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Church Publications Available Online: Our publications are uploaded to the church website as soon as they are completed, so you may view the Oakleaf, Acorn, bulletin and other church publications online: www.oapc.net (Support, Church Publications).

Collecting Appreciations for Deacons and their Leadership Teams! DeaconCare Leadership Teams meet **Sun., June 10**, in the Fellowship Hall, following Worship. We invite all deacons and their leadership teams to join us for a light salad luncheon as we express our appreciation to you! Mark your calendars now! **Members:** if you'd like to return encouragement to your Deacon or your DC Team Leaders by sharing ways they've prayed for, ministered to, supported or cared for you or your family, please email these comments to: dreingold@oapc.net **by Thurs., June 7.**

Travel to North Carolina for River Walkers, a combination canoe and hiking trip. 6-8th grade campers will enjoy canoeing the Uwharrie River and hiking in Morrow Mountain State Park as well as participating in some of their favorite camp activities. For more information, visit www.bethelwoods.org or contact the camp at <mailto:info@bethelwoods.org> or 803-366-3722.

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.*

Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You! We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of OAPC who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, talk with Mary Katherine Robinson or Sara Thacker, 324-1657, or you can talk to the Stephen Minister on duty in the Narthex. Today this is Sue Smith, who will be available if you have need of a Christian caregiver or need prayer for a special concern.

Prayer for Bangladesh: God of grace, we pray for Mukta, a 26-year-old woman living with her parents in Shakhari Bazar, a poor, congested, Hindu area of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Although she completed all her high school courses, she could not afford the fees to take the secondary school certificate examination, so she finished high school without a diploma. Then, with the help of a church-run training program for women, she learned how to sew and obtained her own machine. Now, while sewing school uniforms on commission, she is attending weekly classes in preparation to sit for the secondary school certificate examination in June. Lord, grant Mukta the strength and perseverance to obtain the education she desires and to lift herself and her family out of poverty. We pray in the name of Christ the Savior.

Amen. *Written by Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan, PC (U.S.A.) Mission Co-Workers/Bangladesh*

Next Sunday: Worship Service and Scripture Readings – Pentecost;

EASTER LIVING – 8. Spirited Service

Sermon: Deep and Wide

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21; additional lectionary readings: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30), Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Next Acorn & Bulletin Deadline: Noon, May 21, 2012

Next Oakleaf Deadline: Noon, July 16, for the August 2012 issue

Prayer Concerns

For a more current listing, please check the Prayer Board near the Youth Office,

or the Prayer Concerns listing on the website: www.OAPC.net

In Military: Oliver Aycock; PFC Michael Gladden; 2nd Lt. Agustin Martinez, III; Capt. USMC James (Jay) Moore; Lt. Sam Pierce

In Ministry: Gary Brannan (part-time Dir. of Youth, First Presbyterian Church in York); Anna Fulmer (Columbia Seminary studies); Marty Simmons (graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary)

New Prayer Concerns: Gina Anderson, James Crawford, Rhonda Logan, Peggy Stanell

Ongoing Health Concerns: Mim Armour, Gloria Doswell, David Evers, Diane George, Karen Frazier, Margaret Gault, Sue Gill, Nell Givens, Kathy Hebert, Hudson Hegar, Ann Hille, Amy Hope, Sister Johnson, Fred Lynn, Beverly McLaughlin, Slater McLean, Ran Royall, Jimmy Scruggs, Bessie Sims, Mary Lee Tickin, Dayne Watkins

Friends & Family: Joe Boykin, Jeanette Collins, Latan Cox, Rusty Darby, Pam Dove, David and Becky Evers, Karen Guinness, Janice Joiner, Amanda Fox Kemp, Genie Poag, Debi Tomberlin, Matt Tumlin, John Tyler, Tina Warsop

Bereavement: Sally and Sara Shive and family (Sally's mother and Sara's grandmother, Sara Tyler, died May 4)

The Church at Work

Sunday, May 20

8:45 Worship, Sanctuary

9:45 Sunday School

10:30 Agape/Chancel Choirs – Warm Up, Music Suite

11:00 Worship/Graduate Recognition, Sanctuary

4:00 Agape Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

4:00 Knit Together/OAPC Prayer Shawl Ministry Group, Parlor

5:30 Senior Roast/Youth Group, Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center

Monday, May 21

6:00 Congregational Fellowship, 2209

6:00 Worship, Conference Room

6:00 Adult Ministry Team, 101/Tammy Winchip's Office

6:15 Great Decisions, 2211

6:30 Commitment, Parlor

6:30 Missions, Deacon Volunteer Room

7:15 Communication and Technology, Presbyterian Student Center

Tuesday, May 22

12:00 Oakleaf Volunteers, 203

12:00 Alanon, 202

4:00 Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 23

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 24

6:30 VBS Coordinator/Teacher Meeting, Conference Room

Sunday, May 27

8:45 Worship, Sanctuary

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship, Sanctuary

OAPC Announcements – May 20, 2012

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You are encouraged to take this insert home so you will have a current calendar of upcoming events and information you may share with a friend or neighbor.

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. Help us get to know you by leaving your information in the Friendship Register; it's the black folder located on the left end of each pew. And if you're a first-time visitor, let us know; we'd like to welcome you with a yummy gift! Finally, the Discovery Class is the pathway to membership at OAPC; sign up to attend by contacting John O'Kain. The next Discovery session will meet **June 3 and 24 at 9:00 a.m.** Additional helpful information may be found on the cream colored "Welcome" card in the pew rack holders.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: Today's flowers have been given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Meredith Emerson and Kyle Jamison Neely on Sat., May 19, at OAPC.

