



# Oak Branch October 2011



Oak Hills Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Katheryn Barlow-Williams

*"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."*

Hebrews 12:1

Dear Church Family:

"God Bless You." When I was a young runner, these were the words that popped in my mind as I blew by the overweight, older joggers gasping for air. It was not a mean-spirited thought. They truly seemed to need some help from above. At 20 years of age, I could run every day, literally for hours without the slightest hint of pain. Fast forward 30 years, throw in a pack of kids, the demands of a home and a career, and that young me is a distant memory. I gave up running more than a decade ago when we started our family. After the wind sprints of chasing toddlers and tending to a newborn, I didn't have the energy to even put my feet in a pair of running shoes. Now that my children are old enough to be left at home alone, I can no longer blame the demands of motherhood for my lack of exercise.

Kelley Kelch, our XYZ coordinator, actually inspired me to get moving again with an invitation to run a half marathon with her. Initially I thought she was insane, but then one night this past May, I decided to see how far I could go. It was not a pretty sight. By the time I finished one mile, I was wheezing and my lungs were on fire. My legs muscles screamed, "Why are you doing this to us?" Nonetheless, I had taken the hardest step -- the one out the door -- and since then I have regularly made the time to exercise.

Still, it is not pretty. There are a lot of young runners in our neighborhood who breeze ahead of me like I am standing still. As they race ahead, they wave and offer a compassionate smile. I huff and trudge behind them with the sobering realization that I have become an official "God bless you" person. Sometimes I wonder if it is worth the effort. Then I remember something I once read, "No matter how slow you are running, you are still going faster than you would be sitting on the couch eating chips." So I plod along, one foot in front of the other, and on those very rare occasions when I actually pass someone, I don't only think, "God bless you." I also think, "Good for you! Good for me! Don't give up!"

As we get older, we may have to slow down, but we don't have to stop living. As long as there is breath in our bodies, we can lace up our shoes and get going. Not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. We don't have to stay stuck on a big comfy couch of the past. A step at a time, we can pursue new dreams and divine adventures. The happiest people I know are not sedentary. Our older church members who are living strong well into their 80s and 90s have taught me that moving and engaging in life is the secret to a joy-filled life of faith.

True, there is a time and place for us to rest. That's why we have couches. But there is also a time and place to move. That's why we have feet. If you have gone a while without moving -- spiritually or physically -- take heart! It is not too late to get off the couch. All you have to do is take the first step and the rest will follow. No matter how long it takes to achieve a new goal, just heading in the direction of your dreams will get you there a whole lot faster than sitting around wishing for a better life.

As it turns out, I cannot run the same half-marathon as Kelley because it is on a Sunday. I may never achieve such a lofty goal, but I am still moving. So if you happen to see me trudging down the road just say, "God bless you." It will help me put one foot in front of another, and in the end that's the only way to finish any race.

Keep moving friends,

Pastor Katheryn

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## Sermon Series "Worship Matters!"

This month, we continue our sermon series, "Worship Matters," to gain a deeper understanding of reformed worship. Of course, there are many ways to worship God, and it doesn't always happen in a sanctuary or with a group of people. However, when we come together to praise God in the sanctuary, the Holy Spirit breathes through us in a mysterious and unique way. In this sermon series, we will explore the traditional aspects of the Presbyterian order of worship, and how the elements of our the service are critical to our spiritual growth. Join us as we dance with the Spirit through the clear and well-known steps of our Presbyterian order of worship.

### Oct. 2 "Meditation on the Word" — World Communion Sunday

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 & James 1:19-27

On World Communion Sunday, Christians all over the world gather for communion to celebrate the wondrous diversity of God's people and Christ's unifying love that holds us all together. Our World Communion Sunday service will focus on the power of the Spirit to bring God's word of truth and love to life within us.

### Oct. 9 "Affirm Your Faith Daily"

Psalms 33:1-12, 20-22 & Matthew 16:13-20

Each week in worship, we affirm our faith in Christ's power and presence in our lives so that we can always remember to whom we belong regardless of any hardship we may face.

### Oct. 16 "Pray for Life"

Psalms 84 & I Timothy 2:1-8

Through prayer, we open ourselves to the living spirit of God and to the needs of others in our faith community and throughout the world. Through prayer, we receive strength and hope which is not ordinarily our own and discover that we can do things we did not know we were capable of doing.

### Oct. 23 "Offer Joy"

Psalms 37:16-24 & I Timothy 6:6-2 & 17-19

When we have been touched by God's love and grace, our response is to joyfully share our talents and treasures. In worship, we offer our gifts to God so that the Spirit can work through us and multiply divine blessings to help others in need.

### Oct. 30 "Divine Marching Orders"

Joshua 1:1-9 & John 17:12-25

We worship not to be isolated from the suffering of the world, but to be strengthened to live boldly in the midst of it. Through faith, we can be strong and courageous even as we enter a broken, chaotic, and fearful world.

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## Sunday, 9:15 a.m., Adult Education Options



### The Present Word: Room "A"

Karen Seal, Bob Dalglish, Alita Cooper & Betty Sneed

#### TRADITION AND WISDOM

Unit I: Teaching and Learning

October 2: An Ordered Life

Proverbs 29:16-27

October 9: The Superiority of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

October 16: Wisdom for Aging

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7, 13

October 23: Tradition & Love

Song of Solomon 4:8-5:1a

Unit II: Jesus Teaches Wisdom

October 30: Living as God's People

Matthew 5:1-12

### Social Issues Class

#### Exploring "Worship Matters!"

Our social issues class will continue its exploration of worship. What we do for one hour in the sanctuary, is a model for how we can create a vibrant life throughout the week. Worship in the reformed tradition, follows a spiritual path. Praise and gratitude, admitting our wrongs, affirming our worth as God's children, listening to God's transforming word, affirming our faith, joyfully sharing God's gifts and marching into the world with courageous hope—these spiritual disciplines create not only dynamic worship, but a dynamic life. Join us to discover the power of daily worship.

Led by Rev. Barlow-Williams in the Library

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

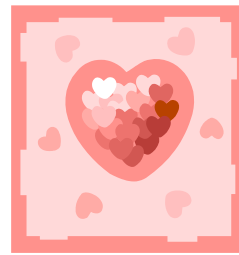


This fall, Patty McCurnin is once again teaching our popular Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in Room A. The group is exploring the lives of the Major Old Testament Prophets. All are welcome.

## Circle I

Presbyterian Women's Circle:

We are looking for new members and invite all women of the church to join us on Wednesday, October 19, at 10 am. Fellowship time begins at 10 am and a Bible study lesson follows at 10:30 am. We will be using the Horizons Bible Study of the Beatitudes. We meet the third Wednesday of each month, September through May. Hope to see you!



**Caritas** will meet on Tuesday, October 18, at 11am. This ministry team seeks to reach out to our church members who are sick, home bound or facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to sending cards of encouragement, Caritas members visit and call people in our church who are in need. Please join us if you would like to learn more about the important work of this committee.

## Alphabet Challenge

"October" You know what that means... Onion Soup Mix, Olives, Oatmeal and Oranges. Outreach Committee is challenging everyone to come up with a nonperishable food item that starts with "O" to be placed in the food cart (**no glass, please**). The items collected will go to HNS, CAM, SA Food Pantry, Haven for Hope and other places that may be suggested. Sharing and Caring are such an important part of life at Oak Hills, so we know you will help us. Thank you for your support.



Your Outreach Committee



We need more volunteers to work from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm (3 ½ Hours), **once per week**:

- Answering phones
- Making files for new clients
- Sharing other resource information in the community
- Recording services clients have received
- Data Entry
- Handling client mail processing (Did you know that CAM distributes mail to the homeless?)
- Bible Study Leader

Would you please consider helping CAM help others? I can be contacted at (210) 222-1553 or via email at [bleach@cam-sa.org](mailto:bleach@cam-sa.org). Again thank you for your blessings and contribution to CAM.

Sincerely yours,

Brenda Leach  
CAM Volunteer Coordinator



**Labels &  
Box Tops  
for  
Education.**



Your Mission Committee would like to thank you for your participation in the Box Tops for Education. We recently sent a shipment of over 300 tabs to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After redeeming the box tops, they received a check to purchase necessary supplies for their school. Many thanks from the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Many products that we buy everyday are carrying that little Box Tops for Education tab. Things you might not be aware of are: Ziploc bags, Cottonelle and Scott toilet tissue, Kleenex, Gold Medal flour and many others. We are also collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. You can find them on Campbell Soup, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Post, and Pace products. Even BIC ink pens, pencils and markers carry the label! So check your groceries and help those who are benefiting from our endeavors!

You will find a container for these symbols in the hallway across from the church office.

Joy Eckbreth 698-3987

(Check out "Behind the Scenes" on page 10!)

**Here's a question for you.** What makes our church special; I mean specifically what sets it apart from the other churches in San Antonio? Recently this question was discussed by the Membership Committee and since then I've been mulling it over. Certainly there are many factors that contribute to our **fabulosity**. You've probably come up with a few just now I'll bet. What I am struck by are the great friendships made here at Oak Hills. In the past several months I've been impressed by the faithful demonstrations of friendship that I've seen here or shared stories that I've been privy to. I ran across a quote recently; "True friendship isn't about being there when it's convenient; it's about being there when it's not." (Think Ruth and Naomi) We all know how easy it is to be a friend when things are going well but when helping someone involves going out of your way or 'going out on a limb' or maybe even creates a hardship, true friendship steps up and gets the job done. We're blessed then to have a circle of true friendship that extends beyond the walls of this church. Consider, "The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing... not healing, not curing... that is a friend who cares". This is not a plug to join the Caritas Committee (although if this inspires you to do so, we meet the third Tuesday after Bible Study) it's just an observation of the demonstration of caring and friendship I've seen. It's the perfume that makes life a little sweeter.

I've scheduled some activities for October that are (bear with me), somewhat related. On **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** we'll be traveling to the Sunrise Pottery Studios in Boerne to try our hand at throwing clay on the pottery wheel. If you sign up for this (HINT HINT – you must sign up as we are limited on space) you can plan on being at the studio from 10-12pm and making 5-8 pieces (Think Christmas or birthday gifts). We'll grab lunch in Boerne afterwards and return to the church by early afternoon. Please see the XYZ bulletin board for sign-up sheet and information about what you will need to bring with you. The cost of participation is \$20.



On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am a speaker from the Arthritis Foundation will be at our church to talk with us about, what else but achy and swollen joints, stiffness, fatigue and inflammation...and...the list goes on. Maybe you've already been diagnosed with arthritis or maybe you've been wondering if you've got it. Join us in the blue room for a presentation and discussion of the disease, treatments, medical breakthroughs and simple changes you can make in order to live a more pain free life. After the presentation we will be having lunch at Nadler's Bakery on Babcock.

**Looking Ahead:** I'm very excited about November because Frank Walmsley and David Snyder have both graciously offered to make presentations to our group. Frank's presentation is entitled "Presbyterian Worship: What Can Starbucks Teach Us?" and will be held on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the Blue Room. What is worship? Do we have it backwards? Why don't we install a latte machine in the Narthex (OK, that last one was mine I admit). Join us as Frank explores the Presbyterian worship service and challenges us to be better worshippers by understanding why we do what we do. David's presentation will be on a much beloved and unique non-profit adult education center and summer resort in New York, the Chautauqua Institution. As Presbyterians, we place great value in education and the exchange of ideas. The Chautauqua Institution offers lectures on a religious, social, political or academic issue and is well known for having renowned speakers at their events. David and his late wife, Barbara have a long history of summers spent relaxing, learning and having fun at this unique resort. I hope you will make time to join us in the Blue Room on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am for this special presentation.

So, you couldn't make it to Germany for Oktoberfest this year? No worries. I have a solution to your Oompa band blues....On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm Anhalt Dance Hall will hold their annual Oktoberfest. A polka band will play, German fare is served and old farmers will dance with young-ish ladies. We've been going for the past four years and I can, without hesitation, recommend it. The address is 2390 Anhalt Road, Spring Branch, TX 78070. It's very convenient to Highways 281 and 46.

All of this information can be found on the XYZ bulletin board. Please take a moment to check it out and sign up for any events that interest you. I've attached a removable list of our activities for you as well. And as always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns please feel free to speak with me.

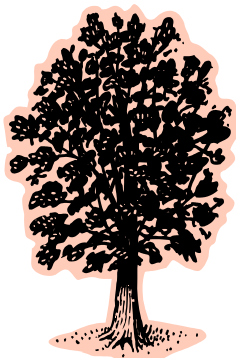
I'll end on a light note. A comedian once remarked that "friends are God's way of apologizing to us for our families". If there is any truth to that, looking around our church, I'd say that God has once again done a very good job.

~ Kelley Kelch,  
Older Adult Ministry Coordinator

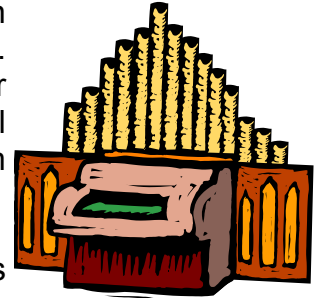
1. It is expected that about 12 youth will be attending The Main Event at John Knox Ranch the end of September. Attendance at Children's Church has increased so that the children are divided into two groups by age. Youth are assisting with the younger children.

2. The Membership Committee is working on recruiting new members and increasing participation among current members. Bags with information are available to be given to visitors. Ways are being explored to make good use of Facebook.

3. Trees have been trimmed, the lock on the outside door by the church office has been repaired, and a roof vent has been repaired. Note that this door is keyed separately from the other outside doors. Funds for these repairs come from the Capital Improvements Fund - this fund's name is misleading since its use includes repairs.



4. Session authorized spending about \$2400 from the Garage Sale receipts for an addition to the organ so that there will be better volume control. We have a wonderful organ and we want to keep it in excellent working condition. On October 23, after Fellowship Time, there will be an Organ Program featuring our own John Lile.



5. Marcia Nichols was elected as Commissioner to a called meeting of Mission Presbytery on September 17 and Frank Walmsley was elected as Commissioner to the next stated meeting of Mission Presbytery on October 28-29 in Victoria.

6. Session continues to pray for those in need and to give thanks for all of you.

*Frank Walmsley*, Clerk of Session

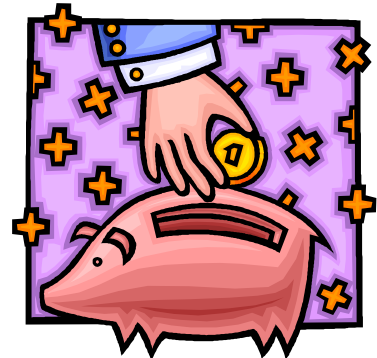
## FINANCIAL NEWS\$

Where does the time go?? We had a busy summer and now we look forward to some cooler weather; maybe the A/C bills will go down and the units will not have to be repaired so often. Our expenses have been high lately due to a number of reasons including: A/C repair, door repair, and dangerous tree maintenance. When we add the fact that regular contributions were down, it means that we are again ending the month in the red. We are all watching the expenses, but the building must function and the other obligations continue.

The session and the committees are beginning the budget planning process for next year. With faith and your generosity we will make it.

Blessings,

*Jack Henson*, Finance Officer



*I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.* **1 Corinthians 9:26-27**

Anyone that knows me will tell you it is no great secret that I truly dislike the summer. Something about the sun, the heat, and the never-ending days with no rain become quite tiresome. So I am always appreciative of this time of year, when summer is going and months from returning again.

If you asked my wife, however, why I love the fall so much, she will respond with one word...football. I must admit that this is a joyous time of the year for me (not so much for Lisa though) but I do love the game. I try to the best of my abilities to explain to Lisa why I am so passionate about watching the sport; the passion, the emotion, the intangible highs and lows that only come from deeply following a team year in and year out. But it is all to no avail, whenever I try to explain all of this to Lisa, her response is always the same "it's just a game."

However, I can't help but think that so many of the events of our lives seem to manifest themselves in the same way as this game. In life and in football, so much gears up towards the opening kickoff; we have moments in our lives that start a new and exciting journey. Whether we are having children, buying a house, moving to a new town, or starting a new job. We build up our anticipation for these events and we are excited to embark on this new journey, unsure of how it will end. Then parts of our lives are like the fourth quarter, the end of the game. These are the times when we come to the end of a journey, when our kids graduate from elementary or high school, when they move out of the house (sometimes for the second time) when you retire, or when you finally obtain that long awaited goal. The excitement and satisfaction that come with embarking on and completing a journey are things that we can all attest to.

However, anyone who has played sports will tell you that the hardest part of the game is neither the first or fourth quarter. Those quarters are filled with anticipation and expectation of beginning and completion. The true difficulty in any game is in the middle, the third quarter. The middle of the game is so overlooked and seemingly tedious. At any Super Bowl party the third quarter is the time people stop paying attention to the game, and start engaging in their own conversations. Those playing any sport will tell you that it is the long and drawn out portion of the game where it is easiest to lose focus and concentration.

So often, much of life seems like it's the third quarter. Anyone can get excited in the beginning, or motivate themselves to cross a finish line, but it is the middle of the race, the middle of the game, the middle of life where we find out if we are truly dedicated to the cause. It is in those moments when everyone else seems to have lost interest and given up. There, in the middle where we are left alone; just us and our convictions, our work ethic, and our willingness that will determine whether we will succeed or fail.

The one positive that we can cling to is that in life, like in football, we are not alone. We are surrounded by other players and teammates who all know what we are working towards, people to remind us that we have what we need deep down within ourselves. God manages to place people in our lives at just the right moment that we can draw strength from to keep on going. So whatever phase of life you are in, the excitement of the beginning, the satisfaction of completion, or the constant working of life's third quarters, know that there are people around you who will help you see it through, to the end.

Blessings,

*Reuben*, Director of Congregational Life



Are you on facebook?

Search for "Oak Hills Presbyterian Church" to receive reminders concerning activities and news of the church.



For current updates regarding church events, devotional links, and pastor's blog, follow us @ "OakHillsPC" on Twitter.

Attention OHPC Youth & Families make plans to join us on

Saturday, October 22nd

At Sea World for a Halloween Adventure



Sea World Spooktacular for the little ones & Howl-O-Scream for the brave ones.



Meet at 2pm by the bus drop-off benches

Please RSVP to Susanna by 10/16 To secure Group rate

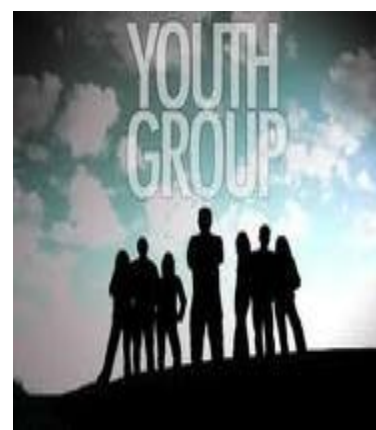
## YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

When: Sunday, October 30

Time: 5-7 pm

Where: OHPC

Join us for an evening of fun games and dinner!



## Youth Sunday School

*Have you heard?*

Youth Sunday School is now after service at 11:30 a.m.

All youth (6th-12th Grade) are welcome to join Susanna & Reuben in the Library after the Morning Worship for a class especially designed to address issues relevant to you.



