

Crossings

October 2014

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Kristi Stephenson

Christian Education for All!

New Members Class offered October 12, 19 and 26

Interested in learning more about Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church? Want to know what makes us tick? Just curious what the heck a "Presbyterian" is anyway? Come and learn with us on October 12, 19, and 26, at 9:45am. Questions? Contact Pastor Marthame at marthame@opcbrookhaven.org

Young Adults Class - meets in the Parlor

If you are interested in meeting other young Christians to learn, talk, fellowship and get to know, this may be the class for you. This class is just forming and working together to figure out what is on the Sunday morning agenda and what more people may want.

Traditional Bible Study - meets in the library

This is our every Sunday Bible Study which delves into a deeper understanding of what the Bible means to us. From learning about the land to the archeology to languages - there is nothing that is out of the possible with this group.

Children - meet down the hall from the Sanctuary

Children from 3 to 12 and up meet in the first room on the right on the same level as the Parlor and Sanctuary. The class is a video based class that includes very interactive learning with arts and crafts to help teach the Bible Story. Be sure to take your craft home with you.

Nursery - at the end of the hall on the Sanctuary level

Our nursery has moved and during the Sunday School time there will be crafts (mostly coloring) and activities to help teach the Sunday School lesson from the curriculum.

If you are looking for a different kind of class, please let us know.

We hope everyone finds a class here to meet your needs and help you grow in faith and understanding.

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CHURCH STAFF

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:45am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Next Deadline
October 20, 2014

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CLERK'S CORNER

Mary Ann Hawthorne

The Session of OPC met on September 21, 2014 and the following items were decided:

- Approved a preliminary budget for 2015 for the purpose of the Stewardship Campaign
- Approved the recommendations related to our Child Protection Policy
- Approved items related to our Facilities Usage Plan

MISSION

Emily Texter

The **Bargain Shop** raised \$4265.00 with the last sale. The entire amount goes to support the **Food Pantry**. We greatly appreciate the hard work by Pat Morrison and Jan Thomas and scores of volunteers who worked for 8 days to raise this money. The next sale will be the first weekend in December. You can help by volunteering, purchasing, and donating household goods, toys, Christmas decorations, and clothes. A group will meet on Thursday, October 16 at 11:00 in the library to start organizing the next sale. All are invited to participate.



The **Food Pantry** needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays. See Linda Jones for more details.



The Atlanta Ministry with International Students

Can one person or one family make a difference toward achieving world peace? International students are arriving at Atlanta area universities and would like to make American friends. If you would like to be a friend to an international student contact **Atlanta Ministry with International Students** at <http://www.amis-inc.org/hosts>. The Welcome Concert and Reception will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 4:30 at Sisters Chapel at Spelman College. It is free and all are invited to attend.

DEACONS

People in Our Prayers

Layla Graham, Clark & Cathy Hopper, Sam Whitfield (Steve Greene's friend); Chris Walker; Roberta DaVia; Guy and Lee Marley; Mary Shanks; Jean Williams (Pat Morrison's friend); Janice Dixon (Diane Powell's cousin); Steve Hayner (Columbia Seminary President); Tyronda Mackall (Samantha Cassidy's friend); Jim Coulter; Mark Stephens (Cortlandt Minnich's friend); Elaine Stephenson (Geoff's mother); Bill Coble; Grant Gossling (Rachel Isley's nephew); Pat Morrison; Jack Krantz (Barbara Landes' brother-in-law); Ashleigh Range (Sarah Kennedy's friend); Christina Wu (Judy's mother); Barbara Pinson, Eleanor Frazier, Christopher Gummere, Judy McKinley (Genie Stringer's friends); Floyd Vann; Karen Emory; Chris and Dakota Matthews (John Gunter's family); Diane Powell; Jody Hand; 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 and Connie Delinski; Dave Kelley (Diane Leyburn's cousin); Jeff & Erin Schneider (Betty Dalziel's friends); Jake Buchanan (Margy Jones' family); John Suder; Beth and 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); Frances Bockman (Marthame Sanders' cousin); Rachel Galotti; Al Paul; Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's nephew); Hilde Hildebrandt (Chris Hagler's mother); 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.)).

Calendar: August, 2014



STEWARDS SERVING

October 5:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Eleanor Timmons; **usher/greeters:** Linda Morris, Jeff Morris; **usher/counters:** Bill Cox, Georgia Gunter; **sound/open:** Geoff Stephenson; **refreshments:** Mary Frances Jung; **PowerPoint:** Mike Poley; **nursery:** Ingrid Kelly.

