

Oglethorpe Presbyterian

Crossings

April, 2016



Oglethorpe Presbyterian Preschool
April 23, 2016

Preschool Auction and Fundraiser!

Dust off your boots and join us for great food, drinks, and music as we bid our way to a successful night! Come to our annual Preschool fundraiser on Saturday, April 23, at 7pm.

Auction items include those donated from our local business community and our children's artwork. All proceeds will go to capital improvements and student scholarships.

We hope see you there!

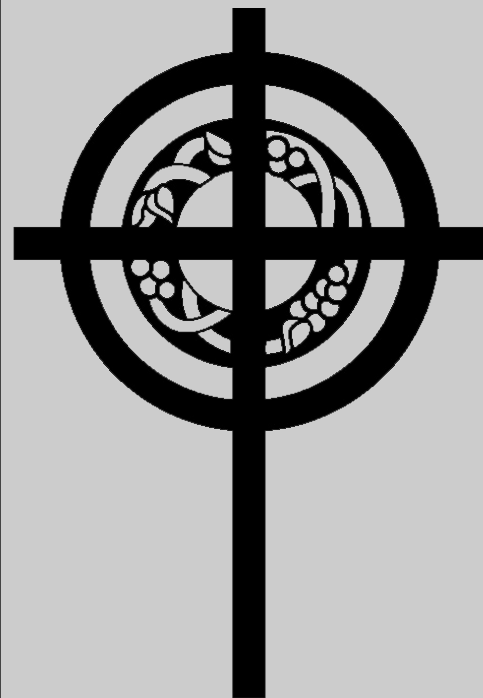
Saturday, April 23, at 7pm

**Oglethorpe University
Conant Theater
4484 Peachtree Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30319**

\$50 per person (includes food, drinks)

**Send checks to:
Oglethorpe Presbyterian Preschool
3016 Lanier Drive, NE
Atlanta, GA 30319
or purchase at the door**

Questions: Oppspring2016@gmail.com



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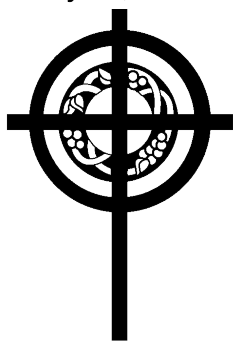
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All Members of OPC

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:45am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Next Deadline
May 20, 2015



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The community is our congregation.

DEACONS

People in Our Prayers

Grace Moon; Chantal Jordan; Wemette Family (Lorraine Wynn's friends); Trish Ashby; Bradley Bonecutter (Amy's brother); Margy Jones, Sr.; Nancy Mackenzie (Marthame's friend); Nancy Freeman (Emily Edwards' mother); Virginia O'Donnell (Chris' mother); Condit Lotz, Betsy McLeod, Jean Williams (Pat Morrison's friends); Jean Chance (Jeff's mother); Levan Jorjishvili; Pam Whitney; Donna and Pete Brown (Austin's parents); Annisa Wyatt; Greg Smith (Newtons' friend); Betty Dalziel; Cary Hestad (Mimi Averill's family); Stacey Calvin's family; Madden Family (Rappoles' friends); Billy Hawthorne (Charles' family); Jung Soon Park (John's mother); Karen Jenkins (Linda Jones' family); Ann Campbell; Roberta DaVia; Janet Larry (Susannah's family); Krissie Weeks (Marianne Martin's sister); First Presbyterian Americus; Cameron Lester; Jarrod Finn; Mary Doras, Merritt Pearson, Terri Leslie (Jan Thomas' friends); Tim Siders, Mick Crouse (Cheryl Hartman's friend); Angela Olsen (Kristi Stephenson's family); Pat & Paul Poley (Mike's family); Ken Wilkerson (Heather Bogle's friend); Jim & Anna Coulter; George Konow, Patricia Livingston, Chris & Dakota Matthews (Gunters' family); Robert Dosh, Sam Whitfield, Georgia Lozoff, Martha Zea, Alan Greene, Roland Greene (Steve Greene's friends and family); Don Levine (Balmers' friend); Mark Heimiller

