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FROM THE PASTOR

New Year with More Margin

One of the things that got some attention during my sabbatical was the matter of finding some margin in the conduct of life. I'm still working on it, but for the most part it can be likened to the page on which this article is printed. If the text went all the way to the top and bottom and sides of this page, it would not only be difficult to read, but its appearance would not draw you in to read it. For that matter it would be more difficult to read for your eyes, which would probably negatively effect comprehension, which would really bring into question the whole matter of reading it in the first place.

But with margin—with some white space all around, free of words and sentences, many if not most of the afore mention negatives are reduced if not eliminated.

The conduct of life needs margin. In the course of the daily rigors of work and relationships and all the other activities and stuff that have quickly moved into the category of essential, people need some space free of rigorous, fast-paced, I-have-to-finish-this-or-else activities.

One of the things I discovered during my sabbatical, was how pressing and absorbing of my time I had left email become. Now, don't get me wrong, I appreciate the technology—the ability to communicate quickly and directly with individuals and groups. But how often in the course of one day does a person need to check and respond to email? And with the ability to now do the same function from my iphone, well I could check it just about anywhere, anytime. Rather than be still, or engage in a personal conversation, or simply close my eyes for a few moments in rest—rather than observe a little margin, I chose to connect, to update, to respond, to be instantly accessible, to be known as always available. (Perhaps, we will talk about why that is in another pastor's column!)

I don't know if you've noticed, (probably not if you are among the guilty), but take note to how clingy people have become to their iphone or blackberry. It's as if they are attached to us. There is no place that we will not take them! There is no time that we will not use them! They are everywhere we are. Face it! They might as well not have an off switch!

This is just one thing of many things and events and stuff that we have left fill the pages of our lives to the point that there is no white space around—no space free of doing something, being somewhere, always on, always available, always responding! And we wonder why the living of life and the presentation of our lives is not interesting either to our self or to others. It may have a lot to do with the fact that there's no free space—no margin!

I'm working at changing some of my past practices in the interest of finding—NO, making, more margin in life. I've learned over the years that people will generally take as much as you give. I'm also learning that if you choose to fill the whole page of life, every day, all the time, for everyone, you can get to the point of being rather tired, not very interesting, even boring, probably not too much fun to be with, perhaps even depressed, and in the long run not very fruitful!

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I think the Bible supports the concept of finding and living life with more margins. Way back “in the beginning,” God set apart one day in seven as Sabbath—a weekly built in time of margin, of rest and worship of God. Also at creation, God said that it was not good that man be alone, so God created woman. God created humanity to be in relationship and why would God have done that if He didn’t intend for those relationships to be nurtured, which requires the observance of life with margin. The Lord Jesus himself went apart for awhile to pray and to commune with God the Father. If the Son of God did it, surely you and I need and ought to make some margin to be with God.

Lastly, it’s amazing “the stuff” we have decided is necessary to life these days. Take a few steps toward simplifying what you have, what you’ve stored, what you do, where you go, what you buy... There’s lots of ways we have filled all the various spaces in life. (When did you last sit in silence? Where can you find silence these days? What does your attic, garage, or basement look like these days?)

A book Kathy and I are finding most helpful to the end of finding—NO, making more margin in life is [A Minute of Margin](#), by Richard A. Swenson, M.D. Published by NavPress.

I hope and pray for you—for all of us at OEPC, that we resolve in 2012 to live a new year with more margin.

Pastor Jim

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CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sheila Anderson, Edith Bessey, Ed & Katrina Borzelleca and families, Mary Chambers, Grace Engler, Tom & Alice Frearson, Jim Goebel, Charlie Halsted, Harriet Harner, Dottie Hooker, Glenn Maurer, Alice McNally, Hal Miller, Ada Painter, Jean Polk, Lou Raggi Sr., Michael Raggi, Jane Schaller, Betty Thompson, Ruth Weber, Bob Wise



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Charles Sudlow. Charles was a former longtime member of OPC.



Congratulations to:

- ♦ Bob & Linda Schmierer on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Brandt Diehl, born November 17 to their daughter, Tracy and her husband Craig.
- ♦ John (IV) and Tara Hines on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Estelle Hines, born on December 12. John (III) and Nancy Hines are the blest grandparents.