October 12:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Weston Manders; **usher/greeters:** Ruth Walker, Jennifer Soltis; **usher/counters:** Eleanor Timmons, Christopher Soltis; **sound/open:** Mike Lopata; **refreshments:** Mary Ann Hawthorne; **PowerPoint:** Trent Lopata; **nursery:** Steve Allison.

October 19:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Margy Jones; **usher/greeters:** Ric & William Paterson, Lisa Kelly; **usher/counters:** Mark Kelly, Jen Allison; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **refreshments:** Kristi Stephenson; **PowerPoint:** Bill Coble; **nursery:** Rachel Paterson.

October 26:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Elizabeth Parks; **usher/greeters:** Jeff Chance, Linda Jones; **usher/counters:** Brock Timmons, Amy Chance; **sound/open:** Jeff Morris; **refreshments:** Cindy Alexander; **PowerPoint:** Kelly Norris; **nursery:** Jean Cox.

November 2:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Jeff Morris; **usher/greeters:** Ingrid Kelly, Jamil Zainaldin; **usher/counters:** Julia Berry, ____; **sound/open:** Brandon Cassidy; **refreshments:** Lisa Kelly; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

November 9:

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

November 16:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Jeff Chance; **usher/greeters:** Carol Moore, Cortlandt Minnich; **usher/counters:** Nancy Minnich, Adam Weaver; **sound/open:** Bill Cox; **refreshments:** Margy Jones; **PowerPoint:** Weston Manders; **nursery:** Geoff Stephenson.

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

A big round of applause needs to go to Bill Cox for all of his work this summer helping keep our facilities in shape and our construction moving forward. Bill spent countless hours with our contractors and personally installing a required pressure reducing valve on our main water line. Bill, thank you for your dedication and donation of your time and talents to this ministry. The Construction Management Team headed up by Bill included John Gunter, Mark Kelly, Jean Cox and Cortlandt Minnich. Thank you for following this project through to completion. Decorating team was comprised of Amy Alt-Kellner, Ruth Anderson and Jean Cox. They helped pick the colors for the floors, walls and cabinets. A special thank you to Amy who came over to double check the colors and picked the countertops out for the bathrooms. She and her husband, Dimitri Kellner, own Creative Stone and heavily discounted the countertops so we could have high quality stone countertops.

WORSHIP

Jeff Morris

The Worship Committee knows that fall has just begun, but at the same time, we know that Advent will be upon us before we know it! Thinking ahead, we have decided that it would be wonderful to again have our own OPC Book of Advent Devotions. Since we will need time to prepare and publish the devotional, we are getting started now!

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to write a devotional for one day during the Advent season, November 30 through December 24. We have a calendar on the bulletin board in the hall leading to the sanctuary for two weeks beginning October 5. Please choose a day and sign your name on it.

We will send you some Lectionary scriptures that you may choose from to inspire your Advent reflection, or feel free to write about what Advent in general or this particular day in December means to you.

Also, please feel free to call Elizabeth Parks (229-942-2866) or Ingrid Kelly (770-337-4716) if you have any questions, need help, or would like to see samples of some of our old OPC devotionals.

STEWARDSHIP

Cindy Alexander

A friend was recounting his recent experience at *The Discovery of King Tut*, an exhibition at Kansas City's Union Station. It told the story of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 and featured a full-size burial chamber and reproductions of each item found in it.

My friend was struck by the lengths the ancient Egyptians went to to inherit eternal life. The labor of digging out enormous amounts of rock, of fabricating (then burying) lovely articles of pure gold and gems, of placating a seemingly endless number of gods, and then of trying (almost always in vain) to protect it all from grave robbers...

Christians have a different approach, exemplified in Luke's gospel. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength; and your neighbor as yourself."

It's true, sometimes that can seem as hard as digging out enormous amounts of rocks, etc. Love can be challenging! We have the example of Jesus, who also said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

FINANCE

Charles Hawthorne

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

		<u>Aug-14</u>	<u>YTD 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$	34,932	224,685	206,592	18,093
Expenditures		<u>32,061</u>	<u>222,108</u>	<u>213,646</u>	<u>8,462</u>
Surplus/(deficit)		2,871	2,577	(7,054)	9,631
Cash increase/ (decrease)		(4,881)	(59,979)	(25,098)	(34,882)
Beginning bank balance		171,115	226,213	148,678	77,535
Ending bank balance		166,234	166,234	123,581	42,653
Loan balance	\$	<u>56,957</u>	<u>56,957</u>	<u>89,443</u>	<u>(32,485)</u>

● All of the numbers are moving in the right direction and we have a surplus of \$2,577 year to date.