## Inclusion



**Attention all students 4th grade—high school!**

We need your help to create a dynamic

**Sunday, Oct. 30 Worship Service**

The service will focus on God's call to seize each day as a precious gift. Suzie Becht will lead the rehearsals so that our youth can learn an upbeat song to sing in worship on Oct. 30. The youth will begin rehearsals **Sunday, Oct 15**, at the end of children's church and then meet at least one Saturday on **Saturday, Oct. 15. at 10 a.m.**

**Music Program Presented**

by

**John Lile**

**Sunday, Oct 23rd**

**12:30 p.m.**

**(After our Fellowship Luncheon)**

Please join us for a wonderful music program presented by our Director of Music, John Lile. After worship we will join for lunch in fellowship hall, and then return to the sanctuary to be blessed by John's amazing gifts as a pianist and organist.



**Looking for Volunteers**

**To host the Sunday Reception**

The reception provides an opportunity to "fellowship", say hello, catch up on what is happening. Hosts are asked to provide a "light" snack for approximately 50 people. Feel free to use your imagination; this is an excellent opportunity to try out that new or old receipt. Items in the kitchen and pantry are available to be used. Assistance can be made available, just let me know. Many have offered donations – those are greatly appreciated.

To Volunteer:

- Sign the calendar on the hall way outside Classroom A
- Call the Office, 342-0271 or
- Call me direct – Robert Stull, 344-3752



Thanks to the members who have hosted the Sunday Reception. It is going well and many of you have taken advantage of the time to "fellowship" with one another. Please continue to come and enjoy.

***You're Invited***

**to our**

**World Communion Luncheon**

**Sunday, Oct. 2,**

**immediately after worship**

Join us for an international feast in fellowship hall. Some of our church members will bring an ethnic food to share. Our buffet will include foods from different parts of the world to symbolize the amazing diversity of all God's children. Through faith, we are bonded to our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

**Men's Breakfast**

**October 8, 2011**

**8 a.m.**



**Join us for breakfast & fellowship**

Don't forget you can still get coffee and donuts before Sunday school each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Fellowship Committee  
Chairperson, Robert Stull

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Night at Old Forest Hills  
Saturday, October 1

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church  
13200 Bandera Road, Helotes

5:30 pm – Silent Auction & Hors d’oeuvres  
6:30 pm – International Dinner & Program

Fundraiser to Benefit  
Presbyterian Pan American School



Come dine with us on food from four different countries, fellowship with other San Antonio Presbyterian Churches, and learn about our mission school in Kingsville, all while enjoying the musical gifts of the school’s choir. And, you might even find a treasure at the silent auction!

**Children's Enrichment Center**

Dear Oak Hills Family,

Our first month of school is now history and CEC’s students and staff had a smooth transition into the new school year. It is so nice to see the smiling faces and hear the sound of giggles and laughter filling our classrooms. If you know of anyone looking for an amazing preschool program, we still have openings in some of our classes. Please have them give us a call at 342-4302 or just stop by and visit us Mon. – Fri. from 8:45 - 2:45.

Hopefully, the cooler days of fall are on the way, pumpkins and bats are in the air. We will be seeing jack-lanterns, cats and bats decorating the wall of CEC.

We are also busy getting ready for our Fall Festival and for our costume parade at the end of the month. Our Meatball Roll and Spaghetti Dinner with Chef Jack Henson are also fast approaching. Our fourteenth annual dinner is on Friday, October 21st. We have two dinner seatings....one at 6:00 pm and the other at 6:30 pm. Please call the CEC office for ticket orders at 342-4302. We will have a raffle and a homemade bake sale. We would love for our church family to be a part of this special event. We are so grateful for our church family and the support you show us every day. We look forward to seeing you at the Spaghetti Dinner!



