

Crossings

August 2014

Greetings from Pastor L'Anni Hill,
sabbatical/summer pastor

As of this writing I am about halfway through the summer and have enjoyed it thoroughly! You all are such a warm, gracious, caring community, easy to be around. You are also very gifted in many ways, whether creatively through music and design, or organizationally, getting things done -- or in people-skills.

Oglethorpe Presbyterian has faced some challenges this summer: construction projects overseen daily by Bill Cox (last I heard he was "standing in a hole"), an unusually high number of folks facing illness and surgery, followed up with quickly by the deacons, as well as Cheryl Hartman (who now has a "de-stress-bunny" on her desk) and Linda Hawthorne. Cheryl has done an amazing job of keeping the office together, with help from Donna Poseidon and Alexandria Stephenson...to name a few. The fact that things are running smoothly even with Marthame's absence indicates that together you all have done a good job of making sure the church hasn't become too "personality-driven".

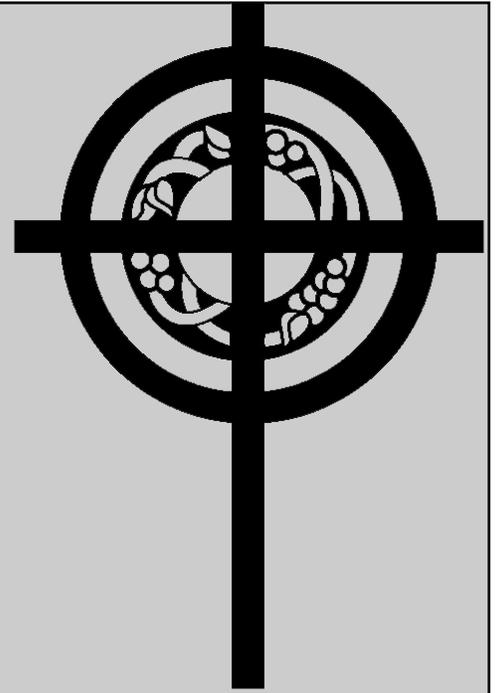


Special healing prayers will be part of our worship service on August 10th with the laying on of hands.

I sense the spirit of Christ at work and am praying that through the summer sermons, we will see Christ's face more clearly and "learn of Him" as well.

Be blessed!
L'Anni

Don't Forget:
Scheduling Resumes August 3rd
Sunday Schedule returns to:
Sunday School for all Ages 9:45
Worship 11:00



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Next Deadline
August 20, 2014

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CLERK'S CORNER

Mary Ann Hawthorne

The Session of OPC met on July 20, 2014 and the following items were decided.

- Approved the Session minutes from June 15, 2014
- Received the June Clerk's report
- Approved giving the pew located in the hall behind the sanctuary to Dunwoody Adult Day Care--- Georgia Gunter's new business
- Discussed the move of the ICR congregation. ICR has signed a new lease with OPC which will be on a month to month basis. They have purchased a building near 85 and 285 and will move before the end of the year.
- Tabled any action on Narthex expansion. Will be discussed at a later date.
- Discussed next class for Stewards of Children Training. All remaining pre-school teachers and substitutes will be required to attend. Bill Cox and Cortlandt Minnich will bring this before the Pre-school Board.

Session meetings are open meetings and are held the third Sunday of every month following worship.

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church has an open book policy. To view the financials or minutes, make an appointment with the church office.

In Memoriam

Gary Chmielewski
(brother of Diane Blovet)