(Kelly Norris' family); Mallory Kate (Brian Pierce's friend); Horace Cox (Bill's father); Mary Smith; Lee Marley; Mary Shanks; Tyron Mackall (Samantha Cassidy's friend); Bill Coble; Tim Simons; Joy Rogers, Roger Mudd, Kit Young, Julie Bleier, Barbara Pinson (Genie Stringer's friends & family); Phil Lord, Sophie Essex (Victoria Weaver's friends and family); Lee Andrews (Elizabeth Sanders' mother); Doug Hill (Timmons' family); Tyler Harmon (Mary Ann Hawthorne's friend); Brian Delinski; Dave Kelley (Diane Leyburn's family); Jeff & Erin Schneider, Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's friends and family); John Suder; Mary Ratliff; Dolly Azar (Coulter's friend); Pat Lee, Jane Newton (Kyle's family); Al Paul; Mary Zumot; Martha Stoy; Journey Night Shelter; Penny Hill (Executive Presbyterian, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); Heath Rada (Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Haas Miller
(John Cox's aunt)

Bernice Hill
(Emily Texter's friend)

Grant Gossling
(Rachel Isley's family)

*Nothing in all creation
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
-Romans 8

CLERK'S CORNER

Mary Ann Hawthorne

The Session met on Sunday, March 20 and approved the following:

- Approved the Facilities Plan and amendments to the wedding policy
- Approved pursuing a co-sponsorship of refugee resettlement family through New American Pathways
- Called a congregational meeting for Sunday April 17, to act on the Nominating Committee's slate of

elders and deacons: Bill Cox and Emily Texter (elders, class of 2017); John Gunter, Mike Lopata, Elizabeth Parks (elders, class of 2019); Marianne Martin, Debbie O'Donnell (deacons, class of 2018)

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

Calendar: April 2016



STEWARDS SERVING

April 3:

liturgist: John Gunter; **usher/greeters:** Ric & William Paterson, Lisa Kelly; **usher/counters:** Mark Kelly, Diane Powell; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **refreshments:** Margy Jones; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Jean Cox.

April 10:

liturgist: Elizabeth Parks; **usher/greeters:** Jeff Chance, _____; **usher/counters:** Brock Timmons, Amy Chance; **sound/open:** Jeff Morris; **refreshments:** Debra Hogan; **PowerPoint:** Kelly Norris; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

April 17:

liturgist: Chris Hagler; **usher/greeters:** _____; **usher/counters:** Julia Berry, _____; **sound/open:** Brandon Cassidy; **refreshments:** Nancy Minnich; **PowerPoint:** Ric Paterson; **nursery:** Mark Kelly.

April 24:

liturgist: Jeff Morris; **usher/greeters:** Cindy Alexander, _____; **usher/counters:** Donna Poseidon, _____; **sound/open:** Jesse Rappole; **refreshments:** Genie Stringer; **PowerPoint:** Tamara Lopata; **nursery:** _____.

May 1:

liturgist: Jeff Chance; **usher/greeters:** Earline Willcott, Cortlandt Minnich; **usher/counters:** Nancy Minnich, Adam Weaver; **sound/open:** Bill Cox; **refreshments:** Jennifer Sterner-Allison; **PowerPoint:** Brock Timmons; **nursery:** Gabby Paterson.

May 8:

liturgist: Linda Morris; **usher/greeters:** Emily & Thomas Paterson, Pat Morrison; **usher/counters:** Mary Lee Williams, _____; **sound/open:** _____; **refreshments:** Kristi Stephenson; **PowerPoint:** Ramsay Sanders; **nursery:** Steve Allison.

May 15:

liturgist: Georgia Gunter; **usher/greeters:** Jean Cox, _____; **usher/counters:** Mary Ann Hawthorne, _____; **sound/open:** _____; **refreshments:** Connie Phillips; **PowerPoint:** Christopher Soltis; **nursery:** _____.

Regular Meetings

(except when noted elsewhere)

Weekly

Sundays:

9:45am Adult Sunday School

9:45am Children's Choir
and Chancel Choir

10am Children's Sunday School

11am 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

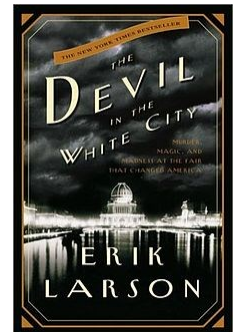
OPC Serves Dinner at Journey

Calendar Events

Book club for April will be at Eleanor Timmon's home Monday April 11th at 7:00

PM where we will be discussing *The Devil in the White City*. If you would like more information on the OPC book club contact Margy Jones

(mnjbailey@aol.com)



Our next church workday are Saturday, April 9, from 9am to 12pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Steve Allison

Celebrating Graduates!

We want to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates! Have you graduated (or will you graduate) from high school, college, or graduate school in 2014, 2015, or 2016? If so, please let us know so we can celebrate with you! Contact Pastor Marthame (marthame@opcbrookhaven.org, 404.233.5469).

