



The Acorn

Week of **May 8, 2012**. [Current](#) Prayer Concerns

A Weekly Update on Events at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

Mother's Day Offering, Sun., May 13: This offering collected in Worship on Mother's Day, goes to care for residents at our five South Carolina Presbyterian Communities (formerly the Presbyterian Home). Please consider contributing and providing for those whose finances can no longer support them in later life.

Youth Group Will Not Meet on Sun., May 13: Enjoy the evening with your mothers in honor of Mother's Day.

Agape Choir, Sun., May 13, 4:30 p.m.: Meet in the Music Suite.

Friendship Fellowship Survey: Yes, we are beginning our 2012-13 planning and need your input. If you are a FF regular or if you are retired and can join us for this monthly luncheon and program, we want to hear from you! Please pick up a survey, complete it, and turn it back in to the Church Office by **May 15**.

Cancer Support Group, May 17, 7 p.m., Rm. 2108: OAPC hosts a support group for cancer survivors, from diagnosis and thereafter. The group meets monthly, "third Thursdays", at 7 p.m. in Room 2108. These are led by survivors with a health care professional at every meeting. Open to anyone in our community, for men and women, participants can gain additional insight and strength to help physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Knit Together OAPC Prayer Shawl Ministry Group, Sun., May 20, 4:00-5:15 p.m.: Please join us for a time of knitting together in the Parlor. Questions? Please call Barbara Kurz, 329-7362 or Janet Duffy, 329-1049.

Senior Roast, Sun., May 20, Bethelwoods: We will be having our Senior Roast for all of our Youth and the parents of our Graduating Seniors. Please make plans to join us on from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for dinner and a time to experience the Prayer Labyrinth.

Call for Photos / Church Memorabilia: At the end of 2012 and into 2013, our church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. The Centennial Committee is asking members to dig through desk drawers or photo files to find any interesting pictures or documents reflecting the life of our church that we might share or incorporate in our celebration materials. Our Church Office has the capability to scan or digitize these for our archives and then return any pictures or documents to you. We are suggesting two ways to accomplish this:

1. Place pictures/document in a large envelope. Mark clearly your name and write "Centennial Committee Archives" on the envelope. We will accept your information in the Church Office and return the pictures to you within two weeks.
2. If you would like to wait while we scan your pictures, please bring them to the Church Offices Thursday mornings between 9:00 – 10:00 or Thursday afternoons between 4:00 and 5:00 **through May**. A staff member will assist with the scanning. It normally takes a few minutes.

Many thanks for your help as we work to capture our church story.

Flowers in the HOPE Garden: These may be picked and taken to those in the hospital, shut-ins, and those who are ill or in need of some cheering. There are some vases in the shed or you can bring your own. Debbie Reingold has cards in the office to take with the flowers. All we ask is that you leave some flowers for the bees and the butterflies. Thank you. *The Garden Team*.

Church Publications are Available Online: OAPC publications are uploaded to our website as soon as they are completed, so you may view the Oakleaf, Acorn, bulletin and other church publications online: [click here](#). A limited number of printed copies of the Oakleaf are also available in the Narthex or the Church Office, if you don't receive yours through the mail in a timely manner.

A Change in our Church Staff and in the Care of our Buildings: After seven years of service, Bob Littlejohn will conclude his employment with the Church at the end of June. Over these years of dedicated service Bob has helped take care of our building and vehicles and we wish him all the best in his much deserved retirement.

On June 24, 2012 we will take a few moments in the Service to recognize Bob, and following the 10:00 a.m. service, we will honor him with a reception on the lawn. We plan to offer to Bob a monetary gift from his church family, to contribute to this gift to Bob, simply write a check to OAPC and put on the memo line: Bob Littlejohn.

Upon the recommendation of the Property, Personnel and Finance Committees the Session has now approved the new position of Facility Maintenance Technician (FMT). In line with current Church Personnel Policies this person cannot be a member of OAPC. The FMT will take on an expanded range of duties and require a wider range of technical skills, thus diminishing the number of calls placed to outside contractors. If you know of anyone in the community qualified for this position please encourage them to inquire or apply. Information can be requested from and resumes can be sent to: maintenancetech@oapc.net