuffers or gifts for all occasions, or for your own kitchen. There are lots of colors to choose from, and the proceeds will go towards needs at My School. So far we have raised a little over \$800!
4. **One Great Hour Of Sharing** – Each year we try our best to focus on this effort by our national church offices in Louisville, you'll start to see the various bulletin inserts and hear a minute for mission about this. OGHS is PCUSA's biggest collection throughout the year and focuses on the needs of the Hunger Program, Self Development of People and Global Mission programs. Our denomination actually does an incredible amount overseas with these funds. To learn more about what the church is doing in mission around the world, visit www.pcusa.org, lots of information is there and it just may surprise you to see just how active Presbyterians are around the world.
5. **Afternoon Services** – We are putting together plans for an afternoon service that will appeal to folks that currently find it difficult to get here on Sunday mornings, but may find it easier on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to be involved with this effort, please get in touch with Sue Elam or Pastor Chris.

Defining Church Vitality:

Let me count the ways most pastors and church leaders develop a theory that says one particular factor is the key to congregational vitality. Each “favorite factor” is important, but church vitality is a result of a long list of factors. What Is the Church’s Macro Mission? Looking at church vitality from the macro direction produces a list of classic, universal mission functions for churches of every size, in every generation, in every kind of community. From this perspective, all vital churches have the same mission. Theologians and church historians have summarized that macro mission with terms such as Koinonia (fellowship/relational/community), Diaconia (service), Didache (Bible teaching), Kerygma (proclamation), and Leiturgia (worship/communal prayer). We see this macro mission in the writings of theologians, the printed mission statements of denominations, and the preambles of local church constitutions. All of these documents are biblical, truthful statements of purpose. Stated in those biblical ways, congregations accomplish that macro mission by doing three things: (a) transforming the quality of peoples’ lives by helping them strengthen their spiritual connection with God (Luke 10:27); (b) helping hurting people in the church, community, and across the world who have physical and emotional needs (Luke 10:27); and (c) encouraging more people to form a spiritual connection with God (Luke 10:29-37; Matthew 23:19-20). Books, journal articles, and blogs that answer this micro mission question tell us “how to do it” in small churches or megachurches, while other experts write about the mission of churches located in urban or rural areas or other specific environments. Ultimately, congregations use dissimilar ways to accomplish Jesus’ mission and ministry in each community and generation. A healthy congregational mission identity fits its size, fits its members, fits its resources, and meets the contemporary needs of people in its surrounding community. What Is the Church’s Method Mission? The church’s method mission tells people how to do worship, how to do evangelism, how to do member care, etc. Research indicates that healthy congregations deliver on the macro and micro mission with the following methods.

Worship that honors God, spiritually enriches members, and retains young adult newcomers.

- Children and youth church school classes and programs that retain parent newcomers. If the congregation lacks Sunday school classes for children under high school age, it will probably die within a few years, unless it is located in a retirement community. Also, a strong youth ministry program is important to members of most congregations. These methods recognize the validity of the old adage “Kids go where kids are!” and they know that parents often
- Adult Sunday church school and other adult groups that give members and newcomers a sense of belonging. Few people experience a strong sense of belonging and spiritual growth except through regular meetings with other church attendees in adult groups that focus on Bible study, prayer, service, recreation, or social interaction.

- Adult new member involvement in groups and ministries that nourish faith. New members need to get into a group of some kind—choir, prayer group, Sunday school class, etc.—within the first six weeks after they join. They need to get into a ministry of some kind within six months after they join. Declining membership churches assimilate the 30 percent who are extroverted. Healthy churches figure out how to involve the other 70 percent, who wait for an invitation.
- Concern and care for members during times of illness, loss, and other stress. Healthy congregations do not neglect caring about people.
- Community service/benevolence/world missions that accomplish Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors. Jesus defined love of neighbor in a startling way, he said it should include people we do not know, not just people with whom we are acquainted.
- Sharing faith, inviting others to church, and hospitality that accomplishes Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples.
- Atmosphere of faith, hope, and love that promotes the spiritual growth of members. A strong emphasis on the power of prayer is especially crucial. People who never talk with God do not often experience God's presence, power, and guidance.
- Organizational systems that motivate and involve members in our ministries. Organizational structures that fit a congregation's size increase its ministry effectiveness by enlarging the number of people involved in its ministries, reducing conflict, and increasing democratic decision making.
- Clergy and staff that motivate and equip members for involvement in ministries. From the years when the Apostle Paul spun off start-up churches across the Roman Empire, clergy have played a key role in developing and sustaining the ministry of laity. Without this team effort, few congregations achieve their maximum potential in answering God's call.

