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THE HOME VISITOR

This month we celebrate the music ministry of Barbara Larson. We at OBPC have the privilege of helping her complete the work of many years. At OBPC, as Director of Music, Barbara Larson has been the overseer of the entire music program which has included directing the Chancel Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Glory Bells Adult Handbell Choir. In addition, she is the church's organist, the administrator of the Tuned for Praise concert series, and has designed, developed and produced OBPC's worship liturgy. The words of the hymn, "When in Our Music God is Glorified," reflect Barb's years of leading the people of God in and through liturgy and music.



We pray for a peaceful transition as Barbara Larson takes her first steps beyond the walls of the Church. We pray that a sense of deep-seated peace might accompany her. In and through her journey into retirement might she find reassurance in Your unwavering presence. Grant her the peace that surpasses all understanding and let Your love be a constant companion on this new journey.

Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church
Invites You To
A Retirement Celebration
Celebrating Over 50 Years
of Music Ministry
Barbara Larson
Sunday, August 30, 2026
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

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SPECIAL NOTES

Sunday 8/9 Blessing of the Back Packs.

Saturday 8/22 Amsden Academy "Beekeeper Presentation."

Sunday 8/30 Retirement Party for Barbara Larson, HFC

September Home Visitor Cut off Monday 7/17

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

4 and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

7 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

10 1-4. 5.
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

About This Hymn

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” is a thoughtful and joyful hymn text by Fred Pratt Green, written in 1972. The hymn explores the theology of music in Christian worship, affirming that music is not merely an artistic addition to worship but a God-given means through which praise, unity, and spiritual formation take place. It has been widely adopted in modern hymnals and is frequently used in services that emphasize congregational singing and the ministry of music.

The opening stanza establishes the central theme that God is glorified when music is offered with sincerity and joy. Music becomes a response to grace, not a performance, and praise flows naturally from grateful hearts. The hymn stresses that worship through song involves the whole congregation, reinforcing the biblical teaching that praise is the calling of all God’s people, not only choirs or musicians.

A notable strength of the hymn is its emphasis on unity. Green highlights how singing together binds believers across differences of age, culture, and background. In shared song, the church experiences a foretaste of heavenly worship, where voices join as one in praise to God. This communal aspect reflects the scriptural vision of the church as one body, joined together in Christ.

The hymn also acknowledges the emotional power of music. It recognizes that music can express joy, sorrow, hope, and longing, and that God receives all these expressions when they are offered in faith. Music becomes a means of teaching, comfort, and encouragement, allowing the Word of Christ to dwell richly among believers.

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ultimately calls the church to thoughtful, heartfelt worship. It affirms music as a gift that shapes faith, strengthens community, and directs all glory to God, inviting believers to sing with understanding, humility, and joy before the Lord.





Music Notes—August 2026

Summer Choir continues each summer Sunday through August 30!

Dear OBPC family and friends,

“When in our music God is glorified” sums up the purpose and goal of church music. It has been my joy and pleasure to glorify God through music for over 50 years. Music ministry has taken my family to six states where we have enabled countless singers, ringers, instrumentalists; adults, children and youth to glorify God through music.

Now it is time for me to retire! My last Sunday will be August 30. As I reflect on my years of music ministry, fourteen of them here in Ormond Beach, I remember the people and the joy of sharing, learning, and believing together. Here is a look at the places where I have served, maybe our paths have crossed somewhere else along the way!!

- 1972-1974 Serving as substitute musician in my home church Augustana Lutheran, Tonawanda, NY and other local churches
- 1974-1976 Chapel Choir; Wittenberg Choir and Bach Chorale accompanist at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH while a student
- 1976-1977 Served as substitute organist at The American Lutheran Church in Berlin, Germany while I studied abroad
- 1977-1978 Organist at High Street United Methodist Church, Springfield, OH
- 1978-1980 Associate Director of Music at Christ United Methodist Church, Dayton, OH
- 1980-1982 Director of Music at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Collinsville, IL
- 1982-1987 Co-Director of Music at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis, PA
Organist/Choir Director at Ascension Lutheran Church, McKees Rocks, PA
- 1987-1999 Director of Music at Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church, Newport News, VA
- 1999-2002 Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- 2002-2012 Director of Music at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Orange City, FL
- 1999-2022 Collaborative Artist at Stetson University in the School of Music
- 2012-2026 Director of Music at Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, Ormond Beach, FL

Thank you for your support of music in worship! Keep the song in your heart!

