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OLD PEACHTREE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June Happenings

Summertime is here once again, at least by the calendar. Summer may not begin officially until June 21, but the heat begs to differ. June holds a couple of events to be aware of.

First is **Rick Appleton's ordination service** on June 9. This service will be for Rick the culmination of many years of study, preparation, and examination. Our *PCA Book of Church Order* defines ordination as follows:

Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands, to which it is proper to add the giving of the right hand of fellowship.

Rick has been called as an Assistant Pastor by Providence Presbyterian Church in Robinson Township, PA (Greater Pittsburgh). The ordination service will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 9. Rick did me the honor of asking me to preach at his service. I know several people from OPPC who are planning to make the trip to be present for the occasion. The website of the church is www.providence-pca.net.

Please continue to keep Rick, Kara-Mia, Grace, and Joy in your prayers as they get settled in Pittsburgh. We will miss them much but rejoice as they take up the ministry to which God has called them and to have had a part in preparing them.

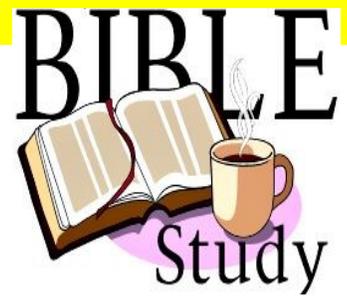
The other event occurring in June is the **PCA General Assembly**, meeting June 25-28 in Dallas, Texas. The assembly hears reports and acts on recommendations from the various PCA committees and agencies. It also considers and responds to overtures sent up from various presbyteries. Steve Bennett, Joe Deighton, and I will be representing OPPC. Others from our church will be there in other capacities. For information about the upcoming assembly, go to www.pcaac/generalassembly/. There you can find a list of overtures, live streaming information, and more. Please be in prayer for safe travels and the leading and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we meet in Dallas.

Alan Johnson

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Women's Bible study is continuing through the summer! We would love to see you there! We meet from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Childcare is provided. We are reading *Hungry: Learning to Feed Your Soul with Christ* by Rondi Lauterbach. Our lesson includes a short video, discussion, and group prayer. Contact Jessica Wilson for information (jljwils@gmail.com).



Our meeting dates are as follows:

June - 4, 11, 18, 25

July - 9, 16 (no meeting July 2)

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—NEXT MEETING, JUNE 22

Please join us for monthly women's prayer group this summer! We will meet for a short devotional and group prayer time. Prayer discussion guides will be available for \$1.00. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 22, at 9:00 a.m. the location has not been decided. Contact Barbara Johnson with questions or for information (bbjohnson1988@gmail.com).

Other meeting dates are:

July 13

August 24

Locations TBD.

PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY—JUNE 25-28

"Press on for God's Glory!" is the theme of The PCA General Assembly to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 25-28.

Please be in prayer for our elders as they travel to and attend the assembly.



APPLETON ORDINATION — JUNE 9, 2019

Please be in prayer for the Appleton Family as Rick is ordained at Providence Presbyterian Church in Robinson Township, Pennsylvania. Rick is the new Assistant Pastor at Providence.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GUIDELINES FORM

If you have not signed the Children's Ministry Guidelines form, please ask Joe Deighton for a copy, read through it, sign it, and return it to him. Contact Joe with any questions (joe.deighton@oldpeachtree.org).

MISSIONARY UPDATE—ALAN FOSTER

The need to plant more churches is huge. But in the USA? Yes, the USA is the third largest mission field in the world, with India and China being 1st and 2nd. There are now more missionaries coming to the US versus being sent out. Matthew 9:35-38 states that Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. In verse 37, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest".

This is Alan Foster's primary role, to identify cities and villages in the US and find a church planter to go there. Note that he does not just look for big cities but also villages and rural areas. He has located 15 southern US remote areas that need a church planter. In the US, there are 4,000 new churches being established per year, but at the same time there are 3,700 churches being closed each year, a net increase of only 300 per year. The population is increasing at a much greater percentage. In 1900, the US had 27 churches per 1,000 people; in 2010, there are just 8 churches per 1,000 people. The harvest is indeed plentiful, but laborers are few. PCA's philosophy is to have saturation of churches and not just a few large ones. Small churches have a higher participation and serving rate and higher percentage of people coming to know Christ.



Alan Foster

Immigrants are coming to the US from all over. Many in their home countries are being killed for sharing the gospel, but here in the US they are free to do so. We have a great opportunity here to not only impact the US but the world.

Alan's role, as Church Planter Recruiting Director, is to pray for, identify, and recruit laborers for the harvest to plant the scores of new PCA churches needed to impact North America with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He works with local churches, presbyteries, and networks in finding men to plant churches in their area. At the same time, he approaches previous church planters, campus pastors, and staff pastors to challenge them to consider planting a new church, matching them up with the appropriate needed area.

Currently he is working diligently to find planters for some key cities in the US: Phoenix, AZ; Monroe, LA; Memphis, TN; Middle West Virginia; Boise, ID; Morristown, TN; and many more. Five years ago, there were no reformed churches in Cleveland, OH. Today there are 6 planted churches. In the last six months, PCA planted a church in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Please pray:

1. For wisdom as Alan counsels and advises potential church planters
2. For God to rise up more men to plant churches. We desperately need laborers for the harvest.
3. For the many church planting leaders in our denomination—presbytery MNA Committee Chairmen, network directors, leaders in church planting churches—to be ready to receive the planters that God provides.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER JUNE—AUGUST, 2019



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Nursery Upper level - Nursery

Disciples in Diapers

Teachers: Jane Horner & Meggin Garner

2's & 3's Upper level - Toddler

God's People

Teacher: Jennifer Taylor

4's-K Upper level – Preschool

Serving the Savior

Teachers: Alan & Barb Larson, &
Natalie Malin-Davis

Grades 1 & 2 Lower level – 1

Pleasing God

Teacher: Sandy Butler

Grades 3 & 4 Lower level – 3

God's Servants

Teachers: Rob & Denise Funk

JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER SUNDAY
SCHOOL PROGRAM
AT 9:45 A.M.

Grades 5 & 6 Lower level – 5

Hebrews to Revelation

Teacher: Dianne Ellison

Grades 7 & 8 Lower level – 8

Wise Up

Teacher: Libby Dunahoo

High School Lower level – 7

Apologetics

Teacher: Carlin Wong

Young Adult/Colleg Lower level – 6

Godly Marriage and Relationships

Teacher: Joe Deighton

Adult Fellowship Hall

The Puritans and Why They Matter

Teachers: Multiple Teachers

MISSIONARY WELCOME

Join us on Sunday, June 2, at 9:45 a.m. to hear missionary, Moises Zapata, speak to our Adult/High school Sunday school class in the sanctuary. At age 77 Moises is mentoring seven pastors in Mexico and one in the US with the Hispanic population. He serves with the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. He is restructuring the curriculum that will be used throughout Mexico to train church leaders.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER RETREAT AT RIDGE HAVEN



“The Race Set Before Us” is the theme for the Apex Middle School Retreat, June 10-14. Rising 6th through rising 9th graders, who registered for the retreat will be heading for the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina (Camp Ridge Haven).

OPPC is partnering with IPC in Savannah, and it should be a great week together with them. Rev. Joe Deighton will be teaching along with Rev. Paul Rodgers. The theme of APEX will focus on the Christian life and running the race set before us (Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27). Call Joe with any questions.

Please be in prayer for our Middle Schoolers as they travel to and from camp and attend this summer retreat adventure.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—July 22-26—Mark Your Calendar

The King is coming! Please register for VBS and join the enriching fun, games, and learning experiences at OPPC on Monday-Friday, July 22-26.

Children ages 4 (four) through 12 (twelve) are welcome to join us.

Please fill out a registration form and drop it in the offering plate, church office, or give it to Julie Schramm. If you wish to purchase a t-shirt, please fill out that form too. T-shirts are only \$10 and VBS volunteers get a free shirt.

**SOUND THE TRUMPETS!
PREPARE THE WAY!**



MEETINGS AND GROUPS

First Sunday Lunch

Join us for First Sunday Lunch on June 2. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Communion Week

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the morning service on June 9. We have communion on the second Sunday every month.

Deacons Meeting

The Diaconate meeting is Wednesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They meet the second Wednesday of each month).

Session Meeting

The Session meeting has been changed to Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. (It is usually the fourth Wednesday of each month).

Youth Group

All 6th grade -12th graders, even college students, are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30 on Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - JUNE 2019

DATE	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
6/2	Dunahoo, Rebecca B.	No Service
6/9	Chromiak, Johnson, Amanda	Butler, Funk
6/16	Kang, Malcolm, Josiah	Elmer
6/23	Taylor, Rebecca L.	Richards
6/30	Schramm, Elizabeth	Foster, Smith



LINK DEADLINE: Please turn in articles and information for the July *LINK* by Tuesday, June 25.

Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this end, Old Peachtree aims to be a church that is continually growing in vital worship, in theological depth, in true fellowship, in assertive evangelism, and in deeds of compassion. The distinctiveness of Old Peachtree is in its desire to be Presbyterian in government and Reformed in theology, with the vitality that comes from evangelism and discipleship.

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