



NOVEMBER, 2009

THE CARILLON

ORELAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“A New Day at OEPC? It Depends”

Ever since the spring of this year the Elders of Session have been meeting from time to time in special meetings seeking to discern how the congregation is to be the Lord's Church going forward. We find ourselves at this point for a number of reasons. The most obvious reason is our becoming a new congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in March of this year. A second reason is the May and July departure of two of the ministry staff. A third reason is that a healthy church is always seeking to be faithful as regards the Lord's call to serve Him in the world.

It's never an easy task to do this kind of planning. Most importantly, we don't want to run before the Lord, nor do we want to be slow concerning the way that He would have us be and do for Him. We don't want to do church our way. Planning for the future requires a look at the past and the present, and sometimes this look can be a challenge, depending on what one finds. OEPC currently finds itself smaller in number than it has been for a number of years, although continually blessed with material resources for the work of ministry. There is active participation in church ministries, although there is a smaller number of people engaged in the work of those ministries. A steady number of visitors continue to attend worship and affirm its conduct, yet they are slow to commit to membership. Many of our own congregants are inconsistent in their attendance. The community around the church has changed, which is an area related to long range planning that the Session has yet to explore.

Our new relationship with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) is going splendidly! We look forward to the hosting of the Presbytery of the East meeting next September 2010 for a number of reasons, but among them is to provide the wonderful opportunity for you to meet and experience worship and fellowship with these brothers and sisters in Christ with whom the Lord has brought us to be in fellowship. Two of our elders, Larry Godley and Les Brown, attended the General Assembly meeting of the EPC this past June and returned greatly encouraged and with high praise for the strong and biblically faithful witness and ministry of the EPC that they experienced.

OEPC is in a good place! Yes, there are challenges, and some of them are significant. But it's not everyday that a congregation of the Lord's church gets an opportunity to make course corrections and chart the way toward the future like the Lord has brought to OEPC. The relationship with the EPC puts us in a most blessed position, with like-minded believers who love the Lord and are truly and diligently seeking to do His will. OEPC Elders are working to focus our life and ministry, and to that end have planned a “Town Hall Meeting” for Sunday, November 8, 2009, to present some of their planning work to the congregation. On that Sunday Christian Education will meet at 8:45; there will be **ONE SERVICE of WORSHIP** at 10:00. The Meeting will begin at 11:00; and then we will end with lunch together. Child care and activities will be provided.

OEPC is in a good place with some wonderful opportunities and possibilities to faithfully and effectively serve the Lord Jesus Christ! By His Word and Spirit, the good Lord has provided everything needed. **BUT THE WAY TOWARD A NEW DAY FOR OEPC DEPENDS UPON THE PARTICIPATION OF EACH PERSON WHO CALLS THIS CONGREGATION THEIR CHURCH HOME.**

Please join the work that the Lord is doing and is leading us to do in the days to come. Get off the sidelines. Stop talking about what we used to be, or what we should be, and join the work to “git er done!” Attend the meeting on Sunday, November 8, and begin that day by joining in Christian Ed and worship.

God is calling us to a deeper walk with Jesus and a farther Gospel-outreach.

See you there!
Pastor Jim

CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for:

Elisabeth Ann Booth, Bobbi Corson, Grace Engler, Winnie Goebel, Charlie Halsted, David Hines, Glenn Maurer, Alice McNally, Eric Ricci, Phil & Jane Schaller, Frank Sessa, Anne Silks, Levi Tanksley, Betty Thompson, Galen Townley, Rose Turner, Ruth Weber

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mrs. Laura Foster

2022 Mallard Circle S.
Phoenixville, PA 19460-5104

Mrs. Pat Rich (Temporary for Winter)

8271 SW Skipper Drive
Stuart, Florida 34997

FOOD CUPBOARD

As the Lord has given to us, let us continue to give to others! The Discipleship Ministry Team collects food items on the first Sunday of each month for the Glenside New Life Presbyterian Church food cupboard. Please put your donations on the table in the Narthex. Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, etc.), baby foods/formula, peanut butter and boxed goods (pasta, cereal, rice, etc.) are especially appreciated. **Special Need: Crackers and canned fruit.** Also appreciated are paper grocery bags. The food cupboard serves approximately 60 families per week.

