

# Crossings

May, 2016

## Welcome, New Members!



Matt and Jennifer Kim relocated to Brookhaven from Middletown, Delaware, in November of last year. Matt is the Controller for AGL Resources and Jennifer is a stay-at-home Mom. They have two children: Samuel (6), who attends kindergarten at St. Martin's Episcopal School and Grace (3), who is in the Koalas at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Preschool.

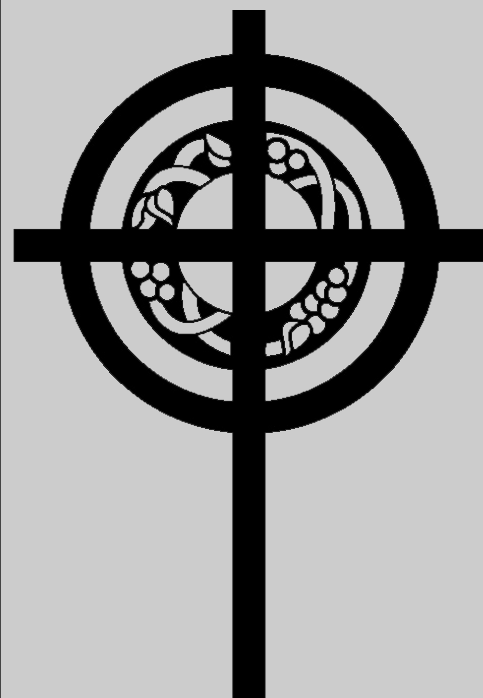
Austin and Jenna Brown first met through their love of non-profit work, and were engaged three months later, they were engaged. Austin was born in Georgetown, South Carolina, and Jenna is from Atlanta. They were married in Asheville in 2013 and welcomed their son, Stafford, in August of 2015. Stafford was baptized at Oglethorpe Presbyterian in December. The Browns now live in Sandy Springs.



Adam and Victoria Weaver met while attending the University of Georgia. Originally from Pittsburgh, Adam works in public accounting for Hancock Askew. Victoria, who was born in Manchester, England, works in finance for Newell Brands. They welcomed their daughter, Norah, in August, 2015, and she was baptized at

Oglethorpe Presbyterian in April. The Weavers found Oglethorpe Presbyterian in 2011 while searching for a pastor to marry us, which led them to their church home!

We welcome you all!



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CHURCH STAFF

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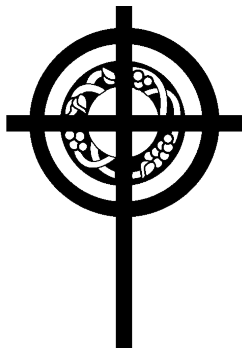
Ministers

All Members of OPC

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:45am Adult Sunday School  
9:45am Chancel Choir  
9:45am Children's Choir  
10am Children's Sunday School  
11 am Worship

*Next Deadline*  
May 20, 2015



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The community is our congregation.

**People in Our Prayers**

Trish Ashby; Emily Texter; 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, Tony Zacek (Chances' family); Svetlana Sobolevskaia; 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); Don Collier, Billy Hawthorne (Hawthornes' friends and family); Jung Soon Park (John's mother); 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); Mary Ann Hartman, Tim Siders, Mick Crouse (Cheryl Hartman's friends & family); 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); Mallo-ry Kate (Brian Pierce's friend); Hor-ace 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); Tom Weaver, Phil Lord, Sophie Essex (Weavers' friends & family); Lee Andrews (Elizabeth Sanders' mother); Doug Hill (Timmons' family); Tyler Harmon (Mary Ann Hawthorne's friend); Brian Delinski; Dave Kelley (Diane Ley-burn's family); Jeff & Erin Schneider, Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's friends and family); John Suder; Mary Ratliff; Pat Lee, Jane Newton (Kyle's family); Al Paul; Mary Zumot; Martha Stoy; Journey Night Shelter; Penny Hill (Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); Heath Rada (Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

**In Memoriam**

**Bernice Fleming**

(Jennifer Soltis' grandmother)

**Keith Moncus**

(Cheryl Hartman's friend)

**Dolly Azar**

(Coulter's friend)

*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, April 17 and approved the following:

- Moved June and July worship to 10 am
- Scheduled worship in the chapel on Sunday, June 26, and Sunday, July 24, and on the front lawn on Sunday, June 12, with communion served at all three services
- Appointed Jardon Bouska as Assistant Treasurer
- Approved the Preschool's launch of a Kindergarten class in the Fall

- Approved a targeted ask to cover asbestos remediation
- Welcomed Austin and Jenna Brown, Ethan Gillespie, Heather Hartman, Matt and Jennifer Kim, Jennifer Reifschneider, and Adam and Victoria Weaver into membership

*Session meetings are open meetings and are usually held the third Sunday of every month following worship. Our open-book policy includes our finances and session minutes.*

# Calendar: May 2016



## STEWARDS SERVING

### 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:** Elizabeth Parks; **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:** \_\_\_\_\_.

### May 22:

**liturgist:** Eleanor Timmons; **usher/greeters:** Charles Hawthorne, Eleanor Davis; **usher/ counters:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; **sound/open:** \_\_\_\_\_; **refreshments:** Chris & Deborah O'Donnell; **PowerPoint:** Brian Pierce; **nursery:** \_\_\_\_\_.

### May 29:

**liturgist:** \_\_\_\_\_; **usher/greeters:** Steve Greene, Jennifer Soltis; **usher/ counters:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; **sound/open:** \_\_\_\_\_; **refreshments:** Edyie DaVia; **PowerPoint:** \_\_\_\_\_; **nursery:** \_\_\_\_\_.

### June 5:

**liturgist:** Elizabeth Sanders; **usher/greeters:** Kelly Norris, \_\_\_\_\_; **usher/ counters:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; **sound/open:** Jean Cox; **refreshments:** Amanda & Mimi Averill; **PowerPoint:** Mary Ann Hawthorne; **nursery:** Kristi Stephenson.

### June 12:

**liturgist:** Donna Poseidon; **usher/greeters:** Bill Balmer, Emily Texter; **usher/ counters:** Carl Texter, Margy Jones; **sound/open:** Mark Kelly; **refreshments:** Diane Leyburn & Eleanor Timmons; **PowerPoint:** Steve Allison; **nursery:** Deborah O'Donnell.

## 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 will meet **Monday May 9th** at 7:00 PM at Mary Smith's home where we will be discussing *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. If you would like more information on the OPC book club contact Margy Jones (mnjbailey@aol.com)



Our next church workday is Saturday, **May 14**, from 9am to 12pm. We will be focusing on cleaning out the Red Room, de-cluttering the Lobby, and moving storage around to streamline it.

### Next Communion

May 15 (Pentecost)  
May 26 (Trinity Sunday)

## DEACONS

### What Deacons Do

When someone breaks a hip, has a hospitalized child, loses a parent, is diagnosed with cancer, is depressed or lonely, welcomes the birth of a baby, or has other needs or concerns, the deacons are available to provide support and help. Oglethorpe Presbyterian has six ordained deacons who are specifically called to minister to those in need. Our deacons are Georgia Gunter, Debra Hogan, Margy Jones, Linda Morris, and Eleanor Timmons. In May, Eleanor will have completed three years of service, and Debra will have completed two years of service. We will welcome Marianne Martin, Debbie O'Donnell, and Rachel Paterson as new deacons to replace Eleanor, Debra and our dearly departed Linda Jones. Each deacon is assigned specific Oglethorpe members and friends to serve.

The deacons meet monthly with Pastors Marthame and Linda Hawthorne to discuss the needs of which they are aware and to pray for those in need. They plan how to address the identified needs: with visits, rides, food, calls, cards, or whatever seems most appropriate. Almost daily, e-mails flow between the deacons and staff about needs that have been identified

and support that is being provided or is needed. Many times, the deacons simply serve as coordinators, calling upon other church members to provide assistance and then coordinating those efforts. In fact, often times other Oglethorpe members are already providing support and assistance before the deacons even hear of the needs.