● Receipts and expenditures do not include Capital Campaign but bank balance does.

Fluctuation in the bank balance was magnified by receipt and disbursement of \$44K grant from the Lily Foundation for Pastor Marthame's sabbatical.

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

EVANGELISM

Donna Poseidon

Fall Events at OPC

Fall is here and there are many family-oriented events coming up. Mark your calendars, invite friends and neighbors and join the OPC family in celebrating the season.

Screen on the Green is Saturday, October 4 at 7 PM on - where else? - the green. OPC's front lawn at the corner of Lanier and Woodrow is the perfect spot to enjoy a family-friendly movie 'al fresco'. Bring a



blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy! Popcorn and beverages will be available. A favorite of OPP Preschool and neighborhood families, there is plenty of room for all.

On Friday, October 24 from 6 to 8 PM the Oglethorpe Presbyterian Preschool Spaghetti Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall. This annual OPP fundraiser is a great opportunity for OPC members and OPP families to gather in community and share a homemade meal. A few tickets will be available at no charge to OPC folks who volunteer to assist OPP staff with children's activities the night of the dinner. See Donna Poseidon (dposeidon@roadrunner.com) for to discuss volunteering.



Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 26 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on the upper parking lot. An OPC tradition, Trunk or Treat gives young children a safe and friendly alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Decorate your car and hand out treats, or prepare snacks for parents while their children are filling their Halloween goodie bags. Sign-up sheets will be available closer to the event.

OPC's fall events are one way we show that the Community is our Congregation and are a terrific opportunity for fellowship. Plan to be a part of the fun!

OPC Welcomes Preschool Families

OPC extended a warm welcome to our Preschool parents and students at two events during the start of the OPP year. On Parent Orientation night in late August, OPC's Evangelism team joined OPP staff in greeting parents, staffed an information table and gave away gift bags to help familiarize parents with our Christian Education program and worship services.



The first day parents and students came to school in September they were greeted by OPC staff and Evangelism team members as well as Preschool staff. Our Cheryl Hartman created a First Day of School backdrop perfect for family photos. Smiles were everywhere as OPC snapped pictures for the parents on this special day.

THANK YOU

You are an amazing and loving church. This has been evident since the first day I started work here, and my love and appreciation for the members of this congregation and the congregation itself continues to grow each and every day.

I was shocked and humbled by the gift the church gave me for "summer appreciation". Your generosity is amazing and I am reminded of God's love and grace through the words of support, hugs and your gift.

Philippians 1:3-5 I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

Cheryl Hartman

"Thank you" doesn't seem adequate to express my gratitude to all of you - my OPC family - for your help, support and good wishes after my recent accident. You called, sent texts, emails and cards. You prepared food and helped with transportation. And you continue to pray for me. I have improved quickly, and I know much of this is because of you. OPC is an incredible community of faith and I feel so fortunate to be a part of it.

With gratitude,
Donna Poseidon





STEWARDSHIP
Cindy Alexander

OPC is offering the Stewards of Children class to the community on September 29 from 6-8.30 pm (RSVP required by 9/26 to Cheryl) and October 4 from 9.30am- noon (RSVP required by 10/4 to Cheryl). Cost is \$15 for the book and class certificate for CEUs (National Association of Social Workers & National Board for Certified Counselors) available.

Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences. In fact, 1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. Stewards of Children addresses child sexual abuse in the context of today's issues, features a combination of survivor stories, expert advice, and practical guidance, and shows how a simple, 5-step approach can protect the children you love from sexual abuse.

Cheryl Hartman - Cheryl@opcbrookhaven.org
For more information on the program see D2L.org

Join us for a Fun-Filled Kick-Off to the 2015 Stewardship Campaign and our 65th Anniversary Celebration on **OCTOBER 5**, in the Fellowship Hall after our church service.



Enjoy a short presentation of pictures "through the years." Our Finance and Stewardship Committees will provide data on church finances and stewardship. Plus, we will enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Pig N Chick. Our annual campaign is about sharing our treasure as well as our time and talent. *Together in Faith* as good stewards requires we support our church. Treasure is as important to the OPC mission as Time and Talent. Without your financial support, OPC could not carry out any of its programs, which have a significant impact on people's lives.

DATED MATERIAL

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