The food bank is open 3 times during each week (except holiday weeks):

Monday night (7:00-7:30PM) for church members only. Our congregation members and Nursery School families are invited to attend at this time and will be allowed to take 2 bags of food.

Tuesday night - non-members meet at the New Life Glenside Church, 6:00PM for dinner, which is provided by Small Group members in the church. After dinner, about 6:30, attendees move downstairs to the food bank area for a time of sharing and prayer and then are invited to take 1 bag of food from the bank. Access is granted by number, which attendees pick up as they enter. It is not necessary that attendees attend the dinner but getting there after dinner means you get into the food bank after the ones who attend the dinner.

Thursday afternoon (2:00-3:00PM) non-member sr. adults (usually 65 and older but not enforced). 1 bag of food allowed.

PRAYER:

Do you have easy access to e-mail? Did you know that OEPC has e-mail prayer requests? If you would like to receive prayer requests from others and/or have prayer requests that you would like sent to the members on the e-mail prayer list, just send an e-mail to: denisemcauley@verizon.net (Please note new e-mail address. Our e-mail list of prayer warriors is about 160+ people from our church family. When sending a prayer request, please indicate that you would like it sent to the prayer warriors.

WOMEN'S NEWS

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:15 PM

In the Terrace Rooms

LADIES!! PLEASE NOTE!!

LADIES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Women's Breakfast is coming!!

SATURDAY, Nov. 7 - 8:30-11:00 AM

Got a favorite breakfast dish you'd like to share?

**Please contact Carol Feather to let her know
215-643-0861 OR ladyfether@aol.com.**

“Carry each other's
burdens and in this way
you will fulfill the laws of
Christ.” Gal. 6:2

**2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT - FEBRUARY 19-21
“THE MOTIVATION OF OUR HEARTS” (PROV. 21:2)
With Jackie Tase**

Reservations due to Willow Valley by January 19th

See: Jeanne Plieninger, Adrienne Davies, or Carol Feather

**Gentlemen: This would make the perfect Christmas gift
For the woman in your life. No wrapping required.**

OEPC WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL

There is so much to thank God for! The children are adjusted and happy. The teachers are saying their classes are full of wonderful children. The children are learning Bible verses and hearing stories about David praising God and the “man who said Thank You”. I am thankful for your prayer on behalf of the School. **God is blessing us!**

Janie Brey, Director



“Thanksgiving Day Breakfast & Communion Worship”

What a special way to begin Thanksgiving Day! For as long as I have been Pastor at OEPC, in my estimation, this is one of the very special things we do. **Begin the day with the church family at table in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM for a most delicious breakfast prepared and served by our youth.** If company is visiting you, bring them along! And then, gather at the Lord’s Table for Communion Worship at 8:30, also in Fellowship Hall.

This year we will collect a Thanksgiving Offering to support the EPC church in Argentina. The message of the day is the expressions of thanksgiving from the people. It is truly a blessed time! Before you gather to feast with family and friends, come and gather at the Lord’s Table for a very special blessing of Christian fellowship.

Pastor Jim

GROUNDS CLEANUP

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7
8:00 AM**

**RAIN DATE
NOVEMBER 14**

SR. FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 17th - Will be our delicious COVERED DISH BUFFET - PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE CASSEROLE, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE. We will be entertained by KIRK MAURER, an excellent singer.

DECEMBER 8th - Christmas is in the air! A delicious Luncheon will be served. Then join in the joyful celebration as LUCILLE BREUNIG AND DONNA DEBELLIS present a delightful concert of MARIMBA AND CHIMES MUSIC. This talented Mother and Daughter team performed for us a year ago. **Come, and invite a friend or neighbor to share with you these excellent luncheons and Christian fellowship.** Everyone is welcome!

For reservations, please call Mary A. Hershey 215-793-4019 or Stan Tippet 215-643-2871. Reservations must be made no later than the Thursday before the luncheon.

Adult Christian Education

November 1 - December 6, 2009

9:45 a. m.

