

Crossings

January, 2015

STEWARDSHIP

Cindy Alexander

Together in Faith

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Together in Faith 2015 Stewardship Drive. As you know, Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church relies on its members to finance everything from day-to-day operations to mission trips to maintenance of our sanctuary. Thank you!

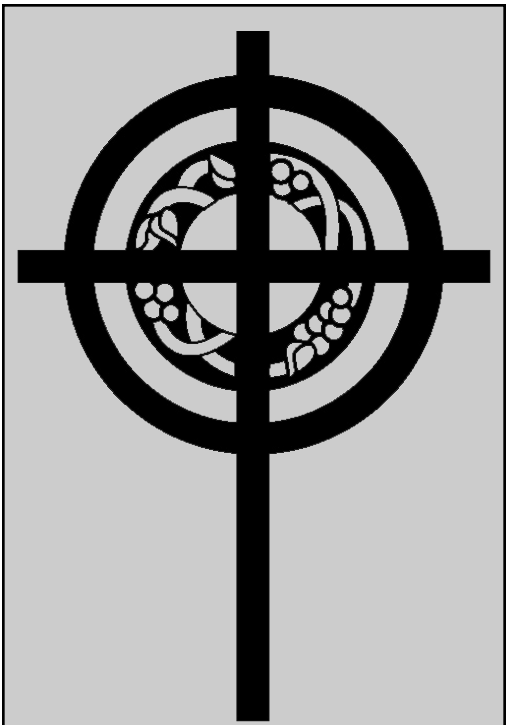
Planned Giving Program

Happy New Year! As we look forward to all that God is preparing for us in 2015, we are excited to introduce our Planned Giving Ministry, which we have named, The 1949 Society, the year OPC was founded. This is the next step in the development of our Stewardship Program, which has grown tremendously over the past couple years.

Planned Giving is a way to remember OPC in your will and estate planning. This is a wonderful way to honor what OPC means to you. We are not asking for any contributions right now, just that you prayerfully consider giving a legacy gift to OPC.

This is a new program for us. More detailed information will be mailed in a couple weeks which outlines our policies and program. We are fortunate to have a wonderful resource, Mr. Robert Hay from the Presbyterian Foundation, who is going to lead an informal educational session on Sunday February 22nd, following the worship service. Please come and learn more about planned giving, creating a will, and other opportunities for charitable giving through estate planning.

Jardon Bouska and Jennifer Sterner-Allison, Co-Chairs



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:45am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Next Deadline
January 20, 2014



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The community is our congregation.

From Brandon Cassidy

In April, 2013, Samantha and I were blessed with the birth of our baby boy. A month later, two of our best friends had their first child, Fiona, who was born completely deaf. After 20 months of worry, prayer, and a cochlear implant last month, Fiona can now hear her parents say the three most powerful words in the world, "I love you". Thank you.

Fiona's name is off the prayer list. However, with great sadness I have replaced Fiona's name with the name of another couple who lost their twins due to pre-term labor, and they have been deeply suffering for months. Once again I find myself at a loss. It's hard to console someone for a loss that you haven't personally experienced. I pray for them nightly hoping that their wounds will heal.

Thank you all for your prayers. I will pray for you and your loved ones, and hope your short-term pains are greatly overshadowed by the long-term good that God sends your way.

In Memoriam

Rick Isley

(Rachel Isley's cousin)

Evelyn Clegg

MISSION

Emily Texter

The recent Bargain Shop sale from December 3-6 was very successful, and raised \$ 3563.98 of which 100% goes to support the Food Pantry. We greatly appreciate all of the hard work and long hours that Pat Morrison and Jan Thomas spent in organizing the volunteers and displaying the merchandise. For the year 2014, the Bargain Shop sales have raised \$10,962. The dates for the 2015 sales will be April 30-May 2 and Nov. 5-7. Thank you to all of the volunteers, the shoppers who supported the sales, and the people who made donations.

