

March Session Highlights (Meeting held on April 1) :

- After opening with prayer, members of Session jumped into our continued study through Colin Marshall and Tony Payne's book "The Vine Project." We looked at pathway stage 4: 'Equipping' which asked some tough questions on where we as a congregation are in regards to equipping the congregation in growing in their faith. The section gave some good points to which the CE team is going to look at and discuss what might be implemented.
- We also spoke of excitement about the different groups within our church that are growing. The Youth and Kidz Connect were a part of that conversation. It was acknowledged that even though our kid's connect is going well the 'connection' between the parents of the kid's connect families and OEPC is still a large gap. Session is supportive of the work that Charlotta, Graham and the CE team are doing to plan 'connection' points with the families and OEPC church members over the summer. It is a matter of prayer that relationships will take place between these two groups and that more Pre-school families will feel welcome and begin to come and check us out. It was also noted and another matter of prayer that we as session members don't miss those who come through our doors each week! We are thankful and are looking to be intentional in reaching out to folks we may not know too well.
- Session approved a few more teachers for the upcoming 'Christ in the Psalms' class that will begin in our next cycle.
- We noted and are excited the Ed Trinkle has joined the staff as the new facilities manager here at OEPC! We are thankful for his heart for this church and the gifts that he brings to that role.
- We also recognized the service of Bob Asher and are thankful for Bob and Joyce's faithful participation in this place. We are thankful for the many years of service that Bob has given serving as an elder and pray God's blessing, and what God is doing in their lives at this season in their lives. Thank you Bob!
- Looking forward to our times of worship coming during Holy Week. We are excited to welcome Graham as he leads in the Good Friday Service. Maundy Thursday will be a communion service lead by Pastor Dan.
- Thankful to the POTE team in all their preparations for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting taking place April 25-26. We will host a worship service on Friday evening at 7 pm to which the congregation is encouraged to come and join the delegates from EPC churches throughout our Presbytery. We are looking forward to the Rev. Housworth as he will be bringing the message that evening.
- Touched on the upcoming work of ART, the planned congregational update/ walk-through in May and their focus on helping to present phased plans to the congregation.
- Excited for the work of the 75th anniversary team
- The nominating team is hard at work praying and seeking out individuals who are called by God to serve on one of the three boards. If you have been approached by John, please be in prayer for this very important role.
- Had a wonderful closing prayer time praying for many in our congregation who are going through some very difficult health concerns.
- Next meeting Tuesday April 29; at 7 pm