Financial stewardship that is part of members' spiritual growth and adequately supports church ministries.

Herb Miller served as coeditor of The Parish Paper until 2012. This issue honors his substantial contribution to this ministry.

THE DEACONS OF ORPC

Our Deacons are busy at work doing all of the usual things that deacons do. Our Board of Deacons is made up of Carol Flynn, Chuck Flynn, Rich Barry, Tom Stephens, Cindy Riggs, Nancy Walter, Nancy Harm and Nancy Schipper.

AND they can always use our help!!!

Our Deacons have started with a new way to remind us of the needs of the New Hope Food Pantry that we contribute as a congregation to. The deacons of Berkshire Valley and Oak Ridge had shopping bags made with the name of the churches and a nice saying that helps us to be reminded of Jesus' directive to feed the poor. The plan is that folks will take their bag on the last Sunday of the month and then bring it back the following Sunday with items that are needed by the food pantry. We're sure that this will serve as a great way to remind folks that being involved with their deacons is not just a duty, but a privilege. New Hope Food Pantry is currently providing assistance to over 100 families. It takes a village! This month the focus of our supplies are as follows:

-Toilet paper, individually wrapped, easily gotten at a Dollar Store

-Toothpaste and tooth brushes

-Bar bathing soap, as well as soft soap

-Laundry Detergent

-Shampoo and Conditioner

-Deodorant & Anti-Perspirant

-Feminine Hygiene Products

-Dish soap is good too! Often there are smaller bottles of dish soap that can be gotten on sale for a dollar. Those are great and always greatly appreciated!

***Special Note : If you would like a Deacon or Pastoral visit, please be in touch with a deacon and we will gladly make that happen. You can always telephone Carol Flynn, our Deacon Chairwoman, with such a request: 973-697-6471, directly to Pastor Chris: 856-345-3261.

The Financial Picture of ORPC

General

The financial picture of ORPC continues to have its challenges and successes, as is usually the case.

Our Capital Campaign has thus far raised a total of \$235,780 (\$125,780 in pledges over ten years, with another \$110,000 in bequests.).

This is wonderful news as this helps to ensure that there will be a continuous stream of income to help make our monthly payment on the \$200,000 that we borrowed to complete the needed repairs to the Parish House. Whereas this amount has been a great sign of the commitment that those folks have made to ORPC, there are still some who have yet to pledge. However, we do remain hopeful that all those who can pledge and commit themselves through financial contribution to the needs of this family of faith will send their pledges in.

Another bright spot for the financial picture of ORPC is that our manse has remained rented throughout the year and is a source of income for us. As is, of course, the annual golf outing that takes place June. This past year a total just shy of \$19,000 was raised.

Where we are facing some challenge is with our current fiscal year pledging. While the congregation has been very generous in support of our Church, 2020 pledges are just about \$5000 less than 2019, which are a bit over \$4000 less than the year before that.

I've been asked by several how we can change this growing and worrying trend, and my answer is always the same, invite your neighbors, invite your friends and invite your family! If we can bring in even just a few new members, chances are that that deficit will be made up in no time, thereby helping to ensure a stable and sound financial picture and future for Oak Ridge Presbyterian.



ORPC CEMETERY REPORT – Winter 2020

Over the course of this winter, so far, there has been some movement in sales and burials in the ORPC cemetery. We continue to be grateful to all that continue to make this an important part of the ministry of our church family.

This winter, with the retirement of Jim and Joan DeYoung after so many years of faithful service, we knew that we would have to hire someone that would be able to handle much of those responsibilities and we have. Christina Cook, who'll you be introduced to in another part of the newsletter, is now helping us out part of her hours that she works at the church. So far she has put all of the cemetery records on the computer, something that has been needing doing for a long time. We hope to get all of the cemetery records on the computer as will that will make things much easier for us organizationally, especially when folks call up looking for the graves of their relatives.

And, we are putting some plans together as well to make some improvements for the future of the cemetery. We'll keep everyone abreast of what those will be as we get closer to final decisions on what and how it will all be done. A special thanks for this effort goes out to Bob Nicholson who remains very active with the cemetery committee.

Richard Schipper

ORCA Chairman

Our Trip To The Holy Land

From December 2nd – 12th, a group of 17 of us travelled from the Oak Ridge and Berkshire Valley churches to the Holy Land. We had a marvelous time, learned a lot and felt closer to our faith in so many ways. Here are just a few of the photos taken. If you'd like to see more, let someone from the group know, for sure they'd be happy to share their pictures!



Assyrian Orthodox in Bethlehem



Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem



Mt. of Temptations



Eating out in Bethlehem

Mt. of Temptations



The Wedding Church in Cana



Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem



The Wailing Wall

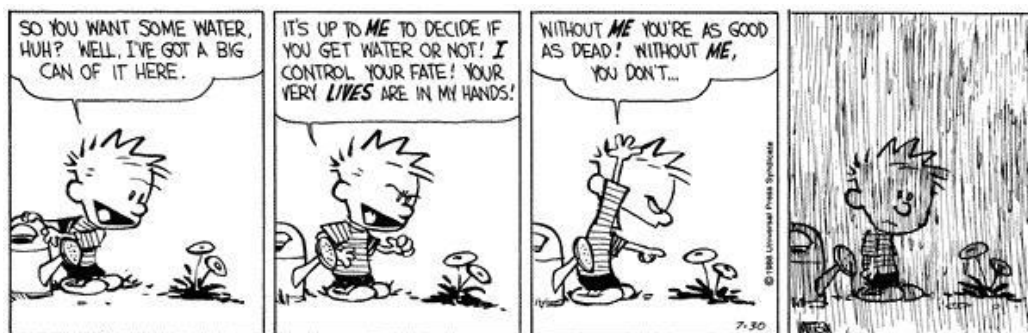


A NOTE ON BIBLE STUDY

Last year's major focuses for bible study were looking at the Book of Acts, and then getting into Paul's letter to the Roman Church. With the start of the new year of 2020, we then decided to take something of a new direction altogether. With the start of the new year, we turned to the Old Testament and decided to look at Wisdom Literature. Wisdom Literature in the bible is outlined as Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs & Ecclesiastes. We're focusing on Ecclesiastes because what the author of that book is doing is trying to present the issues of practical life and then coming to some conclusion on how to deal with those issues we face in a way that is wise and beneficial. The real problem for the author of Ecclesiastes, which actually means 'the teacher', is that he never knew Christ in this life. Oh how different his outlook and wisdom would be if he had!!

Our journey together through Ecclesiastes will take us through the month of February, leading us right to the first Sunday of March, which is also the first Sunday of Lent. At that point we will begin a new series that will then have us considering and discussing how repentance can bring us closer to God in our relationship with him. Lent is the traditional time for self-reflection and repentance. Does being repentant simply mean being sorry, or is there more to it than that?

And, of course, I want to continue to encourage folks to come and be a part of the bible study conversations! You'd be surprised with how much those who come enjoy the gatherings that we have on most every Monday evening at the Oak Ridge Parish House at 7:30, or Tuesday morning at the Berkshire Valley Ed Building at 11:00am.



To Keep In Your Prayers

Here at ORPC we lift-up in our prayers each Sunday morning a whole host of issues that we are carrying in our hearts. There is power in prayer and the more we lift-up those concerns, the more we can feel confident that the prayers will be answered in a way that God knows will always be best. Keep the following concerns in your prayers as you speak with God, and let us know what to add to our list.

Bob and Lois Wells

Don Foth

Bernice Greenwood

Nancy Walter

Karen, Ray, Anita, Sam, Dotty & Robert

Joan and Jim DeYoung

Dale Dunn

Safety in our schools and on our streets

Prayers for our country, that we come together

Prayers for the ministry of My School

Peace in the trouble spots of our world, especially for

The Middle East

Puerto Rico, China, Ukraine

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January 5th – Jeff & Sue Elam, January 12th – John & Martha Scheri, January 19th – Rich & Nancy Schipper,
January 26th – Chuck & Carol Flynn,

February 2nd – Mary Parr & Laura Woody, February 9th – Joe & Cindy Riggs, February 16th – Don & Jane Sommer,
February 23rd – Steve & Judy Sabatino,

March 1st – Chuck & Carol Flynn, March 8th – Jeff & Sue Elam, March 15th – Rich & Nancy Schipper,
March 29th – Joint Service @ BVPC

Presbytery Transition Report – January 2020

This is the report presented to the Presbytery of Newton on January 11, 2020

Last year, we began discussions about the realignment of the presbyteries in New Jersey. The plan is for New Jersey to go from 7 presbyteries down to 4 with expanded boundaries. The reason behind this is for not only a diminishing church membership, but moreover, for what will be less complications when it comes to administrative matters. All seven presbyteries in New Jersey have voted on this concept and have agreed to move forward with it.

