

Oglethorpe Presbyterian

Crossings

June, 2017

We Belong...

*In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.*

*With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*- The Brief Statement of Faith of the
PC(USA)*

*We belong to the light,
we belong to the thunder
We belong to the sound of the words
we've both fallen under
Whatever we deny or embrace
for worse or for better
We belong, we belong,
we belong together*

- Pat Benatar

Belonging. Maslow's hierarchy of needs lists belonging as one of the basic needs of human beings. Physical needs (like air, water, food, clothing and shelter) and safety are the only needs more basic than the need for belonging.

This need to be accepted as part of a group, if unmet, can create loneliness, anxiety, and even depression. No wonder there are so many songs about belonging, whether as part of a couple, a family, or a larger group. No wonder we often use words like family, tribe, and community to describe our social groups.

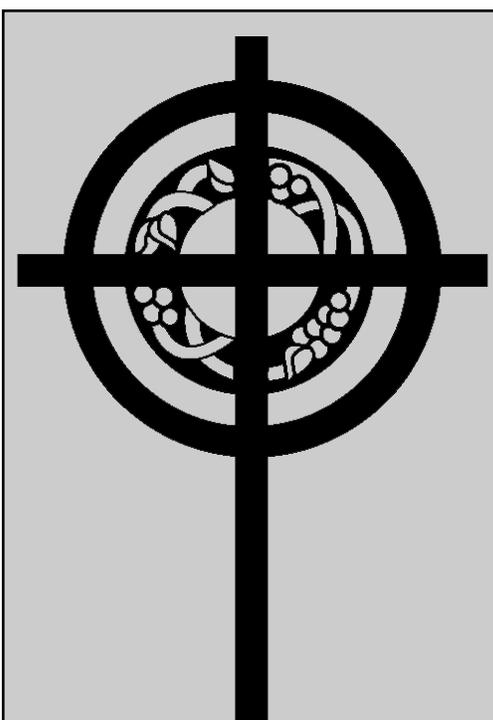
To define oneself as part of couple, a family, a tribe, a community, or a church necessarily means to define oneself as in and others as out of the group. There are boundaries to the group. And more often than not, there are affinities that a group shares, whether they are values, beliefs, identities, or rituals.

As basic as this need is, how we go about meeting this need and what we are to do about it in the world isn't the same for everyone. Case in point, Pat Benatar and the Brief Statement of Faith of the PC (USA). While the need is the same, who we belong to and what that means is interpreted differently in the two statements.

In June, we will begin a series called "Belong" as we continue to explore what it means for OPC to be a church for and with the community around us. We will set songs like Pat Benatar's alongside the biblical witness. We will explore the who, what, why, and how of belonging while also affirming that indeed we belong to God.

Come, explore and grow together.

Grace and peace,
Jihyun



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**Next Deadline for
Crossings
June 20, 2017**

Approved use of facilities by Beyond Play for this summer

Approved by an 8"x 8" brick as a Session and having the words,

"Connecting, Growing, Serving"

Approved moving worship to 10 am in June and July

Approved not holding Christian Education classes in June and July

Approved Communion for the last Sunday of June and the last Sunday of July

Approved use of \$4800 from designated funds to fix drainage issue in Memorial Garden/Chapel area; authorized Buildings and Grounds Committee to get estimates and handle repairs

Approved use of the church parking lot by St. Martin's for their Fall Festival on 10/21/17

Approved contacting a list of preachers to preach on June 18 and July 2, when Jihyun is out of town

Scheduled a congregational meeting for June 25 for the purpose for voting on the slate of proposed church officers (elders, deacons)

People in Our Prayers

Carolyn McCrary (Jane & Ken Young's friend); Gib Landes; Virginia Quillian; Stewart Cobb (Diane Powell's friend); Diane Powell; The Rev. Denise Anderson and The Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston (Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)); Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church during our transition.

In Memoriam

Bruce Hall
(Suthers Center)

Marion Weltner Cannon

*Nothing in all creation
will be able to separate us
from the love of God*

The PNC thanks all who participated in the Community Café luncheon and discussion on May 7th! The information gathered at this event is proving extremely valuable as we continue our process of discerning God's will for the pastoral leadership of OPC. By design, that process is highly deliberative and time-consuming, and the PNC appreciates the congregation's patience. We expect to begin receiving applications from pastoral candidates in early summer.

YOUR SUTHERS CENTER NEEDS YOU!

Even regular volunteers take summer vacations...and we need lots of people to help fill their volunteer slots. Suthers would love to introduce you to volunteering to help those in need in our area. Help is needed on the shop floor, in the food pantry, during Emergency Assistance (especially if you can help our Spanish speaking clients).

Suthers is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 -4:30; Sunday and Wednesday 1 - 4:30. Volunteer shifts are 10 - 1 or 1 - 4:30...you are welcome to stay all day too!

Please email Elizabeth Beck at sutherscenter.org to volunteer.