*Nothing in all creation
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



DEACONS

People in Our Prayers

Jim Coulter; Mark Stephens (Cortlandt Minnich's friend); Roland Greene; Elaine Stephenson (Geoff's mother); Bill Coble; Grant Gossling (nephew of Rachel Isley); Pat Morrison; Jack Krantz (Barbara Landes' Brother in Law); Ashleigh Range (friend of Sarah Kennedy); Christina Wu (mother of Judy Wu); Diane Leyburn; Barbara Pinson, Betty Jackson, Eleanor Frazier, Christopher Gummere, Judy McKinley (friends of Genie Stringer); Floyd Vann; Karen Emory; Chris and Dakota Matthews (John Gunter's family); Diane Powell; Jody Hand; Karen Zacek (Amy Chance's mother); Guadalupe Villareal (Francisco Flores' uncle); Joe Hensley (JoAnn Kearns' father); Martha Hyduke (Pat Morrison's family); Bob Allison (Steve's father); Jerry Crouse, Sophie Essex, and Sharon Kirkpatrick (Victoria Weaver's friends); Jerry Romano (Amanda Marshall's father); Owen Mulvaney (Marshall's friend); Nick Isley (Rachel's cousin); Lee Andrews (Elizabeth Sanders' mother); David Vickers (Lorraine Jones Wynn's friend); Louise Timmons (Brock & Eleanor's Timmons daughter-in-law); Denny Spear (Balmers' friend); Harmon Family (Mary Ann Hawthorne's friends); Brian Delinski; Dave Kelley (Diane Leyburn's cousin); Jeff & Erin Schneider (Betty Dalziel's friends); Jake Buchanan (Margy Jones' family); Guy and Lee Marley; John Suder; ; Beth & Steve Cunningham (Beth's brother); Mary Ratliff; Doug Hill (Eleanor Timmons' brother-in-law); Fiona Isham (Cassidy's friend); Dolly Azar (Coulter's friend); Jane Newton (Kyle's family); Diana Miller (Jim Coulter's cousin); Dan Hagler (Bo's father); Frances Bockman (Marthame Sanders' cousin); Rachel Galotti; Al Paul; Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's nephew); Hilde Hildebrandt (Chris Hagler's mother); Connie Delinski; Mary Zumot; Martha Stoy; Florence and Helen Ottah Aleh (Florence's mother); friends at Journey Night Shelter; Heath Rada (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Marthame Sanders and family on Sabbatical. *Condolences to the family of Gary Chmielewski (brother of Diane Blovet) at his death.*

Calendar: August, 2014



STEWARDS SERVING

August 3, (worship moves to 11am):

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Chris Hagler; **usher/greeters:** Ingrid Kelly, Jamil Zainaldin; **usher/counters:** Julia Berry, Georgia Gunter; **sound/open:** Brandon Cassidy; **refreshments:** Earline Wilcott; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

August 10:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Jeff Chance; **usher/greeters:** Cindy Alexander, Ruth Anderson; **usher/counters:** Donna Poseidon, Jim Anderson; **sound/open:** _____; **refreshments:** Carey Morris; **PowerPoint:** Tamara Lopata; **nursery:** Mark Kelly.

August 17:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Jamil Zainaldin; **usher/greeters:** Carol Moore, Cortlandt Minnich; **usher/counters:** Nancy Minnich, Adam Weaver; **sound/open:** Bill Cox; **refreshments:** Diane Leyburn & Eleanor Timmons; **PowerPoint:** Weston Manders; **nursery:** Geoff Stephenson.

August 24:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Eleanor Timmons; **usher/greeters:** Christopher Soltis, Pat Morrison; **usher/counters:** Carl Texter, Julia Berry; **sound/open:** Brian Pierce; **refreshments:** Debra Hogan; **PowerPoint:** _____; **nursery:** Gabby Paterson.

August 31: (L'Anni's last Sunday at OPC)

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Reyn Langwell; **usher/greeters:** Jean Cox, Dan Delinski; **usher/counters:** Mary Ann Hawthorne, Victoria Weaver; **sound/open:** Mark Kelly; **refreshments:** Svetlana Sobolevskaya; **PowerPoint:** Christopher Soltis; **nursery:** Rachel Paterson.

September 7: (Marthame Returns)

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Linda Morris; **usher/greeters:** Charles Hawthorne, Eleanor Davis; **usher/counters:** Paul Reynolds, Donna Poseidon; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **refreshments:** _____; **PowerPoint:** Brian Pierce; **nursery:** Barbara Coble.