Peace, Barbara Larson

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
ALLELUIA!*

Glory to God #641

Montreat 2026



Here is the happy and hardy group who attended the 2026 Montreat Worship & Music Conference in June. The Montreat Conference is always a great experience. Thank you to Lisa Benitez, Kathy Carlton, and Sandy Johnson for chaperoning, and to Mike and Ann Myer for cooking for us all week, to the youth who attended, and to the congregation for making this event possible for our youth and adults.

AJ Benitez writes: Thank you for allowing us to attend Montreat. We are very lucky to be here and enjoy everything here. Some of my favorite classes are small group and Movement class. Thank you all for giving us this amazing opportunity.

Brooke Johnson: Thank you so much for raising the money to let us come to Montreat. It means so much to me. Montreat is such a special place, so thank you so much!

Bree Johnson: Thank you so much for your contribution towards my time at Montreat. I truly appreciate it and feel so loved and supported by my church family. Throughout the week we have been painting, singing, dancing, and other forms of worship! I always look forward to my time here and the opportunities that await me. Thank you so much for all that you do for me.

Joey Davis: I want to let you know thank you so much for this trip and we had so much fun. We love doing this every year and we love the mountains and scenery! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Keely Johnson: Thank you so much for letting me be a part of this week! I love all the classes and activities. I love the sermons too. I hope to be able to come next year. Thank you for being a wonderful church family.

Michael Meyer: Dear Ormond Beach Presbyterian congregation, thank you for the opportunity to experience such an eye-opening week filled with once foreign, and now known aspects of the Presbyterian religion. I hope to bring forth what I have learned and hopefully expose OBPC to the many ways I have learned to worship. I'm very grateful for the investment that allowed me to have such a memorable time here in Montreat and I hope that what we all have learned will benefit everyone! Thank you for everything!

Thomas Davis: To the lovely congregation, thank you!!! Without your generous donations and gratitude, I would not have been able to grow my faith, learn new music, make new friends, strengthen relationships, enjoy and take in this beautiful environment and most importantly learn and cherish the Lord's word.

Amsden Academy Presents:

Honey Tasting and Beekeeping



Local beekeepers, Wendy Barettella and Michael Blauberg, will help us explore the fascinating world of bees and the sweet treasures they produce. This session is designed to offer insights into the delicate art of beekeeping and the rich diversity of honey flavors. We'll begin by delving into the essentials of beekeeping—understanding the lifecycle of bees, their role in pollination, and the environmental factors that influence honey production. You'll learn about the different types of hives, the tools needed for beekeeping, and best practices for maintaining healthy bee colonies.

Following this, we will guide you through an interactive honey tasting experience. Discover how the source of nectar, regional flora, and seasonal changes affect the taste, color, and texture of honey. You'll sample a variety of honey types, from the light and floral to the robust and earthy, and learn to identify subtle tasting notes. Whether you're a budding apiarist or simply a honey enthusiast, this presentation promises a delightful and enlightening journey into the world of bees and their golden elixir.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase the honeys you sample to take home!

When: Saturday, August 22nd @ 10:30am

*Where: Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32176*

Who: The Community and Church

Cost: Free!

RSVP in the Narthex or by email to obpccomm@gmail.com



Are You Getting Our Emails?

Each week, our church sends important emails including the Sunday morning worship link and updates about upcoming events. If you haven't seen these in your inbox, you might be missing out on information you need to stay connected with our church family.

Ask yourself:

- Am I receiving the Sunday morning worship email each week?
- Am I getting notified about special events and announcements?
- Has my email address changed recently?

If you answered "no" to the first two questions, or "yes" to the third, we'd love to help you get reconnected.

How to Get on the List (or Update Your Info)

Simply email obpccomm@gmail.com and let us know if you'd like to:

- Be added to the mailing list, or
- Update the email address we have on file for you

Don't Let Our Emails Get Lost in Spam!

Even if you're already signed up, our emails can sometimes end up in spam or promotions folders instead of your main inbox. To make sure you never miss a Sunday worship email or an important announcement, please add the following address to your contacts list:

ormondbeachpresbyterianchurch@mailgun.smores.com

Adding this address helps your email provider recognize our messages as trusted mail, so they land right where they belong — in your inbox.