People in Our Prayers

Joe & Stacey Yeager; Jim & Anna Coulter; Betty Dalziel; Penny Hill (Executive Presbyterian, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); Barrett Bouska; Debbie Smith (Mike Poley's sister); Amy Chance; Steve Greene; Patricia Livingston (Georgia Gunter's cousin); Alva Stanford Boggs (Weston Manders' grandfather); Sam Whitfield, Georgia Lozoff, Roland Greene (Steve Greene's friends and family); Mary Ann Edmonton, Norma Gutierrez, Ed Colburn (Earline Wilcott's friends); Don Levine (Balmers' friend); Mark Heimiller (Kelly Norris' nephew); Caren Perry (Charlotte Osgood's daughter); Bill Bertolet (Donna Poseidon's father); Mallory Kate (Brian Pierce's friend); Horace Cox (Bill's father); Tricia Igleheart (Cindy Alexander's friend); Mary Smith; Dennard Family; Merritt Pearson (Jan Thomas' friend); Roberta Davia; Lee Marley; Mary Shanks; Jean Williams; Janice Dixon (Diane Powell's cousin); Steve Hayner (Columbia Seminary President); Tyron Mackall (Samantha Cassidy's friend); Bill Coble; Grant Gossling (Rachel Isley's family); Christina Wu (Judy Dominick's mother); Barbara Pinson, Eleanor Frazier, Christopher Gummere, Judy McKinley (Genie Stringer's friends); Chris and Dakota Matthews (John Gunter's family); Diane Powell; Joe Hensley (JoAnn Kearns' father); Bob Allison (Steve's father); Jerry Crouse and Sophie Essex (Victoria Weaver's friends); Lee Andrews (Elizabeth Sanders' mother); Louise Timmons, Doug Hill (Timmons' family); Tyler Harmon (Mary Ann Hawthorne's friends); Brian and Connie Delinski; Dave Kelley (Diane Leyburn's cousin); Jeff & Erin Schneider, Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's friends and family); Michelle Sekelsky (Margy Jones' family); John Suder; Steve Cunningham (Beth's brother); Mary Ratliff; Dolly Azar (Coulter's friend); Jane Newton (Kyle's family); Frances Bockman (Marthame Sanders' cousin); Rachel Galotti; Al Paul; 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: January, 2015



STEWARDS SERVING

January 4 (communion):

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Margy Jones; **usher/greeters:** Ruth Walker, Paul Reynolds; **usher/counters:** Eleanor Timmons, Christopher Soltis; **sound/open:** Mike Lopata; **refreshments:** Emily Texter; **PowerPoint:** Trent Lopata; **nursery:** Rachel Paterson.

January 11 (communion):

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Children's Liturgists; **usher/greeters:** Ric & William Paterson, Lisa Kelly; **usher/counters:** Mark Kelly, _____; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **refreshments:** Earline Wilcott; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Jean Cox.

January 18:

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:** Jan Thomas; **PowerPoint:** Kelly Norris; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

January 25:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir; **liturgist:** Chris Hagler; **usher/greeters:** Ingrid Kelly, Jamil Zainaldin; **usher/counters:** Julia Berry, _____; **sound/open:** Brandon Cassidy; **refreshments:** Jean Cox; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Mark Kelly.

February 1:

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

February 8:

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:** Linda Hawthorne; **PowerPoint:** Samantha Servidio; **nursery:** Rachel Paterson.

February 15:

music: Tim Hsu; Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir; **liturgist:** Linda Morris; **usher/greeters:** Emily & Thomas Paterson, Pat Morrison; **usher/counters:** Mary Lee Williams, _____; **sound/open:** _____; **refreshments:** Steve Allison.

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

Calendar Events

Go **OUT to Lunch** at Oglethorpe University on Sunday, January 4!

Book Club is Monday, January 12 at Marianne Martin's. We will be discussing *A Country Year* by Sue Hubbell.

Save the date for the **Women's Retreat**: March 13-15, 2015.

Our next **church workday** is Saturday, **January 10, from 9am to 12pm.**

Georgia State Tax Credits and Supporting Our Preschool

Did you know you can make a donation that supports Oglethorpe Presbyterian Preschool and get a credit for your Georgia State Taxes?

In 2008, the Georgia General Assembly passed the original legislation creating the Georgia Qualified Education Expense (QEE) Tax Credit Program. Under this program, individuals and corporations can make tax-credit donations to authorized non-profit organizations which can then fund scholarships at private schools in Georgia, including schools recommended by the donors.

In 2015, we are partnering with GaSSO (the Georgia Student Scholarship Organization, Inc.) to facilitate these tax credits and student scholarships.

All you have to do is sign up at <https://www.georgiasso.us/DonationForm.html> to save your place in line. Be sure to do so before January 1! All signing up does is reserve your place in line. You can choose how much to give by March 1.



The Georgia QEE Tax Credit Program allows for the following limits:

- For individuals who are single, up to \$1,000;
- For individuals who are married, up to \$1,250;
- For married couples filing jointly, up to \$2,500;
- For C Corporations, up to 75 percent of their Georgia income tax liability;
- For members of limited liability corporations (LLCs), shareholders in Sub-chapter 'S' corporations, and partners in partnerships, up to \$10,000.

The amount of tax credits that can be taken is limited to the donor's tax liability or actual donation amount, whichever is less.