In My Father's House (A Study in Ephesians)

Led by Barbara Clydesdale

Please join us as we explore the treasure of biblical truths found in Paul's letter to the Ephesians to discover how we can become a united body of believers that is inwardly strong and outwardly focused for Christ, "...being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Eph 2:22

Master Your Money-Led by Ron Young

Today's economy is pulling Christians in every direction. There is ongoing pressure to pay bills, save for education, tithing, plan for retirement or just getting by paycheck to paycheck. "**Ron Blue's Master Your Money**" successfully presents an easily understood plan of action. I heartily recommend it to all who are seeking to manage their assets for God. Larry Burkett, founder of Christian Financial Concepts". This DVD series has been described as informative entertaining and a great financial management resource.

Bible Fellowship Group-Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible as a whole. Come with questions or items for discussion or simply interact with the topics and scripture presented. It will be possible to make up the class as we go along. The only material which will be used will be God's Word, the Bible, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Basic Steps Toward Christian Maturity

Led by Lynette Onitiri

Based on a study guide by Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, we will discuss these basic steps starting with the uniqueness of Jesus and then proceeding from there. This study will be ongoing and slow paced with plenty of time for questions and answers. It is ideal for the new Christian as well as the seasoned Christian. The class is open to anyone with a desire to start at the beginning or to review the basics.

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FROM THE CHRISTIAN CARE & SERVICE MINISTRY-"**Card Caring Ministry**" -There are baskets at the entrances to the Sanctuary. As the Lord leads, please take a card and send it to someone in our church family. Lists in the baskets suggest card recipients. Please let the Lord lead you and share your love and concern with others. **You will bless someone's heart with your thoughtfulness.**



NOVEMBER, 2009

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<p>1 8:30 & 11- Communion 9:45 Chr. Ed. 2 - All Nations 3-Choir</p>	<p>2 7-Outreach 7:15-Women's Association 7:30-Adult Ed.</p>	<p>3 VOTING 7:30-Christian Witness</p>	<p>4 3:30-G.S. #7184 7-Prayer 7-Finance 7-Sr. High 7-Leadership</p>	<p>5 6:45 AM-Bible Study 6-Handbells 7:30- Choir 8-All Nations</p>	<p>6 4:30-Chimes 5:30-Pepper</p>	<p>7 7 AM-Grounds Cleanup 8:30 -Women's Breakfast</p>
<p>8 8:45-Chr. Ed. 10-Worship 11-Town Mtg. 12:30-Luncheon 3-Choir</p>	<p>9 7:30-Chr. Ed.</p>	<p>10 7:30 -Worship</p>	<p>11 7-Prayer 7-Sr. High</p>	<p>12 6:45 AM-Bible Study 6-Handbells 7:30- Choir 8-All Nations</p>	<p>13 4:30-Chimes 5:30-Pepper</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:45-Chr. Ed. 2-All Nations 3-Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Noon-Sr. Fellowship 7-Joint Brd. Mtg. 8-Session 8-Trustees 8-Deacons</p>	<p>18 3:30-G. S. #7184 7-Prayer 7-Sr. High</p>	<p>19 6:45 AM-Bible Study 6-Handbells 7:30- Choir 8-All Nations</p>	<p>20 4:30-Chimes 5:30-Pepper</p>	<p>21 ADVENT WREATH MAKING</p>
<p>22 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:45-Chr. Ed. 2-All Nations 3-Choir</p>	<p>23 7:30-Shepherding</p>	<p>24 Noon-Rebecca Circle 7:30-Discipleship 7:30-Chr. Care</p>	<p>25 7-Prayer 7-Sr. High 7:30-Choir</p>	<p>26 7:30 AM THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST & COMMUNION 8PM-All Nations</p>	<p>27 4:30-Chimes 5:30-Pepper</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:45-Chr. Ed. 2-All Nations 3-Choir</p>	<p>30</p>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 5px;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>		

SUNDAY HELPERS NOVEMBER, 2009

NOVEMBER 1

CHURCH OPENER

Mark Piranian

USHERS

8:30 AM

Tim Metz, Ron Pfister,
Edgar Keene, Jim Goebel

11:00 AM

Kit & Stephan White, Denise
McAuley, AJ McAuley

TRUSTEES

Don Romano, Dale Nemec,
Mary Brauman

ELDER READING

8:30 AM-John Esterhai

11:00 AM-Crait Reif

CHILDCARE:

8:30 AM-Erin May/Carol
Esterhai, Cindy Rossi, Makenna
Lukens

11:00 AM-Ginny Reynolds,
Marla Griffith, Makenna
Lukens

JUNIOR CHURCH

Susan Frey, Casey Conway

GREETERS:

Church Road

8:30 AM-Ginny Reynolds

Paper Mill Road

8:30 AM-Norm &
Lena Bitterman

Church Road

11 AM-Mary Agnes Hershey

Paper Mill Road

11 AM-Jean & Bob Doering

BUS DRIVERS

Kathy Farrell, Jessica Raggi

NOVEMBER 8

CHURCH OPENER

Rick Stover

USHERS

10:00 AM

Al & Pat Travis, Barbara
Fleming, Bob & Caroline Cox

TRUSTEES

Tim Metz, Ron Pfister,
Norma Hawk

ELDER READING

10:00 AM-George Major, Jr.

CHILDCARE:

10:00 AM-Mellissa Bunkin,
Carol Esterhai, Christine Fariss

JUNIOR CHURCH

Melinda Williamson,
Kevin Bunkin

GREETERS:

Church Road

10:00 AM-Pat Adamson

Paper Mill Road

10:00 AM-Don & Donna Jones

BUS DRIVER

Andy McAuley

NOVEMBER 15

CHURCH OPENER

Al Myers

CLOSER

Les Puckey

USHERS

8:30 AM

Les Puckey, Al & Marla Grif-
fith, John Esterhai

11:00 AM

Andy McAuley, Jr., Bob
Schulz, Andy McAuley, Sr.,
Denise McAuley

TRUSTEES

Les Puckey, Rob Raggi,
Chris Baldini

ELDER READING

8:30 AM-Bert Saddler

11:00 AM-Bruce Clydesdale

CHILDCARE:

8:30 AM-Norm & Lena
Bitterman, Emily Seydel

11:00 AM-Carol Esterhai,
Lynette Onitiri

JUNIOR CHURCH

Adele Larkin, Nicole Baldini

GREETERS:

Church Road

8:30 AM-Betty Dailey

Paper Mill Road

8:30 AM-Joyce & David Tyson

Church Road

11 AM-Judy Thudium

Paper Mill Road

11 AM-Al & Marla Griffith

BUS DRIVER

Andy McAuley

SUNDAY HELPERS NOVEMBER, 2009

NOVEMBER 22

CHURCH OPENER

Rich Maienshein

CLOSER

Craig Reif

USHERS

8:30 AM

Rick Collier, Norma & Wendy Hawk, George Hemphill

11:00 AM

Denise McAuley, Dave & Jean Hoerr, Craig Reif

TRUSTEES

Craig Reif, Rich Maienshein, Peggi Strouse

ELDER READING

8:30 AM-Paul Allen

11:00 AM-BJ Harrison

CHILDCARE:

8:30 AM-Anne Silks, Pauline Keene

11:00 AM-Marie Kiessling, Ginny Reynolds

JUNIOR CHURCH

Lee Ann & Danielle Dahme

GREETERS:

Church Road

8:30 AM-Kathy Trinkle

Paper Mill Road

8:30 AM-Chuck & Diane Maurer

Church Road

11 AM-Mildred Halsted

Paper Mill Road

11 AM-Jean & John Heiser

BUS DRIVERS

Craig Reif, Paul Fariss

NOVEMBER 29

CHURCH OPENER

Al Myers

CLOSER

Jim Wade

USHERS

8:30 AM

Tim Metz, Ron Pfister, Edgar Keene, Jim Goebel

11:00 AM

Kit & Stephan White, Denise McAuley, AJ McAuley

TRUSTEES

Kathy Edinger, Carol Esterhai, Jim Wade

ELDER READING

8:30 AM-Bill McClain

11:00 AM-Bruce Clydesdale

CHILDCARE:

8:30 AM-Melinda Williamson

11:00 AM-

JUNIOR CHURCH

Susan Frey, Casey Conway

GREETERS:

Church Road

8:30 AM-Norma Hawk

Paper Mill Road

8:30 AM-Janet & Frank Seydel

Church Road

11 AM-Bob Wilkinson

Paper Mill Road

11 AM-Esther & Harold Grier

BUS DRIVERS

Dick Dunlap, Gregg Lodes

DEACONS

FLOWER DELIVERY

Jeanne Plieninger

Nancy Chestek

PASTOR BACKUP

Jeanne Plieninger

Andy McAuley

AMBASSADORS

November 1

November 8

Ginny Lavin

November 15

November 22

Pat Travis

November 29

AMBASSADORS TABLE

November 1

8:30 AM-Ginny Reynolds

11 AM-Nancy Chestek

November 8

8:30 AM-Ginny Lavin

11 AM-Janine Hall

November 15

8:30 AM-Cathy Breish

11 AM-Bob Schulz

November 22

8:30 AM-Pat Travis

11:00 AM-Ruth Lester

November 29

8:30 AM-Donna Major

11:00 AM-Ann Bray

**ORELAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES – OCTOBER 18, 2009**

Where is God leading us as a church since we have left the PCUSA and joined the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Your Session has been meeting and praying for direction from God. At our Special Meeting on October 3, 2009, we reviewed the Current Mission Statement of OEPC and the Definition of a Missional Church from EPC to determine our priorities and vision for ministry.

We were lead by God to focus on three main areas: Shepherding, Evangelism and becoming a Missional Church.

SHEPHERDING - ENCOURAGING WITHIN CONGREGATION

Treat members like family – support them

Blanket all areas of the church – youth – nursery school – vbs – worship,

Training of leadership and congregation, New Attendee recognition

Why do we need Shepherding? Hebrews 10:25, John 21: 15-19, Psalm 28:9

EVANGELISM – EQUIPPING THE CONGREGATION TO REACH OUT

Training the congregation to witness to members and the community

Determine community need to participate in helping with specific needs in the community.

Why do we need Evangelism? Matthew 28: 19 - The Great Commission

The Session has called a TOWN HALL MEETING on Sunday, November 8, 2009 to present and promote to the congregation the ideas and vision that we have been led to by God to focus upon: Shepherding, Evangelism and the Missional Church. The meeting will be lead by Elders from the Shepherding, Evangelism, Global Mission and Stewardship Ministry Teams. Child -care will be provided. .

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 – 9:45 - WORSHIP 10:00 - 11:00

TOWN MEETING 11:00 – 12:30 – POT LUCK LUNCHEON 12:30 - ?

What is a Missional Church? Are we a Missional Church?

A missional church grasps that God is a missionary God and that "it is not so much that God has a mission for his church, but that God has a church for his mission in the world."

A missional church believes that the mission of God is rooted unalterably in the Bible, God's infallible word. Therefore, a missional church believes that the essence of God's mission is to extend the reign of God and is summed up in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A missional church is a visible community of authentic disciples of Jesus Christ who gather for celebration, prayer and teaching and then disperse locally and globally as His missionaries to love and serve people. In so doing, a missional church both pursues and welcomes those who are searching sinners as they are drawn into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The greater purpose in all of this is that the earth will be filled with the worship of God.

A missional church believes that it is more than a collection of individuals, but that it is a community called together by God both to love Him and to serve Him.

A missional church is concerned with more than maintaining programs for existing members; it is called to mobilize itself, its people- both individually and as a community- to daily self sacrifice for the hurting world around them. **A missional church is both inwardly strong and outwardly focused.**

A missional church perceives that the essence of these things is the essence of its existence. Therefore, a missional church will constantly seek to reevaluate itself as to whether or not its emphasis, organization, and activity effectively positions the church to partner with God in His mission.

OEPC STATEMENT OF MISSION

Called by God and led by the Holy Spirit, it is our mission to love God and carry out Christ's work by encouraging the spiritual vitality and **fellowship** of believers equipping them to spread God's word **into the community and beyond, to the glory of God.** Revised October 3, 2009