

# Crossings

July, 2016

## Transition News

### Transition Team

Charles Hawthorne and Margy Jones will be leading a Transition Team until a new permanent pastor is installed. The team will assist in facilitating pastoral changes, communication, and the operations of the church.

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is providing a great deal of support and guidance to OPC. In the Presbyterian Church, there is a clearly defined process to follow when replacing a pastor. Both the Session and the Transition Team will be on the job and fully supported by an experienced group of professionals at the Presbytery. Most importantly, OPC is, as always, in God's hands.

### Worship During Transition

Until an interim pastor begins work at OPC, our Sunday sermons will be delivered by several "pulpit supply" preachers, some of whom are familiar to our congregation and some who are new to us. The sermons are sure to be interesting, so please join us in worship each Sunday!

Here is the schedule to this point:

**July 3:** Rachael Whaley Pate; **July 10:** Sue Balmer Jacobson;  
**July 17:** L'Anni Hill; **July 24:** Rachael Whaley Pate;  
**July 31:** Larry Owens

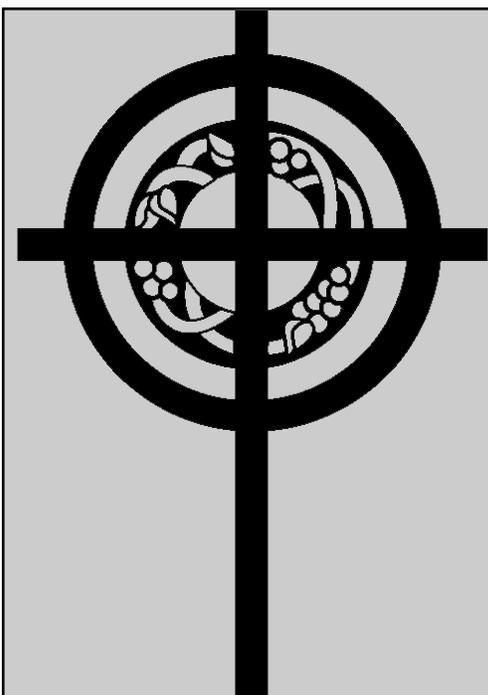
### Report from the IPNC

We are honored to serve as your Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC). We were appointed by the OPC Session and are charged with finding and recommending to Session the person to serve as OPC's Interim Pastor and head of staff for the next year, while the search for our next permanent pastor is underway.

We got to work right away, developing a position description and identifying the top skills and competencies we believe best meet OPC's needs. Working closely with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, we have reviewed the resumes of several interested and very qualified candidates and, as of the Crossings deadline date, we have interviewed two. We are encouraged by the quality and experience of the candidates we've met so far.

We are confident we will find the right person, and ask for your prayers as we continue our important work.

Your IPNC,  
Steve Allison, Charles Hawthorne and Donna Poseidon



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# DEACONS

## People in Our Prayers

Bruce Hall (Food Pantry); Beverly Moon; Ayesha (Nomita Thusu's friend); Trish Ashby; Roberta Widman (Emily Texter's mother); Chantal Jordan; Wemette Family (Lorraine Wynn's friends); Bradley Bonecutter (Amy's brother); Margy Jones, Sr.; Nancy Freeman (Emily Edwards' mother); Virginia O'Donnell (Chris' mother); Nancy Brown, Jean Williams (Pat Morrison's friends); Jean Chance, Tony Zacek (Chances' family); Svetlana Sobolevskaia; Donna and Pete Brown (Austin's parents); Betty Dalziel; Cary Hestad (Mimi Averill'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); Mick Crouse (Cheryl Hartman's friends); Angela Olsen (Kristi Stephenson's family); Pat Poley (Mike's mother); Ken Wilkerson (Heather Bogle's friend); Jim & Anna Coulter; George Konow, Patricia Livingston, Chris & Dakota Matthews (Gunters' family); Rob-

ert Dosh, Sam Whitfield, Georgia Lozoff, Martha Zea, Alan Greene, Roland Greene (Steve Greene's friends and family); 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, Barbara Pinson (Genie Stringer's friends & family); Tom Weaver, Phil Lord, Sophie Essex (Weavers' friends & family); 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; Greg Smith, Pat Lee, Jane Newton (Kyle Newton's friends and family); Al Paul; Mary Zumot; Martha Stoy; Journey Night Shelter; Penny Hill (Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); The Rev. Denise Anderson & The Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston (Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)); Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church during our transition.

### CLERK'S CORNER Mary Ann Hawthorne

The Session met on Sunday, June 19, and approved the following:

- Approved the minutes from the May 15 stated meeting and the called meetings on May 15 and May 22.
- Received the June Pastor's and Clerk's reports.
- Approved the following people to serve as counters: Ethan Gillespie, Jennifer and Matt Kim, Cathy Poley, and Jesse and Georgia Rappole.
- Approved renewal request from Our Lady of Assumption School to serve as their reunification center in case of emergency.
- Approved spending up to \$2000 on carpet where pews have

been removed.

- Approved fundraising for \$1,250, or 1/2, of our shared partnership with Emory Presbyterian for the New American Pathways Refugee Resettlement co-sponsorship.
- Approved increasing Cheryl Hartman's hours/salary to 40 hours/week.

*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.*

### Transition Reminder

This is just a reminder that now that Marthame Sanders is no longer pastor here at Oglethorpe Presbyterian, there is a policy put in place by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to help with the transition of not only the church, but with Marthame and his family as they transition as well. The former pastor is not to be engaged in anything pastoral with his former church, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and pastoral care. He must also not participate in any events in the life of the church, such as worship services, Sunday School, Bible study, social functions, fundraisers, etc. during the tenure of the interim pastor and for at least a year following the arrival of a new permanent pastor, following the departure of the interim.

However, this does not exclude the former pastor from remaining friends with former congregants, and attending such events as funerals for church members or weddings of church members. The most important thing to remember about this policy is that there are boundaries that need to be observed between the former pastor and his former congregation, and that the former pastor is no longer to be engaged in the same roles he once had in the church. If you would like to review the policy, it is available here on the website of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, [www.atlpcusa.org](http://www.atlpcusa.org).

# Calendar: July, 2016



## STEWARDS SERVING

**July 3, 10am:**

**liturgist:** John Gunter; **ushers/greeters:** Charles Hawthorne, Lisa Kelly; **ushers/counters:** Mark Kelly, Georgia Gunter; **sound/open:** Cortlandt Minnich; **refreshments:** Earline Willcott; **PowerPoint:** Kim Crocker; **nursery:** Connie Phillips.

**July 10, 10am:**

**liturgist:** Linda Morris; **ushers/greeters:** Jeff Chance, Earline Willcott; **ushers/counters:** Brock Timmons, Amy Chance; **sound/open:** Jean Cox; **refreshments:** Jan Thomas; **PowerPoint:** \_\_\_\_\_; **nursery:** Jen Allison.

**July 17, 10am:**

**liturgist:** Donna Poseidon; **ushers/greeters:** Brett Phillips, Connie Phillips; **ushers/counters:** Julia Berry, Margy Jones; **sound/open:** Brandon Cassidy; **refreshments:** Jean Cox; **PowerPoint:** Ric Paterson; **nursery:** Mark Kelly.

**July 24, 10am:**

**liturgist:** Jeff Morris; **ushers/greeters:** Cindy Alexander, Ric Paterson; **ushers/counters:** Donna Poseidon, Charles Hawthorne; **sound/open:** Jesse Rappole; **refreshments:** Jen Allison; **PowerPoint:** Tamara Lopata; **nursery:** Jennifer Kim.

**July 31, 10am:**

**liturgist:** Jeff Chance; **ushers/greeters:** Earline Willcott, Cortlandt Minnich; **ushers/counters:** Nancy Minnich, Adam Weaver; **sound/open:** Bill Cox; **refreshments:** Linda Hawthorne; **PowerPoint:** Brock Timmons; **nursery:** Gabby Paterson .

## Regular Meetings

(except when noted elsewhere)

### Weekly

**Sundays:**

10am Worship

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Wednesdays:**

5:15pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)

**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

**Book club** will meet **Monday July 11**

at 7pm at Georgia Gunter's home. We will be discussing *The Movement of Stars* by Amy Brill. If you would like more information on the OPC book club contact Margy Jones (mnjbailey@aol.com)

The **Church Office** will be closed the week of the 4th of July.

## Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

		<u>May-16</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$	35,244	125,229	144,255	(19,026)
Expenditures		24,580	134,145	146,569	(12,424)
Surplus/(deficit)		10,664	(8,916)	(2,314)	(6,602)
Beginning bank balance	\$	112,414	141,716	158,067	(16,351)
Cash increase/ (decrease)		12,981	(16,321)	(14,277)	(2,044)
Ending bank balance		125,395	125,395	143,790	(18,395)
Loan balance	\$		0	31,772	(31,772)
Reserve funds	\$		67,241	75,850	(8,609)
Reserves - months of budget expense			2.3	2.7	(0.4)

- Receipts are down from 2015 primarily because the additional "ask" in 2015 yielded higher donations of \$10,040 but other giving is also down \$7,546.
- The Capital Campaign loan was 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.

## EVANGELISM

Elizabeth Parks

On Sunday, June 5, the Evangelism Committee hosted a meet and greet gathering for the newest members of our church family. We had a lovely time as new members mingled with members of the Session, Deacons and OPC staff. There was delicious food (thank you, Cathy Poley!), interesting conversation and a little controlled chaos as kids played at our feet and traded tiaras with each other. I believe that a lovely tiara even made it onto Marthame's head! A huge THANK YOU goes out to Debbie and Chris O'Donnell who graciously opened their home for this wonderful event!

## MISSION

Emily Texter

### The Food Pantry

In May, the Suthers Center provided 623 bags of food to those in need, including 469 adults and 437 children. 111 clients were served through emergency assistance. The Suthers Center is run, with talented and dedicated volunteers at the helm. More volunteers are always needed, especially with day managers. We'd love to have you join the us!

### Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat house was completed and dedicated on Saturday, June 25. Thank you to Jeff Chance for coordinating and to the volunteers who climbed ladders, hammered, painted, planted, fed, and represented OPC in this mission.

### Journey Night Shelter

The Texters recently attended a volunteer appreciation breakfast and met the new Executive Director, Keryl Oliver, and the President of the Board of Directors, Susan Phillips. Volunteers are needed the 4th Saturday of each month to bring dinner to the homeless shelter and stay for a time of 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 at <http://journeyshelter.org/> and Facebook page at JourneyMen. Contact Edyie DaVia for more information.

### New American Pathways

OPC and Emory Presbyterian Church will be co-sponsorship a refugee family this fall. Here is a link to the website <http://newamericanpathways.org/> and a list of volunteer opportunities <http://newamericanpathways.org/volunteer> If you would be interested in working on this exciting new mission, contact Emily Texter at [emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)

### Missions 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 at [emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)

## Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am • Worship: 11am

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