



# The Log

## October 2022



THE LOG  
NEWSLETTER  
OF  
OAKHURST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH USA  
OCTOBER 2022  
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Can you believe we are almost to our 100th Anniversary Celebration?

What a year of reflection and learning about who we are now and where we've come from in our history. Thanks to all the members of the 100th Anniversary Team - Jane Royall, Mary Smarr, Ruth Anne Foote, Jackie Randolph, Mitzi Moran, Ann Starks and Kathy Hill for your tireless hours of researching, writing, talking, and creating slideshows. And, now it is time to celebrate! Make sure you get your OPC t-shirt and box lunch for the party on October 16th. (include links?). Invite friends or neighbors to gather with us as we give glory to God for 100 years together in Decatur this month.

As we continue into October, we will also begin a new journey to find our interim pastor. The IPNC has gotten approval to start their search process, so please keep the committee in your prayers as they review resumes, begin interviewing, and most of all, listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance for the next steps. We are grateful to have these OPC members serving on the committee - Katie Brown, Kim Hightower, Mike Kochel, Virginia Richards and Dorrie Toney. And, as we prepare for the new pastor to come, it is helpful to review the presbytery's guidelines for healthy relationships with departing pastors and their congregations. Mary Smarr, our stated clerk, has provided an article below with details about these guidelines. Please take a moment and read these documents.

Thank you for everyone stepping up in these days as we move forward into this new future. I know that our Nominating Committee would love your suggestions or nominations for individuals to serve as deacons or elders in the next class starting in 2023. Want to know more? Chris Beck, the committee chair, would be glad to help you get the information you need.

Lastly, it is hard to believe where we've come from with COVID, but we keep moving. The COVID team has decided that masks are recommended now and we continue to keep in our prayers for an end of COVID to come.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Heather

## Updates from September 22, 2022 Session Meeting

The Session **1)** approved the contract and compensation package for the Interim Pastor so that IPNC can start their search; **2)** approved a system for the election of officers for the OPC Corporation; **3)** set December 4 for the baptism of Ryan and Loren Locke's daughter Harriet Virginia; and **4)** elected elder commissioner to the November 12 Presbytery meeting.

### ---> Important Information for the Interim Time <---

#### Ethical Guidelines between

#### Departing Pastors and their Congregations

The Presbytery Committee on Ministry has instituted a policy to assist former pastors, new pastors and church members in maintaining healthy and professional boundaries. A primary provision states that "On and after the effective date of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship . . . the pastor (a) shall not perform pastoral functions in the church, except when invited by the moderator of session and clerk of session, and (b) shall not otherwise participate in the life and work of the church during the interim time and at least one year following the arrival of the new installed or contract pastor . . ." Please take time to read the entire policy and [brief interpretation here](#). [And Holding On and Letting Go](#)

## October Birthdays

10-01 Amber Corbett, Mitzi Moran	10-18 Rachel Gage
10-02 Cynthia Haley-Dunn, Rep Hank Johnson	10-19 Grace Gordon
10-03 Betsy Dillard	10-19 Laura Nieto
10-04 Arthur Beck, Mary Etta Gregory	10-21 Christine Callier
10-04 Beth Mackie, Margie Priester, Hannah Williams	10-22 John Baldwin, Madison Brown, Gretchen Perkins
10-05 Campbell Beck, Henry Beck, Laura Brawley, Grier Kellett	10-23 Alexia Wynn
10-06 Ella Davis	10-24 Joe Wu
10-07 Kristen Elizabeth Munson, Keri Tope	10-25 Amelia Copp, Phyllis Rutledge, Jay Watkins
10-09 Shera Collins	10-26 Marcy Dunlap, Isabella Tallman-Jones
10-10 Alison Brawley, Kenneth White	10-27 Alan Jenkins
10-12 Joshua Harris, Katrina Trivers	10-28 Meredith Gordon
10-13 Safiyah Pankey	10-29 Ann Davis, Harriet Locke
10-16 Pam Epps, Anne Nicolson	10-30 Teddy Brock, Nickolas Downey
	10-31 Doug Hurd

## Weekly Action Opportunities

### Sundays

10:00 am Church School

11 am Worship

### Tuesdays

6 pm Gospel Choir ([contact Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin](#))

### Wednesdays

4:30 pm Racial Justice Vigil

7:30 pm Chancel Choir ([Contact Matt Wauchope](#))

### Thursdays

10:30 am - Prayer Group

4:30 pm - Racial Justice Vigil

### Saturdays

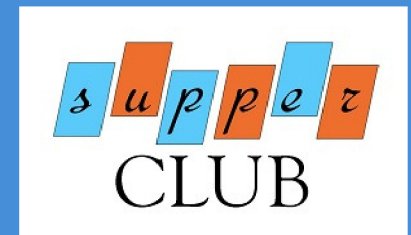
10 am- Racial Justice Vigil



### Deacons of the Month

Deborah Carter (706) 340-7359

Kathy Hill (404) 345-3180



Supper Club will meet next on October 29 at 6 p.m. via zoom. We will be discussing *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger. This is a library book and may be purchased for around \$10. We hope you will get the book and plan to join us. *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, bighearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole. It's the unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

# Christian Education for all ages

This Fall in Sunday School, we'll be...