So, where are we today, right now? The Synod has formed a Working Group who will have the responsibility to address the technical issues that include the realigning of boundaries, finances, corporation and legal issues and all other types of things that might emerge. Each presbytery will provide two representatives for the working Group. Our representatives are Becky Moody, our treasurer, and Nancy Young. The Synod has also provided for a part time Synod Staff person to help shepherd the Working Group. Our own Joe Martinoni is that person.

The Presbytery Coordinating Team has appointed a Transition Team who will be meeting soon to work on the other issues of transition such as building relationships, creating opportunities for community and designing a discernment process for visioning our future. The team at this time is 4 people. When we are a little further down the road to having our boundaries clarified we will invite others from the other three presbyteries to be part of the team.

Presently our boundaries will be Sussex, Warren, Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon counties and the Northwest part of Passaic county. This takes in approximately 58 churches from Newton, 3 churches from Palisades, 8 churches from Elizabeth and 13 churches from New Brunswick for a total of 82. I am anticipating that there maybe a few churches shifting.

The PCT has already been working to begin Phase One – Building relationships. Over the next several months COM liaisons along with another person from presbytery teams will be visiting with sessions. The first list of 20 congregations are being contacted with the next list to come out sometime in the spring. The purpose of the visits is to build community, to have conversations, to listen and learn about the transitions. Moderators and Clerks of sessions when you get the call to set up the meeting please say yes. For any further information, please contact the Presbytery office in Randolph.

With Christ's Peace,

Jeanne Radak

A Word From Building Operations

The work on repairing, updating and modernizing our facilities by Rich Schipper and Jeff Elam along with members of the Building committee continue with a two year long program of improvements. The complete facelift to the Panel Room is nearly complete along with a new entrance for My School. The large Assembly Room has recently received a fresh coat of paint along with new carpeting and window treatments. Perhaps most notable is the installation of new high efficiency air conditioners for both rooms making each usable in the summertime!

As with any older facility, needed repairs have been made including the Heating system, lighting, septic system and building security. Several trees along the rear of the Parish House are scheduled for removal in the coming months as well. We even joined the 21st Century by upgrading our WIFI throughout the entire Parish House!

The facility upgrades have also provided a positive effect on our My School program with highly qualified staff providing expert care and instruction for our students and the overall student enrollment continues to grow. Their classrooms were recently painted and lighting and security upgraded. As such, the My School team continues their long tradition of providing infant and preschool child care to our community!

Next up on our work schedule will be the design and installation of a new sign for My School along the front of the Parish House and a new sign for our Sanctuary. As soon as the initial sketches are completed, we will circulate them for comments from the congregation. Please tell us what you think!

Our congregation continues to make the short and long term investment in our facilities so that they can serve us and the Oak Ridge Community now and into the future. Please do not hesitate to tell us what you think, provide us with financial support and ideas, and consider volunteering at our work days (the next one is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th).



****NEWS FROM MY SCHOOL****

My School has been busy this fall with school starting and with the welcoming of our new 2 year old teacher, Ms. Marilyn. We also welcomed Ms. Wilma in the nursery and Ms. Ana as our after care worker.

In October, we took the toddlers and preschoolers and their parents on a trip to Heaven Hill Farm in Vernon to go pumpkin picking, we also went on a great hayride. To top it all off, we also got to visit with the farm animals which was a big hit with the kids. We celebrated Halloween with a fun costume party and Santa came to visit near Christmas. With the addition of the big TV in the blue room we were able to have a movie/cocoa/pajama day.

As for our Nursery, it is growing with a few more babies, we welcome them and their families to our family. With the help of the ORPC Prayer Shawl Ministry's potholder sales, we were able to purchase a needed crib along with other needed supplies. The Nursery thanks the ladies of the church who have been working so hard making the potholders, just another way that My School and ORPC work so well together.