If you have any questions or need help with either of these steps, don't hesitate to reach out to obpccomm@gmail.com. We want to make sure every member of our church family stays informed and connected!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Regular Sunday School classes-Adult, Youth, and Elementary - resume on Sunday, 8/16.

- Adult class in Rm. 12 with Jeff Sidwell begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Library Class with different teachers begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Middle and High School in Youth Room with Hunter Sharpe
- Elementary in Room 8 with Liz Scavilla and Mary Ann Stoneking begins at 9:30 a.m.

Looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning centered in God's Word.

All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study - We will resume **Wednesday August 12, 10:00-11:30 in Room 12.**

We will be doing a study called: Finding God Faithful- a study on the life of Joseph.

Women's Gathering - will host a MOVIE with popcorn and drinks and time for discussion in room 12 from 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1 **"ANGELS"**: Based on a remarkable true story.

All women are welcome for our gatherings and are encouraged to invite friends or relatives to these events.



Hurricane Readiness - Be Hurricane Season Savvy

FLAPDAN is the "Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network" and their mission is to support Florida Communities through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery by working in partnership with churches and community, government, and faith-based organizations.

Here are hurricane preparedness tips from FLAPDAN:

- **Get a Kit** – Gather hurricane supplies and assemble a "go bag" should you need to evacuate.
- **Know Your Zone** – Determine if you live in a flood zone and know your evacuation routes.
- **10s of Miles or 100s of Miles?** – You don't need to evacuate too far away, just far enough to a sturdy shelter out of the flood zone.
- **Special Needs?** – Do you know someone dependent on electricity or requires extra help? Help them sign up with their county's Special Needs Registry for assistance.
- **Prep for Pets** – Don't forget a kit for your furry ones!

Scan the QR Code for more info & preparedness tips.



More information can be found at www.flapdan.org.

Or contact any Deacon or the church office (386) 441-0300 for assistance with your preparedness plan.

OBPC's Parish Plan

The ministry of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment [are] chosen for this ministry. (Book of Order, PCUSA G-2.0201 Deacon Defined). The word deacon is derived from the Greek, diakonos, meaning servant. Deacons are trusted servants, helpers, assistants, and administrators within a well-established framework that ministers to many needs within a congregation.

OBPC's Parish Plan assists the Board of Deacons in learning the needs of the congregation by listening to members and at the same time developing personal relationships. OBPC's Deacons initiate contact through letters, cards, phone calls, and personal visits. The Deacons are important members and officers of the congregation. They are nurturing, kind and caring. The welfare of their "Parishes" is of utmost concern to them.

To that end, a Deacon is assigned a "Parish" of Church members to care for and look after as part of her/his duties as a Parish Captain. This caring can consist of contacting members of their Parish to see how they are doing, visiting them if they are hospitalized, taking them meals, and keeping them informed about events in the life of the congregation, and sharing special needs and/or information with Church Leadership (Pastor and Elders) and other Deacons. Parish Captains oversee their Parishes with a goal to provide to the congregation: (1) care and concern, (2) communication, and (3) community. **As a reminder, we encourage our members to contact their Deacon/Captain and/or the Church Office, with any questions, concerns or needs.**



JULY Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

AUGUST Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations



Following worship service on Sunday, August 2, please join us in the Haddad Fellowship Center to recognize all who celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of August. Desserts will be served.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS 8/2 Bruce Geelhood, 8/3 Mike Myer, 8/9 Emily Spottiswood, 8/10 Laurel Gaddy, 8/11 Jorge Lopez, 8/12 Wray Bonnick, 8/13 Susan Barry, 8/14 Virginia Norred, 8/17 Ron Christman, 8/21 Kristen Maiocco, 8/26 Tracey Albright, 8/28 Jackie Joiner, 8/29 Rose Vedder (100th), 8/31 Ronnie Ricks, 8/31 Joyce Fisher

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES 8/4 Ray & Betty Piller 19 yrs, 8/8 Louis & Kassie Manza 56 yrs, 8/16 Warren (Randy) and Leanna Pechin 1 yr, 8/18 Ron & Candace Christman 48 yrs, 8/22 Philip & Karyl Poirier 56 yrs, 8/23 Richard & Sheila Clark 58 yrs, 8/26 Jack & Trish De Weese 65 yrs, 8/31 Tom & Nancy Robbins 58 yrs

We continue to lift in prayer OBPC Members.

*Barbara Bowden
Bruce Burge
Ella Mae
Chadbourne
Aleta Dick
Bruce Geelhood*

*Phyllis Heller
Carol Helmendach
Sherri Jarvis
Keely Johnson
Sue Mitchell
Alma More*

*Jill Moscoso
Lyle Neely
Susan Parisi
Cynthia Pfleiderer
Ray Piller
John Smarkusky*

*Marilyn Smarkusky
Elizabeth Strong
Cindy Watkins
Gwen & Earl
Williams*



We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

*Kimberly Pyne-Daughter and George Keefer-Friend by Sharon Carter
Laura Bassett, Mel Smith, Audrey Pentz, John Harkrader-Friends by Kirsten and
Curtis Finley*

Steve Struble-Friend by Bill and Bonnie Thompson

Hiro Hirumi-Father by 2c and Karen Hirumi

Betty Colburn-Mother by Sandy Johnson

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim

Jerry Bracken, Vince O'Conner, and Darlene Rathmell-Cousins by Mike Troutman

Jim Thiede-Nephew by Rosie & David Perry

Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza

Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland

*Matthew Eaton-Son, Bonnie Warder-Mother, Lynn Baker-Sister, and Ali Owens and Carson-Friends by
Heather Eaton*

Lisa Pierson-Daughter, Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Sharon Kitts-Friend by Arlene Clark

Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-by the Canard Family

Brady Barry-Son, Trevin Barry, Henry Threath-Grandsons by Susan Barry

Alva Debiak by Candy Christman

Prayers for Our Community and World

We pray for peace and comfort to reign in all hearts.

We have a Church Prayer Chain

**Please call or text Candy Christman (386-956-5924) if you have a prayer request
to lift up by our Prayer Chain.**



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2026

SUMMER SUNDAYS 8/2, 8/9 @ 9a.m. Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School, HFC. Starting 8/16 Will resume regular Sunday school classes; 10 a.m. SUMMER CHOIR; 10:30 WORSHIP 1st Sunday with Communion; 11:30 PB & J Sandwich Making, HFC; 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Time, HFC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9AM COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S GATHERING, 12
2 11:30 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIV. CELEBRATIONS, HFC	3 9AM.COUNSELING,7	4 9AM COUNSELING,7	5 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM COUNSELING,7	6 9AM COUNSELING,7 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	7 9AM COUNSELING,7 6:30PM GLOW DANCE PARTY, HFC	8 9AM COUNSELING,7
9 10:30AM WORSHIP BLESSING OF BACKPACKS	10 9AM COUNSELING,7 9AM FINANCE, LIB 6PM C.E. MEETING, LIB	11 9AM COUNSELING,7 10AM PROP.MTG-LIB 11AM FELLOWSHIP EVANGELISM, LIB 12:30 OUTREACH, 12 5:30 WORSHIP, LIB	12 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12	13 9AM COUNSELING,7 9:30AM PLANNING & STAFF, 12 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	14 9AM COUNSELING,7	15 9AM COUNSELING,7
16 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL starts Adult Bible, room 12 Bible Study, Library Middle & High School room 14 Elementary room 8	17 HFC CLOSED - ELECTION EQUIP HOME VISITOR CUT OFF 8:30 HUM VOLUNTEERS 6PM SESSION MEETING, 12	18 ELECTION DAY 9:00 COUNSELING,7	19 HFC CLOSED TILL ELECTION EQUIP PICK UP 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12	20 9AM COUNSELING,7 9AM DEACONS, MAKE & TAKE, HFC 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	21 9AM COUNSELING,7	22 9AM COUNSELING,7  10:30 AMSDEN ACADEMY with Beekeeper, HFC
23 30 11:30 RETIREMENT PARTY FOR BARBARA	24 9AM COUNSELING,7 31 9AM COUNSELING,7	25 9AM COUNSELING,7	26 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12	27 9AM COUNSELING,7 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	28 9AM COUNSELING,7	29 9AM COUNSELING,7

Please note: Since printing of this calendar changes may have been made. We would like you to visit OBPC web site at ormondbeachpc.org for the most current calendar and for other current announcements.