**GROWING FAITH**  
10:00-10:50 am

Classes for everyone begin on August 21st!



The Next Election: Where are we now?  
\*\*\***Sunday, October 2nd from 9:30-10:45 am** in the Jefferson Hall

The RED Team will be hosting an election informational session that will meet both **virtually and in-person**. If attending **virtually**, please sign up using the link [HERE](#). **Georgia State Political Science Professor** and Oakhurst member **Mike Evans** will be presenting on the inner workings of our current political climate. **Helen Butler**, **Executive Director of The People's Agenda**, will be with us to provide important election information and perspective. Also providing information and insight on poll observers and managers will be a representative from the **ACLU of Georgia**. If you have questions email Charlie Copp ([charlesdcopp@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdcopp@gmail.com)). **Childcare will be provided.**



## STANDING OUR HOLY GROUND

A YEAR-LONG LOOK AT **GUN VIOLENCE** & WHAT THE FAITH COMMUNITY CAN DO ABOUT IT

Standing Our Holy Ground  
Study:

October 23- November 13th  
Led by Mary Smarr

**Grief & Resilience Class** Twice Monthly meetings Sundays from 12:30-1:45 pm  
Beginning on Sept. 18th. **Join Pastor Heather & Zeena Regis in this class to learn about grief and resilience in these times of (post) pandemic life.**



## Young(er) Singles & Couples Study Group!

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## Youth and Christian Education

The youth calendar is up and up to date so you can keep this link to find out what is happening every week

Including these October events:

10-2 Game Night 5:30-7:00 pm (dinner and games at Ann Starks' house)

10-8 (Sat) 12-5 - Porchfest Fundraiser

10-9 Youth Group 12:30-2

10-16 100th Anniversary Celebration & Worship Service - 11-2 pm - No Sunday School or Youth Meetings

10-23 11 am-12:30 pm - Youth Mission Trip Sunday Worship; Youth Group 12:30-2

10-30 ALL YOUTH Day of the Dead parade in Downtown Decatur at 6 pm (dinner and/or ice cream afterwards)





# Celebrating an ever evolving past for Christ's Service into the future

## Oakhurst Centennial Worship Service and lunch

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 11:00 AM**

A special service with Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson,  
Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Greater  
Atlanta, preaching and celebration of Communion. An informal lunch on  
the church grounds to follow.

### How Can I Participate?

#1 - COME TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE

#2 - SIGN UP for a box lunch of your choice OR to bring your own  
lunch Deadline: October 13, 2022. (Print versions are available in the  
sanctuary for non-digital folk.)

[BOX LUNCH SIGN UP LINK](#)

#3 - GET A T-SHIRT The web link for ordering a Centennial T-Shirt  
in a color of your choice from a not-for-profit vendor:

[T-SHIRT ORDER LINK](#)

#4 - PRAY FOR OUR NEXT 100 YEARS



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Join us for  
**Lunch on the Lawn**  
**October 16, 2022**



following worship. This will be the  
final part of our Centennial  
Celebration

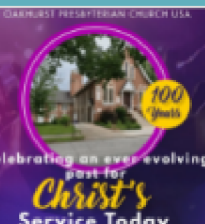
**SIGN UP** for a box lunch of your  
choice OR to bring your own lunch  
Deadline to order a lunch: October 13  
Use the link below to buy a lunch or  
tell us you are bringing your own  
lunch

[https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/  
oakhurstpcusa/forms/20](https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/oakhurstpcusa/forms/20)

### BOX LUNCH SIGN-UP


Oakhurst Centennial Celebration Box  
Lunches on Sunday, October 16, 2022...

[app.onechurchsoftware.com](https://app.onechurchsoftware.com)



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**OAKHURST PRESBYTERIAN**  
T-Shirt!

Order direct from Bonfire and have  
delivered to your home



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Lots of colors and sizes from Youth XS to Adult  
4XL. Long sleeve, short sleeve, crew collar or  
v-neck? Your choice

<https://www.bonfire.com/celebrating-centennial160/>



# Peacemaking and Justice



**International Peacemaker**, Rev. Helivao Poget of Madagascar, will be in Atlanta in October. She is the National Chaplain for the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, a partner church of the PC(USA).. Come and hear her speak at any of these programs below. Please RSVP to Karen Turney [kt2654@gmail.com](mailto:kt2654@gmail.com) so they will have a count for meals/refreshments.