OPC has new giving options! Visit www.opcbrookhaven.org to learn more or download the GIVE+ app on your smartphone!

Monthly Calendar



Stewards Serving Sunday, June 4:

liturgist: Jeff Chance; **ushers/greeters:** Bill Balmer, Emily Texter; **ushers/counters:** Carl Texter, Margy Jones; **sound/open:** Mark Kelly; **Refreshments:** Diane Leyburn and Eleanor Timmons, **PowerPoint:** Steve Allison; **nursery:** Deborah O'Donnell.

Stewards Serving Sunday, June 11:

liturgist: Reyn Langwell; **ushers/greeters:** Linda Morris, Jeff Morris; **ushers/counters:** Bill Cox, Georgia Gunter; **sound/open:** -----; **Refreshments:** -----, **PowerPoint:** Mike Poley; **nursery:** -----

Stewards Serving Sunday, June 18:

liturgist: John Gunter; **ushers/greeters:** Ric & William Paterson, Lisa Kelly; **ushers/counters:** Mark Kelly, -----; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **Refreshments:** Earline Willcott, **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Jean Cox.

Stewards Serving Sunday, June 25:

liturgist: Elizabeth Parks; **ushers/greeters:** Jeff Chance, Mike Poley; **ushers/counters:** Brock Timmons, Amy Chance; **sound/open:** Jeff Morris; **Refreshments:** -----; **PowerPoint:** Kelly Norris; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

| | <u>Apr-17</u> | <u>YTD 2017</u> | <u>YTD 2016</u> | <u>change</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Receipts | \$ 29,481 | 88,387 | 89,985 | (1,598) |
| Expenditures | 22,279 | 102,601 | 109,565 | (6,964) |
| Surplus/(deficit) | <u>7,202</u> | <u>(14,214)</u> | <u>(19,580)</u> | <u>5,366</u> |
| Beginning bank balance | \$ 136,363 | 127,584 | 141,716 | (14,132) |
| Cash increase/ (decrease) | <u>7,941</u> | <u>16,720</u> | <u>(29,302)</u> | <u>46,022</u> |
| Ending bank balance | <u>144,304</u> | <u>144,304</u> | <u>112,414</u> | <u>31,890</u> |
| Loan balance | \$ 98,603 | 0 | 98,603 | |
| Reserve funds | \$ 48,751 | 57,137 | (8,386) | |
| Reserves - months of budget expense | 1.7 | 2.0 | (0.3) | |

• Receipts are down from 2016 due to: a decrease in pledge giving of \$2,456, the preschool is a month behind in rent, \$4,000 but we received \$6,250 for movie parking!

• YTD Expenditures are down \$6,964 as the Session is closely watching expenses in this transition.

• Reserve fund is total of designated reserve fund plus retained earnings

OPC has an open book financial policy: for more information, contact the Treasurer, Jardon Bouska via email: jtbouska@comcast.net

Regular Meetings

(except when noted elsewhere)

Weekly

Sundays:

11am Worship

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

5:45pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)
6:45pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

Fridays:

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

Monthly

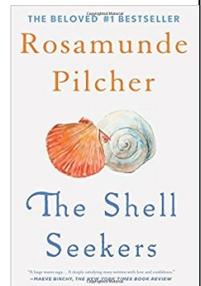
Fourth Sundays after Worship
Session Meeting

Calendar Events & Notes

Our next **church workday** is Saturday, **June 10**, from **9am to 1pm**. Please join in and help keep your church in good shape.

Book club

will be in the Parlor at OPC Monday June 19 at 7:00 where we will be discussing *The Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher. If you would like information about joining the book club, contact Margy Jones at mjbailey@aol.com



Dinner on Buford will be Monday, June 12, 6:30, at Las Delicias de la Abuela, 5600 Buford HWY NE

Brunch Off Buford will be Saturday, July 29 at Oriental Pearl Seafood Restaurant, 5399 New Peachtree Rd, Chamblee

Summer Worship

During June and July, our Sunday worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. We also expect to hold some summer worship services in the Chapel instead of the sanctuary - stay tuned for dates and details! Finally, communion will be served on June 25 and July 30 (the last Sunday in each month). Please join in giving praise to God in the cool of summer mornings!

We will not have Sunday School during June or July while the worship time moves to 10. Sunday School will return in August.

Our 16th Habitat build is well under way and we are making good progress. The build continues thru June 24th (with the exception of Memorial Day weekend). Volunteers are still needed and all skill levels are welcome!



Join us each Saturday as we help another Atlanta family realize their dream of home ownership. Since parking is somewhat limited, we typically carpool from the church and meet at 7:00 a.m.

If you would like to participate, please use the following link to register. If you don't like to register on line please let Jeff Chance (678-547-3545) know by Wednesday of each week if you will be attending.

Here is the link to register:

www.churchpartners.atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church

• **Worship: 10am in June & July**

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If you don't want to receive this by mail, please contact the church office: 404.233.5469, cheryl@opcbrookhaven.org