With Thanks,

*Jeanne O'Brien*, Director

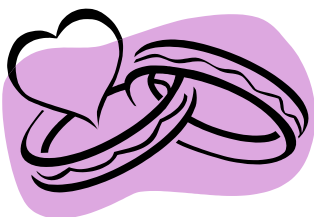


## October Birthdays

- 10/07 Maegan Myers
- 10/08 Rhys Kelch & Sarah Williams
- 10/09 Russell Seal
- 10/10 Kent Mantle
- 10/12 Betty Jean Hill
- 10/13 Gladys Day
- 10/13 Shannon McCloskey
- 10/18 Erin Wilson
- 10/19 Jeannette Schneider
- 10/19 Maurene Stanton
- 10/21 Roger Egger
- 10/21 Carol Johnston
- 10/21 Jennifer Myers
- 10/23 Teresa Gray
- 10/28 Cody Tschirhart
- 10/30 Cherrill Koog
- 10/31 Don McCurnin

## October Anniversaries

- 10/02 James & Marguerite Paine
- 10/11 Glen & Rocio Middleton
- 10/12 Hayward & Elinor James
- 10/18 Don & Patty McCurnin
- 10/26 Charles & LaVunn Mims



## Behind the Scenes

A lot of OHPC people provide services of varying kinds to the church and to others outside the church. This column highlights some of those people who do their work mostly out-of-sight. We do this to recognize their service and to thank them.

We ask you all to collect labels for education from General Mills products and from Campbell products as shown in the figure. I was curious about who benefited from the labels we collect. The answer is The Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM which is a Presbyterian supported high school. The search for that answer led me to Joy Eckbreth who was able to answer my question.

Joy is a member of both the Outreach Committee and the Music and Worship Committee. She serves as an usher/greeter frequently and helps with the labels, glasses, and stamps that are collected. Each month she helps with preparing the *Oak Branch* for mailing. A big effort goes into her job as Chair of the Reception Committee which prepares the reception that follows each memorial/funeral service including the setup, food, and cleanup with the help of the rest of her committee. Joy is our representative to the House of Neighborly Service attending their meeting each month and is our Presbyterian Women's representative to Church Women United. You get the idea.

Joy does all this with efficiency, dedication, and (of course) joy. Thanks to Joy for all her service to OHPC.

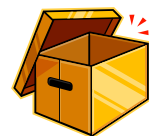
*Frank Walmsley*, Chair, Communications Committee

## Thank You

A sincere thank you to all of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers while I underwent my recent surgery. It turned into a much longer course of treatment than I expected and I needed all the good wishes and prayers I could get (still do). Many of you also called or sent cards with your well-wishes and receiving them brightened my days. Thank you all again and I hope to be back among you real soon.

Fondly in Christ,  
Sherry Haglund

## Donations



OHPC is known for being generous! We appreciate all of the donations we receive. If you have any donations for the church or CEC, please bring them to either office first so we know where to place them. Thank you for your kindness!

### Sunday School Volunteers

If you have been in church in the past few weeks, you have noticed a growing number of children and youth in our services. Additionally we have started a couple of changes to our Christian Ed program for our children and youth.

We have the wonderful need for more volunteers to help teach our children and youth about God's love. Listed below are three exciting classes we want to offer our youngest members. If you are willing to serve in any of these areas, please contact Reuben or Susanna.

#### 9:15 Children's Hour

During the 9:15 hour we have a special time of arts, crafts, puzzles, and drawing for children whose parents are in one of our adult Sunday school classes. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a one month rotation.

#### 10:30 Children's Church

We have had a growing number of children in our worship services and we are looking at having a separate group for the 4-5 year olds. Volunteers are asked to serve one week at a time whenever they are available.

#### 11:30 Youth Sunday School

On Sept. 11 we started the 11:30 Youth Sunday school class. In this class we are going through the PCUSA youth curriculum on "Faith Questions." If you are in 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade we would love to have you join us. Substitutes are needed to assist Reuben, who teaches the class.



A number of you have told us how much you appreciated our "Dinners of 8" so we are bringing it back.

Small groups will meet once a week for 4 weeks either in host homes or restaurants to fellowship over dinner, beginning on the last full week of October.

This is a great opportunity to get to know some of our new church members better and for some of our older church members to become better acquainted.

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex during the first couple Sundays in October for those who are interested. Please contact Reuben for more information.



**Congratulations to  
Jeff & Karina Bartlett  
on the birth of their daughter**

**Sophie Grace**

**8lb 11oz**

**Sunday September 11th, 2011**

**May she grow to discover God's great  
love in her life.**

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