Friday, October 7 - luncheon program- Columbia Presbyterian, Decatur, 11:30 am -1pm

Saturday, October 8 - program (with light refreshments) at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, Duluth, 4-6 pm

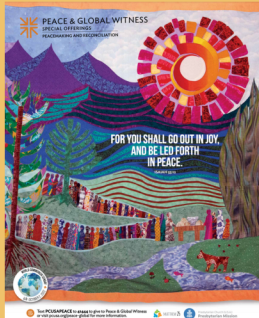
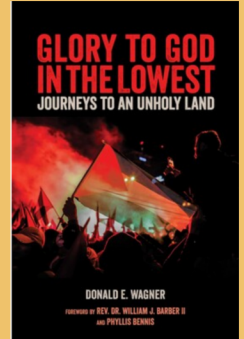
Sunday, October 9 - Sunday School and Worship at Alpharetta Presbyterian, Alpharetta, 9:30-11:30 am

Sunday, October 9 - luncheon program at Covenant Presbyterian, Atlanta, 12:30-2 pm

## Upcoming Presbytery Partnership Event

Rev Don Wagner, a retired Presbyterian Minister, and author of [Glory to God in the Lowest](#) will be in Atlanta October 27-30. A luncheon is planned for October 27 at First Iconium Baptist Church for Concerned Black Clergy and others. All are welcome to attend. RSVP is required. Call 404-441-2702.

"A personal, political, and religious journey from Evangelical Christian faith and conservative politics to solidarity with the poor and advocacy for anti-war, anti-racism, and Palestinian rights"



**The Peace and Global Witness Offering** will be taken on October 2 and throughout the month of October. Funds are used to provide resources and education for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation here at OPC and around the globe. Please give generously.

## Gun Violence

Statistics tell us that this weekend, [642](#) people will become victims of gun violence. [44](#) of those victims will be Children, and [35%](#) of those shot will DIE from their injuries.

\*BradyPac



Our church is part of a network focusing on gun violence through Guns to Gardens events. Stay tuned to hear more about our efforts to reduce gun violence in the coming months.

## CREATIONWISE TIPS

The average American uses 80 - 100 gal of water a day. Consider reducing your water consumption by 1) taking shorter showers (5 min. max), 2) installing water saving toilets, 3) turning off tap while brushing teeth, washing hands, washing dishes, etc. and 4) fixing leaky taps, pipes, and toilets. Changes in these areas can amount to significant savings.





Stewardship Season is beginning and our theme this year is:

## GENEROSITY: THE HEART OF GOD

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 - The Message

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. God gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.



Please join us on Saturday, October 15 at 10am to clean up the grounds in preparation for our 100th anniversary celebration. All are encouraged to attend and bring yard tools.



The Nominating Committee is now actively discerning members to serve as elders and deacons for the incoming class. If you have suggestions, please share them with Chris Beck, chair of the Nominating Committee, at




[chrisbeck020508@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbeck020508@gmail.com)



## Member Nurture Committee

Contact co-chairs Loretta Jefferson or Yolanda Ross if you have questions or need more information about this upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness program in October.





Oakhurst Presbyterian Church  
118 Second Ave, Decatur, GA 30030

**October 2, 2022**  
**YWCA Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation**  
**Following Worship**  
(coinciding with October as breast cancer month).  
The presenter will give a lecture, answer questions, and describe how eligible individuals can arrange to get a free mammogram at a later date.

Mammograms are available for Men and  
Women who are: 40 - 64 years old  
Have No Health Insurance  
Meet Income Requirement

*Call Today for your Appointment*  
Transportation Assistance also provided  
Call Thomasine Leachman

404 835-1632  
YWCA OF GREATER ATLANTA  
ENCOREPLUS PROGRAM

This Program is supported by Susan G. Komen and  
Georgia Center for Oncology Research & Education



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**VOTE IN MIDTERM ELECTIONS.**  
**THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE**  
**NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION IS OCTOBER 11.**

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Get to know your candidates at  
[wabe.org/candidates-2022-election](http://wabe.org/candidates-2022-election).  
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**REGISTER. STAY INFORMED. VOTE WISELY.**

The deadline to register to vote in the November 2022 election is October 11. October 28 is the last day to submit absentee applications, and October 17 - Nov 4 is advance/early voting. Get to know your candidates at [wabe.org/candidates-2022-election](http://wabe.org/candidates-2022-election).