The new My School entrance is now functioning, which has streamlined the drop off/pick up routine for our families to the delight of all.

We are looking forward to fun events planned for the Spring with events like Dr. Suess' birthday, crazy sock week and a Mother's Day tea party.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

JANUARY

LARRY PARR – JANUARY 7TH

RAY WOODY – JANUARY 8TH

JANET BRECKENRIDGE – JANUARY 14TH

RICH & DONNA BARRY – JANUARY 19TH

JOSH KALISH – JANUARY 22ND

FEBRUARY

CHARLIE WETHERILL – FEBRUARY 11TH

LARRY WALSH – FEBRUARY 17TH

NADIIM DOYLE – FEBRUARY 18TH

BILL & NANCY WALTER – FEBRUARY 23RD

MARCH

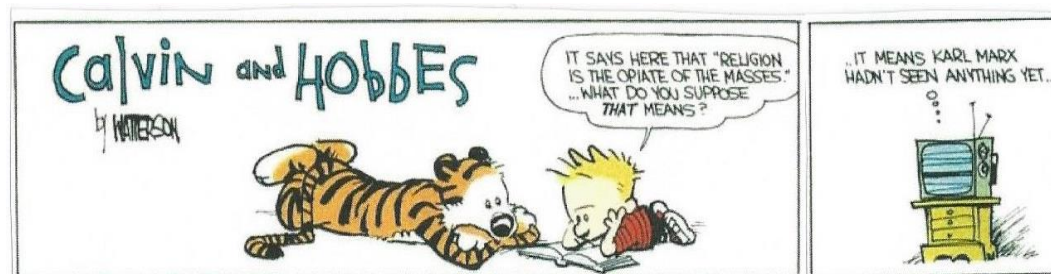
HALA DOYLE – MARCH 3RD

DEB KALISH – MARCH 7TH

CAROL FLYNN – MARCH 8TH

MARTHA COOK – MARCH 18TH

DONNA BARRY – MARCH 26TH





Meet Christina Cook !!

On December 1st, our secretary Jill Moore retired from her position with us. We thank her greatly for her hard work and many years of service to our family. Jill, of course, is still a member of the church and is seen on Sunday mornings when she's not in Upstate New York at the Presbyterian Church that her daughter Erin serves as pastor.

So, with Jill's departure, we hired Christina Cook to be the new Administrative Assistant to both the church and cemetery. Christina was raised in Pequannock and has two older sisters and a younger brother. Christina attended William Paterson University and worked in the accounts receivable office at the Wayne YMCA. She was doing that until in 2011 her and her husband Rich, a police officer with the county, decided to begin their family. Together they have two girls, Jorie and Maya. Of herself she says, "I like to stay busy, and typically do not have much spare time, but when I do, I enjoy learning graphic design and getting outdoors."



Next time you call the office, give a great welcome to Christina who just may be on the other end of the phone. She's here in the office from 9-2 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In Memoriam

This past Fall, our church family celebrated the lives of two long time members of ORPC.

Both Val Stoner and Dick Greenwood are now enjoying the eternal promise of our Lord and Savior. With their passing to life eternal, we console ourselves for not having them physically near us any longer but rejoice with them as they reunite with loved ones who have gone before. May their names and works live\ for generations to come. They are greatly missed.



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

11:00 am – Service of the Lord's Day

Children's Sunday School directly after worship

MONDAYS

7:30 pm – Bible Study in the Parish House

TUESDAYS

11:00 am – Bible Study at Berkshire Valley

MEETINGS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH LIFE

*The Fourth Friday of each month, Oak Ridge and Berkshire Valley Presbyterian churches have been providing the labor to serve our brothers and sisters in need at Manna House at First Presbyterian Church, Newton. For information on serving or just how to get involved, please call Carol Mullen who would love to hear from you! You can call her at 973-697-3409

*Strengthen Our Sisters has become something of a project for ORPC. If you don't know it yet, Strengthen Our Sisters is the women's shelter for the West Milford, and beyond, area. We've been focusing our FIA projects on their needs for the last two years, and Pastor Chris is in regular contact regarding their needs. If you have household goods you would like to donate, or would like to learn more and get involved in some way, talk to Pastor Chris.