



OAPC CAPSULE

Feb. 2012

Please announce these items to your committees, groups, meetings (Sunday School classes, Friendship Fellowship, PW Circles, etc.) and communicate to your DeaconCare members.

Annual Church Wide Retreat at Montreat — Oct. 26—28

Whether you have, or have not, had the opportunity to experience our amazing church wide retreat in the Mountains of Montreat, NC, this year you will not want to miss out on it. It promises to be bigger and better than before, with awesome opportunities for all ages. So talk it up and if you are interested in helping to plan this event please let Dan Young (dyoung@oapc.net or 327-2006/ 225) or a member of the Congregational Fellowship Committee know.

Spring Break Mission Trip Mar. 31 - Apr. 4

Are you ready for a true mission adventure with folks from Middle School up to adults? If you answered yes to this question, then we have the opportunity for you. Mission Work Camp, Calvin Center, Hampton Ga. Cost: \$190. This is our annual Middle School mission combined to make it an intergenerational opportunity for all to enjoy. Sign up now; get your form in the Narthex.

Every Member Has a Call

One of our basic beliefs at OAPC is that God uniquely gifts each of us to serve in the world. This year we are trying something new! We are introducing a new church-wide initiative called *Every Member Has a Call*. Annually, each of us will pray and commit to a yearlong ministry. During the season of Lent, we will study and reflect on what it means to be called as a disciple of Christ. After having discerned our call, on Easter Sunday, we will come forward as a church with our commitment cards for ministry.

If you need more information about current ministry opportunities, please contact Mary Katherine Robinson (mkrobinson@oapc.net or 327-2006 /235).

TOW (Together On Wednesdays)

Jan. 11 - Mar. 28

Dinner: 5:15-6:10 (take out available)

Children's Choirs and Recreation: 6-7p.m.

Youth Bible Study: 6:15-7 p.m.

Adult Classes: The Prophets; Faith Begins at Home; God & Politics; A New Kind of Christianity Book Club. 6:15-7 p.m.

The Sending: 7-7:15 p.m.

Concert Series

In our Music at Oakland Concert Series, we have scheduled events this year, and proposed events for next year that celebrate who we are, and where God may be leading us. On Sat., April 21, at 4 p.m., Winthrop University Choirs, under the direction of Dr. Katherine Kinsey will offer a program of choral music. This is also part of this year's "Come See Me" Festival". On Sat., June 29, at 7 p.m., our Agape Youth Choir will offer their tour Homecoming Concert, including—"Celebrate the Vision!", by Allen Pote – very appropriate leading into the centennial year.

Lenten Small Groups

Feb. 15 - March 21

This is a great way to: contemplate the Lenten Season, get to know others in the church, and grow in your Biblical knowledge. Groups will be offered on Wednesday nights from 6:10-7:00pm. Sign up to be a part of the 6 week study.

Basketball & Banquet: Sun., Mar. 11, 5 p.m., Activities Center

Basketball season is here! Bidy Teams (ages 5 yrs.—9 yrs.) play on Fri. nights. Mites, Junior, and Seniors play on Sat. mornings and afternoons. Those who aren't playing are encouraged to join us at a game and cheer on our OAPC teams. Some of these games have been incredibly close and it is lots of fun, so please come out and support our teams. Schedules for the season are at the CBA website: <http://yorkcountycba.blogspot.com>. Mark your calendar for the covered dish Basketball Banquet! Thanks to all our coaches for sharing their time and talent!

Wholeness and Healing Service

Feb. 12 at 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Services of Wholeness grow out of a response to the needs of the congregation, are a ministry of out-reach to the community for those who have needs and are looking for a place of prayer, and are not in opposition to, nor a replacement for, proper medical care. After each Service of Wholeness places and opportunities for counseling will be announced to and for all worshippers in attendance at the Service. There will be an opportunity for people to fill out prayer cards for friends and family who are in need of prayer. Please call Mary Katherine Robinson if you have any questions about this service.

Youth Sun/Chili Lunch/

Bring a Friend — Feb. 5

Come join us and meet and greet the youth after Youth Sunday, at the Chili Cook-off. Join us in the Activities Center following the 11:00 service on February 5. Bring a pot of your favorite chili: vegetable, white chicken, beef or just soup. Drinks and bread will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex. Come enjoy some chili and fun. Hope to see you there. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend and let them get to know the OAPC family.

Stewardship Update

Online Banking or Automatic Bank Draft Options:

With a few clicks of a mouse, you can make payments on your church pledge with online banking and set up the payments weekly, monthly, quarterly or whatever fits your budget. If online banking terrifies you, the Church Office would be more than happy to set you up on automatic draft, to deduct from your checking account each month. What a great way to keep current in your giving to your church. OAPC makes monthly payments to our benevolences, utilities and many other bills to keep the church operating on a day-to-day basis. What an important part you would play to help us meet our monthly obligations.

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Our Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 22, at 7:15 p.m. will be in the tradition of the Taizé community in France. Ash Wednesday is a time of introspection and contemplation. It is a time to focus our attention on our common mortality in the imposition of ashes, symbolizing that we are dust. We also focus on our need for God. The music of Taizé involves short songs, repeated again and again, to give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. Taizé worship also recognizes the importance of silence during worship, something often missing from our hectic lives.

Service Opportunities

OAPC supports many wonderful agencies around Rock Hill financially and with service hours. Ongoing meal needs & contacts include:

The Haven Men's Shelter— 4th Friday/month we drop off dinner. Coordinator: Mary Kathryn Black (kakhiblack@hotmail.com)
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen— 3rd Tues./month and every 5th Saturday, we prepare & serve lunch. Coordinator: Hannalie Ferguson (hannalie.ferguson@gmail.com)

Youth Corner

Youth Ski Trip, Feb. 10 - 12. We're going to Winterplace in West Virginia and staying at Glade Springs. Cost \$199. We've received 22 registrations with space for 11 more, so first come-first served. Flyers are outside of Dan's office.