OEPC members donated \$630 to EPC’s Annual Thanksgiving World Outreach Offering for Engage 2025, which is a venture to raise up missionaries to reach Muslims.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JANUARY CLASSES

January 1-February 5

January 1 & 8 @ 8:45AM -All other classes @ 9:45AM

Revelation

Led by John Craymer in Fellowship Hall

In this ninth part of our study of Revelation, we have reached the closing chapters of Revelation. In concluding this glorious canvas, John depicts what will happen at the end. Join us for a journey through the defeat of all that is evil and the reward that is for the saints in Christ. At the end of the pictures, there is one more exhortation. We will find we are saying along with those who have gone before, "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

Bible Teaching From Pastor Stanley

Led by Ron Young in Room 104

Come and join us for a six week class on many various subjects for today's Christian. This DVD series of sermons from noted Bible teacher, Dr. Charles Stanley will cover such topics as facing anxieties, dealing with fear, finding clear guidance, and opportunities for service. Discussion of the topics will take place after watching the DVD. It is not necessary to attend every session to benefit from the class.

Instructing A Child's Heart

Led by Melissa and Glenn Seydel in the Library

From interaction with their peers to the instruction and correction that they receive at home, children interpret their experience from a worldview that seeks to answer their fundamental questions: Who am I? What do I exist for? Where can I find joy? We need to provide our children with a consistent, persuasive, biblical framework for understanding the world God has made and their place in it.

In this DVD series based on the book by Tedd Tripp, parents will learn ways to enable their children to root life in God's revelation in the Bible. It provides a culture for our children, a culture that is distinctly Christian. It shows our children the glory and dignity of mankind as God's image bearers. It provides a way of interpreting life through the redemptive story of God, who reconciles people to himself.

Bible Fellowship Group

Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola
in Terrace Rooms 105/106

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible. The only material which will be used will be God's Word, the Bible, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

FROM JANIE BREY,
OEP PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We jump back into January, hoping to focus the children on the tasks at hand. For Pre-K classes, work must continue to prepare them for Kindergarten. For the younger classes, there are reminders about sharing, and lots more time to color, cut and paste and create.

Highlights for January include the infamous Whale Watch and Beach Day. The Pre-K classes emphasize special author and illustrator, Jan Brett, as well as learning about Martin Luther King Jr.

Our Bible verse is "...God can do all things." Job 42:2

Speaking of God doing all things... would you pray for Registration? It begins the 9th and 10th for returning families, and January 17th for new families. Please pray that our 2 day Two's and Two Day Three's classes would fill up so that we would not have to do another combination class. We need lots of young ones to feed into several years of preschool! Give thanks with me for a blessed 2011 and wishing you all the best in 2012.

2012-2013 Tuition

Two Day Two's - \$150/mth. (Must be 2 by May 31)
Two Day Three's - \$160/mth. (Must be 3 by Sept. 1)
Three Day Three's - \$215/mth. (Must be 3 by Sept. 1)
Three Day Pre K's - \$225/mth. (Must be 4 by Sept. 1)
Five Day Pre K's - \$290/mth. (Must be 4 by Sept. 1)

OEPC YOUTH

Excerpts from a Report from Timothy Ricci to the Session of OEPC December 2011

Senior High: It has been a great December. We have spent the month focusing on the Incarnation and Christ's return (i.e. Jesus' 1' and 2' Advents). Many of our students are expressing a desire to read the Bible, many come with biblical questions, and many of our students are showing real growth in their knowledge of the Scriptures. Quite a few of our Sr. High students have been rising up as leaders among their peers and are driving discussions during our small group times. These students are also acting as examples among their peers. The most exciting news is that there is discernible spiritual growth in many of our students. There is noticeable change in character and attitude, a desire to seek God in prayer, word, and worship, and a desire to evangelize. Also, I see many of our students bringing up things they learned Sunday morning, at Sunday school, and at Vespers. When I stand back and look at what God has been doing in the lives of our students I am both amazed and humbled.

Our Sr. High leaders have been amazing this year. They are dedicated, diligent, and faithful. They have been able to form solid Christ-centered relationships with our students and God is using them mightily in the lives of our students. There are challenges of course. I have been counseling a number of students, so many come to our ministry with a lot of hurt and pain. Some students need lessons in respecting others; others need to be corrected often, etc. There is a lot of ministry to do among this group and I'm sure it will continue to be a blessed adventure.

The Sr. High Christmas party was December 14th, 52 students came for the Christmas party. I am also pleased to report that the second shift of the Living Nativity consisted entirely of Sr. High students.

The Sr. High Winter retreat is February 24th-26th, 2012 at Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown. This will be a joint retreat with New Life Glenside, New Life Dresher, and Ashland EPC.

Pepper: Pepper has been gaining momentum. We have developed a core group of students that cannot wait to come to Pepper each week. They are excited to see their friends, play games, eat dinner, and are very engaged during Bible study. Our core group of students are bringing friends and telling others about Pepper. My leaders and I have been able to form strong relationship with our Pepper students. Since the vast majority of our Pepper students are brand new it is difficult to gauge their spiritual growth at this point. Some have strong biblical knowledge, while others have little.

The Pepper Christmas party was December 14th and 14 students came. Our average Pepper attendance has risen to 12 students.

The Pepper Winter retreat (Chili-Pepper) is January 13th-15th at Tel Hai in Honey Brook. This will be a joint retreat with Ashland EPC.

Other: While Sr. High, Pepper, Sunday School, and Vespers keeps me very busy I do have a desire to also engage in wider ministry here at Oreland. I would welcome opportunities to teach adult Sunday school, engage in visitation, and serve in other capacities.

God bless you and Merry Christmas!

Junior High Happenings:

Pepper - Fridays (mid Sept-mid May) 5:30PM to 7PM

Open to all students 6th through 8th grades.

1/6: "A Very Special Book" (Revelation 1)

1/13: **No Pepper**

1/13/15: **Chilipepper Winter Retreat!!!**

(Please pray for our students)

1/20: "Jesus' Letters to Churches, Part 1" (Revelation 2)

1/27: "Jesus' Letters to Churches, Part 2" (Revelation 3)

Senior High News:

Senior High - Wednesdays (mid Sept-early June) 6:30PM to 9PM

Open to all students 9th through 12th grades.

1/4: "Resolutions"

1/11: "The Way, Part 1"

1/18: "The Way, Part Deux"

1/25: "The Way, Part 3"

All Youth Please Mark Your Calendars for OEPC Junior and Senior High Summer Camp with Student Life in the Poconos, August 6th-10th, 2012!

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OEPC NEWS AND EVENTS

BRIDGE THE GAP LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 8, 11:30AM-1:30PM

Gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on Jan 8 for the Bridge the Gap Luncheon. There will be one worship service at 10:00AM with Sunday School at 8:45AM. Those whose last name begins with A-H please bring a dessert, I-Q please bring a salad, and R-Z please bring a main dish. All dishes can be brought to the Fellowship Hall kitchen that morning.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 14, 8:30AM

Gather in Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast and Christian fellowship. Linda Craymer will introduce us to the topic of the Women's Retreat coming up in February, "Lord, Teach Me To Pray", a DVD/workbook study by Kay Arthur. Whether you plan to come to the retreat or not, you will enjoy Linda's presentation.

SR. FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 12 Noon

We Ring in the New Year with a SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON on January 17th. Please BRING your own sandwich. A hearty soup, dessert and beverage will be provided. We welcome back those great Magicians THE GUSTAFSON's who will mystify us with their special magic.

Looking ahead, A Covered Dish Luncheon will be held on February 21st.

Sounds great, doesn't it! So come, enjoy Christian fellowship around the table and invite a friend or neighbor to share it with you. For reservations, call Mary A. Hershey at 215-793-4019 or Stan Tippet at 215-643-2871.

Don't forget our SPRING TRIP (MAY 15, 2012) to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA for "The Story of Jonah" (will there be a real whale on stage?) and a delicious family-style dinner at the HERSHEY FARM. The total cost is only \$80.! It's filling up fast so make your reservations now! Make checks payable to OEPC SR. FELLOWSHIP.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, January 22, 5:30PM

Fellowship Hall

Chilly winds blowing. . .

It might even be snowing. . .

There's not much to do in the cold winter hours 'cept get a little cocoa-nutty.

Here's just the thing while we're dreaming of spring; let's brighten up winter with a Luau and have fun everybody!!!

We're planning an awesome game night with good food, tons of fun, and lots of laughter to be had by all.

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian shirt, if you have one!! (Grass skirts are optional.)

Bring a favorite game you'd like to play, too!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 24-26

Reservations Deadline January 24

Please make your reservations by January 24 for the 2012 Women's Retreat at Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, PA. Pick up your registration forms on the Women's Retreat bulletin board in the CE Hallway.

This year we are presenting "Lord Teach Me to Pray", a DVD/workbook study by Kay Arthur, facilitated by Linda Craymer.

Gather with your sisters in Christ for fun, fellowship, and Bible study. Don't forget your "special" pajamas, slippers, stuffed animal and a snack to share for the pajama party on Friday night.

WORLD OUTREACH

MISSIONARY KIDS MINISTRIES

Sponsored by African Inland Missions

Margaret Rineer from MKM, gives thanks and praise for the following:

- ◆ for a warm 13 bedroom home which provides a haven for missionary families in crisis and for AIM's missionary kids.
- ◆ for strength and support as they buy, package and mail gift boxes to missionary kids throughout the US.
- ◆ for His guidance and protection as Margaret travelled to Minnesota to visit Vicki, an AIM missionary whose husband Loren died in September. Margaret was able to offer comfort and support during this difficult time.
- ◆ for protection and strength as Margaret travelled on four flights in eight days of ministry in the Midwest visiting AIM missionary kids on three college campuses.