September 14:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Ingrid Kelly; **usher/greeters:** Steve Green, Molly Pierce; **usher/counters:** Eka Cox, Brandon Cassidy; **sound/open:** Jean Cox; **refreshments:** _____; **PowerPoint:** _____; **nursery:** _____.

Regular Meetings

(except when noted elsewhere)

Weekly

Sundays:

9:00- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
10:00am Worship

Tuesdays:

10am Food Pantry at Suthers Center
8pm Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)

Wednesdays:

5:15pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)
6:15pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Fridays:

10 am Food Pantry at Suthers Center
8pm Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)

Monthly

Third Sundays after Worship
Session Meeting

Fourth Saturdays

OPC Serves Dinner at Journey

THANK YOU

I want to thank all my wonderful church family for your prayers, calls, visits, cards, food, flowers and concern you have shown during my recent illness.

Each of you have no idea how much your well wishes have lifted my spirit and helped to speed my recovery.

You are truly a blessing in my life, and I thank The Lord for your love and friendship.
Pat Morrison

Thanks to all of you who have been so kind to me these past few months. I appreciate the lovely cards and messages, the delicious food and mainly the caring.

Warmly, **Diane Leyburn**

DEACONS

Thanks to all who have returned their **information forms**. If you have not, the completed forms can either be sent back to your deacon, or placed in the offering basket on Sunday.

Preparing for Marthame's Return

We will be celebrating Marthame's homecoming on Sunday, September 7th with a "welcome Marthame back to the South" catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall after worship. We'll welcome our pastor back home to the South with a good meal and a fun time! Our theme will be borrowed from the oldie "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree." Make that "Tie Yellow Ribbons Round OPC." Our own Cathy Poley will sing.



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Marthame will want to hear about our summers too. During August, will you take a few minutes and prepare a personal update for Marthame, to bring him up to date on what happened in your life while he was away. Paper and envelopes will be available during the

August worship services, or you can mail a letter to the office (mark it "welcome back letter"). If you prefer email, please send it to info@opcbrookhaven.org. All letters and email are confidential and will be set aside for Marthame to see on his return.

Questions? Contact a member of the Pastor Renewal Planning Team: John Gunter, Linda Hawthorne, Mark Kelly or Donna Poseidon.

Oglethorpe Presbyterian's Annual Thank You Luncheon

Please join us for a delicious lunch, catered by the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees on **Sunday, August 10 at 12:15!** Everyone is invited! We "Thank you" and are so appreciative of the time and service you give to Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Ministries to care and meet people's needs with love and humility.

Many thanks to all of our wonderful members and friends of OPC Church for proving every day of your life the pure love of Christ "never faileth." In the New Testament, ministry is seen as service to God and to other people in His name. Jesus provided the pattern for Christian ministry—He came, not to receive service, but to give it.

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Ministries



Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church
The community is our congregation.

Adult Sunday School, Atlanta Ministry to International Students, Bargain Shop, Building and Grounds, Children's Sunday School, Food Pantry, Greeters/Ushers/Counters, Habitat for Humanity, Journey Night Shelter, Liturgists, Men's Retreat, Music, Nursery, PowerPoint, Preschool, Refreshments, Sound, Ushers, Women's Retreat, Worship, and for providing congregational care for those going through difficult times

FINANCE

Charles Hawthorne

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

		<u>Jun-14</u>	<u>YTD 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$	30,563	172,546	151,810	20,736
Expenditures		<u>26,570</u>	<u>163,566</u>	<u>157,981</u>	<u>5,585</u>
Surplus/(deficit)		3,993	8,980	(6,172)	15,151
Cash increase/ (decrease)		1,828	(8,016)	(18,730)	10,714
Beginning bank balance		216,370	226,213	148,678	77,535
Ending bank balance		218,197	218,197	129,948	88,250
Loan balance	\$	<u>62,458</u>	<u>62,458</u>	<u>94,738</u>	<u>(32,280)</u>

- Thanks to your faithfulness, receipts are up by \$20,736 from last year and we are nearly \$9,000 in the black.

- Receipts and expenditures do not include Capital Campaign but bank balance does. Bank balance also includes a grant of \$33,007 from the Lily Foundation for Pastor Marthame's sabbatical during 2014.

OPC has an "open book" financial policy: for more information, contact the Treasurer, Barbara Landes at 404-931-3897.

MISSION

Emily Texter

Lisa Majoros, Executive Director, with **Atlanta Ministry with International Student**, will be visiting OPC on Sunday, Aug. 17. You are invited to the Halfway Room at 10:00 to learn about the different ways that you can participate with **AMIS**. OPC members are encouraged to be friends with an international student, studying in one of Atlanta's 17 colleges and universities this fall. To be a friend or an amigo volunteer means that you call or email the student, and invite him or her to a meal or an event, continuing the relationship as you both desire and as time allows. Please volunteer on the AMIS website: www.amis-inc.org/hosts-amigo or call [404.846.4396](tel:404.846.4396) for questions.

The **Bargain Shop** will hold its next sale Sept 4-6. Start cleaning out your closets for this special project that gives 100% of the proceeds to the Food Pantry.



Deborah Walker-Little and daughter, Hailey visits with Emily Texter



The **Food Pantry** needs volunteers! If you have a few hours to help on Tuesday or Friday mornings, please contact Linda Jones for details.

The **OPC Food Pantry** served 238 households during the month of June. This is a total of 912 persons, including 401 children and 19 seniors. We distributed 632 bags of food which totaled 9685 pounds.

Deborah Walker-Little, Executive Director with **Interfaith Outreach Home**, met with the Missions committee on July 15 to share news about IOH, which provides 10 apartments for transitional housing for homeless families. She also talked about the proud history of OPC helping found IOH, and how for many years Deloris Wallace provided Christmas trees for each of the families. IOH helps families who have been homeless rebuild their lives with financial guidelines, emotional support, and life skills training.

FINANCE

Charles Hawthorne

Mid-Year Financial Update

Our 2014 revenue budget contains two major areas of income. The first is revenue from pledges, which is budgeted at \$230,000, and the second is non-pledged income, which is budgeted at \$45,000.

Historically, our cash flow in the summer months is slow. True to form, half-way through the year, we have only received 38% of our budgeted pledged income, rather than 50%. In addition, based on what we have received in non-pledged income through June, we anticipate having a short-fall in our non-pledged income, even though that part of our budgeted income was helped greatly by the recent successful fund raising through which we met a \$12,500 challenge gift.



Please remember your financial commitments to OPC, and if you are in a position to help with our anticipated budget deficit, it would be greatly appreciated.

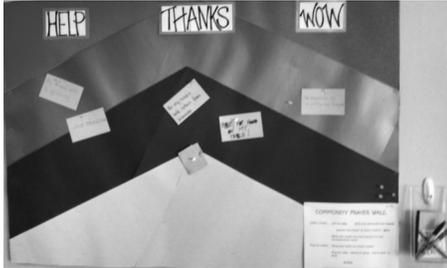
EVANGELISM

Donna Poseidon

Have you seen the Community Prayer Wall in the reception area just inside the glass door entrance? Please stop by when you can!

Inspired by the idea of an OPC member, the Prayer Wall is a central place for the entire Oglethorpe Presbyterian community to share prayer requests and gives us an opportunity to pray for one another.

You're invited to write a simple, anonymous prayer on a colored card for sharing with the community. It can be a prayer for help, something you are thankful for, or a prayer to express the wonder of God's love. Even if you do not write a prayer, consider pausing and lifting up another's prayer request. Cards are removed



regularly so check frequently.

Imagine the power of knowing others are praying with and for us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kristi Stephenson

Do you like children? Are you interested in helping them grow in their faith and understanding of being a Christian?

We are looking for people who are willing to work with the children of Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church and teach Sunday School on a rotation basis from September through May.



The curriculum has a short video then a lesson for each week. Most weeks there is an activity or craft for the children to do and the preparation time is short.

Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 starting back on August 3. You can come try a week or two and then decide.

Talk to Kristi Stephenson or Cheryl Hartman to get more information

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church

Starting August 3 Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am • Worship: 11am
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