One of the most meaningful ministries provided by the deacons is the healing service. Since we are all in need of healing, be it physical, mental, spiritual or emotional, all are encouraged to attend. The service includes laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and prayer. The deacons also plan the All Saints memorial service where we celebrate the lives of those who have passed in the last year. The deacons also take communion to those who are unable to come to worship.

If you are in need of support or are aware of a church member or church friend who is in need of support, please contact one of the deacons or leave word with the church office.

## ADMINISTRATION

Charles Hawthorne

### Financial Summary

		<u>Mar-16</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$	25,893	69,320	86,426	(17,106)
Expenditures		37,017	85,994	91,422	(5,428)
Surplus/(deficit)		<u>(11,124)</u>	<u>(16,675)</u>	<u>(4,996)</u>	<u>(11,678)</u>
Beginning bank balance	\$	131,581	141,716	158,067	(16,351)
Cash increase/ (decrease)		<u>(15,817)</u>	<u>(25,951)</u>	<u>(7,676)</u>	<u>(18,276)</u>
Ending bank balance		<u>115,765</u>	<u>115,765</u>	<u>150,391</u>	<u>(34,627)</u>
Loan balance			\$ 2,934	40,110	(37,176)
Reserve funds			\$ 59,482	73,168	(13,685)
Reserves - months of budget expense			2.0	2.6	(0.5)

- Receipts are down from 2015 primarily because the additional "ask" in 2015 yielded donations of \$13,600 but pledges are also down.
- 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

## The Food Pantry

During the first quarter of 2016, the Oglethorpe Food Pantry at the Suthers' Center provided food to 776 families which includes 2,807 family members. So far this year they have given out 35,332 pound of food. Each family receives three large bags of canned goods, spaghetti, Mac and Cheese, bread, pastries, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, dish washing liquids, laundry detergent and fresh meat and milk when available.

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

## Journey Night Shelter

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. See the new website: [www.journeyshelter.org](http://www.journeyshelter.org).

## Mercy Community Church

OPC delivered coffee supplies to Mercy homeless ministry in April.

**FELLOWSHIP**  
Jean Cox

## 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 (404.233.5469, [marthame@opcbrookhaven.org](mailto:marthame@opcbrookhaven.org)).

## Habitat for Humanity

Our 15th Habitat for Humanity Build takes places Saturdays, May 7 through June 25! Please join us for this fellowship-filled event as we team up with other community churches. Contact Jeff Chance (678.547.3545, [hawkeyeca@aol.com](mailto:hawkeyeca@aol.com)) for more information.

## New American Pathways Refugee Resettlement

We are hosting a covered dish dinner and an informational discussion on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A representative from New American Pathways. Oglethorpe and Emory Presbyterian Church are considering co-sponsorship of a refugee family through New American Pathways. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy learning about this new mission project. Contact Emily Texter for more information ([emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)).

## Mission Committee at OPC

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. To find out more about how you can get involved in these missions, contact Emily Texter ([emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)).

## 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.

## A Special Giving Opportunity

Vintage buildings like ours provide unique challenges. We are in the process of tackling one of those challenges: replacing old tile flooring on the Fellowship Hall level (Hallway, Boiler Room, and Red Room).

When the older tile was installed, it was normal practice to use adhesive that contained asbestos as a fire retardant. We have since learned of the possible health risks that asbestos presents if the tile is broken, comes loose, or is otherwise dis-

turbed. As long as the tile is intact, the asbestos is safely sealed out of harm's way. The removal process is a specialized field requires licensing and careful monitoring to prevent any further risk as the tile is disposed.

We estimate that the total cost for replacement will be \$4,000. If you would like to give toward this opportunity, please send your contributions to the church marked accordingly. Thank you for your support!

"Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith that uses our gifts and resources to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus. We exist as a church not merely for ourselves – the broader community is our congregation." - from Oglethorpe Presbyterian's mission statement

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