Children's Mission Giving

Oglethorpe Presbyterian children collected money during Lent to help those in need. They raised over \$110 allowing us to send the gift to the Presbyterian Missions to go towards one piglet, one family of chickens 3 sets of tilapia fingerlings (total of 675 little fish). What a great job for our small group to raise!

Thanks to Our Easter Stewards!

Thank you for your help with **Easter!** So many people chipped in to make Easter work this year. Special thanks go to Edyie for being our Hospitality Queen from 6:30 am through 1 pm.

We had over 200 people in worship on Easter Sunday. The egg hunt was a great success with some eggs hidden in holes and under pine straw. Thank you to everyone who brought food, filled eggs, helped with hospitality and helped proclaim that Christ Is Risen!

Hope we see everyone again!

ADMINISTRATION

Charles Hawthorne

Financial Summary

		<u>Feb-16</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$	20,416	43,426	48,074	(4,648)
Expenditures		25,278	48,977	53,110	(4,133)
Surplus/(deficit)		<u>(4,862)</u>	<u>(5,551)</u>	<u>(5,035)</u>	<u>(515)</u>
Beginning bank balance	\$	140,367	141,716	158,067	(16,351)
Cash increase/ (decrease)		<u>(8,786)</u>	<u>(10,135)</u>	6,079	(16,213)
Ending bank balance		<u>131,581</u>	<u>131,581</u>	<u>164,146</u>	<u>(32,564)</u>
Loan balance	\$		5,859	43,054	(37,195)
Reserve funds	\$		70,606	73,129	(2,522)
Reserves - months of budget expense			2.4	2.6	(0.2)

- Two months into the year, we are about where we would expect to be. Receipts are down primarily because there was an additional "ask" in Feb 2015.
- The Capital Campaign loan will be retired in April. Thanks to all for paying their pledges.
- Receipts and expenditures do not include Capital Campaign but bank balance does.
- Reserve fund is total of designated reserve fund plus retained earnings

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

MISSION
Emily Texter

Town Hall Meeting April 24

The Mission Committee will host our town hall meeting following worship on April 24 to share information about Oglethorpe Presbyterian mission projects.



Our Souper Bowl donations raised \$563.32 on Feb. 7. We donated the money collected from the Souper Bowl to the homeless ministry of the Mercy Community Church.



We start building our fifteenth Habitat for Humanity home in early May. There is a wide range of volunteers needed each Saturday in May and June. Thank you for your support in February toward our goal of \$3,000. We still need about \$200-\$300 to meet that goal. See Jeff Chance for more information.

The Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday morning and Friday morning from 10-12 at the Suthers Center in Chamblee. Contact Genie Stringer for more information.

Volunteers are needed the 4th Saturday of each month to bring dinner to the homeless shelter. For almost 30 years, The Journey Night Shelter at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church has provided dinner, hospitality, a shower, a safe night's sleep, breakfast, and counselling for up to thirty homeless men who are actively seeking work. But it's more than bringing dinner - it's about encouraging people to seek God's dreams and God's best for their lives. Please sign up on the bulletin board for 2016. Visit: the new website at www.journeyshelter.org.

Oglethorpe Mission Committee

Mission and outreach are central to our identity at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. Our mission programs are a way to serve those in need and also provide opportunities for us to share our time, talents, and resources. The Mission Committee meets on the second Tuesday at 6pm. To find out more about how you can get involved in these missions, contact Emily Texter at emilytexter@bellsouth.net.

FELLOWSHIP
Jean Cox

Women's Luncheon

The women will have a luncheon on Saturday, May 21, in the Fellowship Hall. Rebekah Carpenter will present a program "Ancient Voices, Our Voices", where modern characters reflect on stories of women in the Bible so that those stories transform their lives.

Questions? Contact Georgia Gunter and Linda Morris.

We will have more information soon!

MISSION
Emily Texter

New American Pathways

Pastor Marthame and several Oglethorpe members met with Jill Oglesby Evans, pastor from Emory Presbyterian Church, and several Emory members to discuss how our two congregations could work together to sponsor a refugee family.

Working through New American Pathways, we have numerous opportunities to offer a hospitable hand, following our Biblical call to “welcome the stranger”.

All those who are interested are invited to a potluck dinner at Emory Presbyterian on Tuesday evening, May 24, to learn more about this opportunity. We will also hear from a representative from New American Pathways.

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting mission, contact Emily Texter at emilytexter@bellsouth.net.

For more information about New American Pathways, visit their website:
www.newamericanpathways.org.

For a full listing of New American Pathways volunteer opportunities, visit:
www.newamericanpathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Volunteer-Opportunities-List-1.22.16.pdf.

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