Agape Choir Rehearsal, Sun., May 20, 4:00-5:45 p.m.: Meet in the Sanctuary. Members, plan to be off books.

Knit Together OAPC Prayer Shawl Ministry Group, Today, 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, Tonight at Bethelwoods, 5:30 p.m.: 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 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. Please identify people in the photos, the occasion and approximate date as thoroughly as possible. 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 during April or 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.

Pentecost Offering: This offering is used by both our denomination and a specific OAPC designated recipient. It is collected for child, youth and young adult advocacy and programs. This year's OAPC recipient is our S.T.A.R. Program. An offering envelope will be provided in the Worship bulletin next **Sun., May 27.**

Summer Music Opportunities: If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved in Worship in a musical capacity this summer, we are filling dates now. Please contact Tim Moe at 327-2006 (ext. 227) or email: tmoe@oapc.net.

**Young Adults at OAPC (18-30 +/-)
are invited to a get-together
at the home of Gary and René Brannan,
946 Mallard Dr., Rock Hill, 29732,
on Thurs., May 31, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Questions: call René at home at 329-7824.
No need to bring anything, but friends are always welcome!**

Summer Schedule

OAPC's Summer Sunday Schedule: This **June-July**, we will move to one Worship service at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School classes meeting from 9:00-9:45 a.m. We will resume our regular Sunday morning schedule on August 5.

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Office Weekdays: Beginning **Mon., June 4**, the Church Office hours will be 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **through July 27.** Regular Office hours, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., resume July 30.

**Churchwide Retreat at Montreat
Save the Date: Oct. 26-28, 2012**



*(11:00) Graduate Processional

*Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Lord, You have called us to be Your people. You have called us to live not according the ways of the world, but according to Your ways. But we confess that we often hesitate to commit ourselves fully to You.

Instead of shining brightly as beacons of Your light in the world, we allow that light to be dimmed. Merciful Savior, forgive us for too quickly abandoning Your truth. By the power of Your Spirit, enable us to serve You faithfully and to fulfill the mission You have set before us.

*Individual Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri #579 (Congregation singing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, pew Bible, NT, pg. 118-119
(8:45) Rebecca Evers; (11:00) Lucinda Sutton
(The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Children's Time Jim Simpson
(8:45) Nursery is available for Infants- 5K in room 102.
(11:00) Nursery is available for Infants-3 yrs. Following the Children's Time, children ages 4-1st gr. are invited to go with their leaders to Kid's Kirk.

*Hymn #403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19, pew Bible, NT, pg. 110
(The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

(11:00) Anthem *The Ballad of the Sower* from Celebrate the Vision Allen Pote and Carole McCann
Agape Choir
*Live not like the bad seeds that fell on the road.
Live not among thistles, live not on the stone.
Live rather like seeds that grow in good soil; hearing the word, understanding the call.
Then glad is the sower. Rich is the harvest, the fields overflow.*

Sermon: The Real Lord's Prayer Jim Simpson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(11:00) Recognition of Graduates John O'Kain, Jim Simpson and Dan Young

(11:00) Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer, hymnal, pg. 16 Mary Katherine Robinson
(*"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"*)

Offering of One's Self and One's Gifts to God and the Church

Offertory: (8:45) *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Gene Clarke
(11:00) *Peace I Leave With You* Chancel Choir Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

(11:00) Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed (Traditional), p. 14 front of hymnal

(8:45) Renewal of Baptismal Covenant and Service of Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands: Keith McGuire, Clerk of Session
Dorothy Jane Modla (Mentor: Chris Williamson); Steven Rivers (Mentor: Fred Smith)

Remembering our Baptism

Questions to Confirmation Candidates

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and all its powers in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in God's grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying His Word and showing His love? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you be faithful members of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

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Prayer of Confirmation and Lord's Prayer, hymnal, pg. 16
(*"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"*)

Charge to Confirmand

Congregational Response

As members of the household of God, they have been called to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Sharing the Peace/Presentation of Certificate

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* WATERLIFE
(see back page for words and music)

*Blessing/Sending

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell

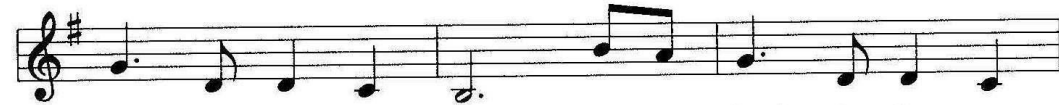
* All who are able please stand.

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1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was
 5. In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child with a
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2012 – 7th Sunday of Easter



– 7. Prayerful Discernment

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TIME OF GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP

Prelude: *God of Grace*

arr. Paul Manz

One: Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Life of the Church

Passing of the Friendship Register

Minute for Mission/Pentecost Offering

Mary Ann McDow

*Congregational Introit: *Christ Has Risen!*

HOLY MANNA

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
 as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
 Let the moon embrace the blessings; let the sun sustain the cheer;
 let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

John O'Kain

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Bring your thanks and praise to God.

All: **Proclaim God's never-ending love and amazing grace.**

*Hymn #443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA