



ORMOND BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BRIDGE PASTOR: THE REV. DR. RADFORD RADER

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

By the time you read this, I will have exited Ormond Beach Presbyterian a second time, having finished 3 ½ months with you. I want to thank you for the privilege of serving again in a pastoral position at this church.

It was a strange time for ministry. COVID has made everything so different and difficult. I am a baby boomer and do not function well in the new electronic church. “Bridge pastor” was a completely new and strange venue for me. I still am not sure I figured it out. I also was on limited hours and limited energy. I find as I continue to age, I am not as able to accomplish as much within the same time as I was able to do even in my 60s. Many of you I never got to see, even you who were old friends from the 90s. Some of that was COVID and some just not enough time in the day and not enough days. I regret this; it is not what I anticipated.

Nevertheless, it is my hope that my presence was able to help you, the congregation, through what has been a tough transition from two pastors to none in the space of weeks. If I brought some stability and offered the gospel in healing, helpful and faithful ways, then I am glad.

As you know, an interim has been hired and, within days, the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry should approve the relationship with the minister, who will lead you the rest of the way until you have called a new pastor. I will not be with you through this time, but I will keep you in my prayers for your complete healing, your new visions and dreams, and the new relationships you will form. Blessings on you, dear Church. Never doubt this: God is with you!

Radford Rader

Bridge Pastor

# January Preaching Schedule

## January 3 **The Rev. Laura Walters Baskett**

Laura is an ordained PCUSA minister. She lives in DeLand and serves as chaplain at Hugh Ash Manor and College Arms Towers. Previously she was a hospice chaplain and also the chaplain at the University of Tulsa and Stetson University.

## January 10 **The Rev. Mary Kay Wagner**

Mary Kay was a nun for 30 years in an order that specialized in education. She was ordained in a non-denominational congregation and served in several educational and pastoral positions. She and David joined OBPC from First Presbyterian, Fort Lauderdale.

Scriptures:

First Lesson: Psalm 56:3; 33:4; 112:7; 125:1; 84:12, Proverbs 3:5

Second Lesson: Psalm 62

Sermon Title: "Unshakeable Trust"

## January 17 **The Rev. David Keck**

David is an ordained PCUSA minister and a member of Central Florida Presbytery. He presently serves as Chaplain for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Scriptures:

First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10

Second Lesson: John 1:43-51

Sermon Title: "Where Is The Voice Coming From?"

## January 24 **Elder Jean Meredith**

Jean is a Commissioned Lay Pastor serving at Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church. She previously served at Port Orange Presbyterian and often fills pulpits in sister churches in this part of the presbytery.

## January 31 **The Rev. Jo Anderson**

Jo is an honorably retired PCUSA minister and a member of Greater Atlanta Presbytery. She has been active at OBPC for some time sharing her musical skills in the choir and the Glory Bells.

## February 1 **First Day for Our Interim to be on the Job!**



**The Annual Congregational Meeting has been postponed until Sunday, February 20th**  
when the interim pastor will be present to moderate.



## January Birthday's

5	Derick Lecas	22	Barbara Hagglund
7	Steve Fuehrer	23	Debbie McFetridge
7	Andrew Lecas	23	Marilyn Smarkusky
12	Dave Wagner	26	Mary Kay Wagner
13	Mark Stephens	27	Linda Adkins
15	Carolyn Williams	27	Randy Pechin
18	Ian Heller	28	Bonnie Thompson
18	Nancy Long	31	Rhoda Little
21	Mel Weston	31	Becky Navidomskis



## Anniversaries

5	Barbara & David McCurdy	56 yrs
6	Michael & Norma Devine	55 yrs
10	Dave & Mary Kay Wagner	5 yrs
11	Michael & Amanda Wilson-Stovall	6 yrs



## Tuned for Praise

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### *Songs My Mother Taught Me*



We are thrilled to invite you to join us for *Songs My Mother Taught Me*, a cello/piano duo program brought to Ormond Beach by Jamie Clark and Hannah Sun.

From the swaggering dance rhythms of Bela Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances*, to the nostalgic charm of Dvořák's *Songs My Mother Taught Me*, the afternoon will be in musical celebration of the closeness of family and the richness of culture.

Bring a friend (wear a mask)  
and don't miss a note!

Free-will offering at the door  
will help support our

*Tuned for Praise* concert series.

**Sunday, January 17 3:30pm**



## January HUM Food Drive

After the holiday season is when most food banks find their cupboards low in supplies. So, OBPC is aiming to help with this shortage. **On Sunday, January 17th before worship (10:00-10:30 AM) and after worship (11:30 AM-12:00 PM)** the Outreach Committee, with the help of our youth, will collect food for Halifax Urban Ministries. Bring dry food and canned goods to church and place them in the designated truck in front of the church office, or open your car trunk and wave to a youth to come and collect the food from your car.

***Melodies of the Heart*** It has been forty years since our beloved Merridy was called to her heavenly home, but she is in our minds and hearts daily.

She loved her youth, and her youth is eternal. What a comforting thought for us all! Praise we the Lord who reigns on high! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the final concert in Merridy's memory, "Melodies of the Heart," **has been postponed to Sunday, February 13, 2022** at 4:00 PM in the Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Haddad Fellowship Center. Please join us for this event in 2022. God Bless, Earl and Gwen Williams



### **ADULT MISSION TRIP Guatemala June 15-22, 2020**

Dr. Rader is leading a group of adults (18 years and older) this summer to work with AIR, a Presbyterian founded and supported ministry to the indigenous people of Guatemala. This trip was canceled in 2020 because of COVID, but we hope that it will be possible to go from June 15-22, 2021. He has 6 Westminster by the Sea holders from last year and 4 spaces left. AIR's ministry was initially to train farmers and villages to establish tree nurseries to grow the trees and plant them in fields to hold and enrich the soil, preventing mudslides. The farmers also are educated in improved farming techniques which issues in greater harvests. AIR now builds stoves that are enclosed and vented, saving wood and protecting families from lung diseases which are the largest causes of death among them. The ministry goes into the schools and teaches agronomy and nutrition. Children establish and maintain organic gardens on the school grounds, providing another source of good food in their community. Cost of the trip is \$800.00 which pays for in-country transportation, room, and board (all meals) as well as the materials we will use. Each person is also responsible for his/her roundtrip air fare (last year it was about \$550.00). We work two days planting, two days building stoves, one day in the schools and get a little sightseeing on arrival day. We will see a beautiful country.

If you are interested, call or speak with Radford soon. (office 441-0300) (cell 295-9597).