And she asks for prayer for the following:

- ◆ for repairs needed on the chimney at the house.
- ◆ for the missionary kids here in America who worry about their parents in the mission field who often are in dangerous situations.
- ◆ for Vicki and her eight children as they return to Kenya this month to mourn with their African friends and sell their household belongings and then return to the US to wait God's direction.
- ◆ for a missionary family that has been staying at the Hatfield house but is now preparing to return to Africa.
- ◆ "Thank you from the depths of my heart for praying for our family and ministry!"

Margaret Murray Rineer

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES WITH PHARP

(Peacebuilding, Healing & Reconciliation Programme)

NAMES RESERVED FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

Peace Building, Healing and Reconciliation Programme is an International Christian Non Government Organization (NGO) registered in Kenya (Head Quarter) in Rwanda and Sudan. The organization was formed in 1994. It is operating in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi and Sudan.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO EXPERIENCE PEACE IN ALL SITUATIONS?

A story is told of a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the pictures, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains were all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.

But when the King looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest ... perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize? The King chose the second picture. This is because, explained the King, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

John 16:33 tells us: "I have told you all this so that you may have 'peace' in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

When 2011 began, many of us didn't know how the year would progress. This could be attributed to many factors. Some of us it could have been our financial situation that were not so good, others health was failing us. Whatever the reason we each held, we bless God for this far He has brought us.

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



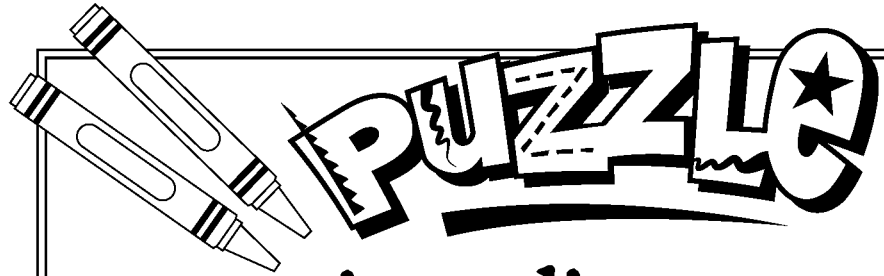
Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:














1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatinm			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Stewardship – Faith Based Giving

For over forty- five years we have depended on God to supply our needs through faith based giving. We know that God is forever faithful and is our rock and refuge in the time of need. We continue to be blessed as a church with faithful and generous members who have given sacrificially to glorify God and further his work here and in the world.

2 Corinthians 9:7,8 “ *You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all that you need and plenty left over to share with others.*”

Year to Date Financial Statements thru 11/30/11

Church Income	694,566	Church Expense	720,760	Net Income	-26,194
Preschool Income	141,257	Preschool Expense	140,859	Net Income	398
Total Income	835,824	Total Expense	861,619	Net Income	-25,796

Covenant Agreement of Mission Support

The terms of our dismissal from the Presbytery of Philadelphia included a Covenant Agreement of Mission support payments to the presbytery in the amount of \$ 440,000, to be paid in installments of \$44,000 each year, over a period of ten years.

You have responded generously to this appeal, with contributions to the Covenant Agreement for Mission Support as of **November 30, 2011**, of **\$44,055**, which is truly an amazing response of generosity and thankfulness to God’s faithfulness.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse of the Lord... and I will pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it,

From the Layman Oct. 2010

“Large segments of modern evangelicalism have succumbed to the heresy that this present life may be lived selfishly and disobediently without serious effects on the eternal state....Never have so many Christians believed that our monies and possessions are ours to do with as we please.”

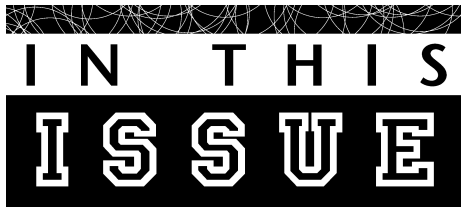
It hasn’t always been this way. Many remember a day when American Christians were more generous of spirit and more generous with money than we experience today. Wes Wilmer tells us in *Revolution in Generosity* that from 1750-1850 America enjoyed an era of Biblical stewardship. John Wesley taught, “Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can” because “all that we have is given us by God, and since we have been entrusted with these possessions, we are responsible to use them in ways that bring Him glory.”



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 8:45AM

WORSHIP 10:00AM

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

VESPERS @ ORELAND 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 8:45AM

WORSHIP 10:00AM

Bridge the Gap Luncheon follows worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

VESPERS @ ORELAND 6:30PM

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

WORSHIP 10:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM



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