FINANCE

Charles Hawthorne

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

	<u>Nov-14</u>	<u>YTD 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$ 29,302	309,573	291,496	18,077
Expenditures	<u>27,691</u>	<u>305,101</u>	<u>298,358</u>	<u>6,743</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	1,610	4,472	(6,862)	11,334
Cash increase/ (decrease)	(1,199)	(96,724)	41,775	(138,499)
Beginning bank balance	130,689	226,213	148,678	77,535
Ending bank balance	129,490	129,490	190,453	(60,963)
Loan balance	\$ <u>48,642</u>	<u>48,642</u>	<u>81,436</u>	<u>(32,795)</u>

- In November, revenue exceeded expenses by \$1,610, and year to date it has exceeded expense by \$4,472.
- We have an insurance claim of \$7,400 for the telephone system that will be paid in December and as a result, we will be slightly behind in revenue compared to expenditures for the year.
- Receipts and expenditures do not include Capital Campaign funds, but bank balance does. Fluctuation in the bank balance is magnified by receipt and disbursement of \$44K grant from the Lily Foundation for Pastor Marthame's sabbatical.

Please bring or send your end of the year pledges and contributions to the church by December 30. If you would like to discuss matters related to the end of the year, please contact our Treasurer, Barbara Landes.



Poinsettia Dedications



Given by:

Dwane & Pat Morrison

Virginia Quillian

Virginia Quillian

A Friend

A Friend

A Friend

Christopher & Jennifer Soltis

Christopher & Jennifer Soltis

A Friend

A Friend

A Fellow Volunteer

Donna Bertolet Poseidon

Donna Bertolet Poseidon

The Weavers

Genie Stringer

Mary Lee Williams

Charles & Linda Hawthorne

The Minnich Family

The Minnich Family

Heather Bogle

Paul Reynolds

Paul Reynolds

Maggie & Jay Thorne

Debra Hogan

Ekaterina & Bill Cox

Ekaterina & Bill Cox

Chancel Choir

Leanne, June & Rachel Isley

Rachel Isley

Jean & John Cox

Jean & John Cox

Carl & Emily Texter

Diane Leyburn & Family

Margy Jones, Sr.

Margy Jones, Jr.

Charlotte Osgood

Charlotte Osgood

Brock & Eleanor Timmons

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Ingrid Kelly & Jamil S. Zainaldin

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Alec & Cindy Alexander,

Cathy & Mike Poley, and Chuck Alexander

In honor of Charles & Linda Hawthorne

In memory of Osborne Quillian

In memory of Sue Quillian

In honor of Mark & Lisa Kelly

In honor of Bargain Shop Friends

In honor of Hilde Hildebrandt

In memory of Kathryn Grace Soltis

In memory of John Soltis

In honor of Pat Morrison

In honor of Jan Thomas

In honor of Linda & Food Pantry Volunteers

In honor of William Bertolet III

In memory of Roberta Bertolet

In memory of George Leymeister

In memory of Leila Stringer

In honor of Miriam Paul

In honor of the OPC Deacons

In honor of Carlton Adams and Peg & Chuck Minnich

In memory of Nancy F. Adams

In memory of Ted Kloss

In honor of Lois Reynolds

In memory of Clarence Reynolds

In honor of James & Anna Coulter

In memory of James & Helen Stine

In honor of Svetlana Sobolevskaia & Levan Jorjishvili

In memory of Kathryn Kennedy Cox

In honor of Dr. Tim Hsu

In honor of Arnold & Lori Isley

In memory of Ted Kloss

In honor and memory of family & friends

In memory of Tim Cox

In honor of family

In honor of Boyd Leyburn, Jr

In memory of Lawrence M. Jones, Sr.

In memory of Miles and JoAnn Hanlon

In honor of Pastor Marthame Sanders & family

In honor of Cheryl Hartman, Program Support

In honor of Whitney & Drew, spouses and children

In memory of Anne & Pat Thompson, Jr.

and Elmira & Cy Timmons, Sr.

In memory of Virginia & James Deen

In memory of George & Eva Kelly, Todd Kelly,

and Norbert Bruchmann

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John W Miller

In memory of Mrs. Sterling Davis

Fill Our Freezer!

As you may know, the deacons provide meals for families at times of celebration and struggle. We would love your participation in this ministry of care!

We are asking members of the Oglethorpe Presbyterian community to bring meals to add to our newly donated freezer.

For more information, contact Margy Jones (mnjbailey@aol.com).

Special Service and Luncheon January 25

As part of our January 25, 11am worship service, we will have a special healing liturgy. We had such a positive response to the liturgy we did this summer that we have decided to share in these prayers again.

Following worship, the deacons are hosting a potluck luncheon downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Look for more details on what to bring and share!

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