



OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News from the Crossroads

August 2018

Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse Christian community that seeks actively to love and serve God, each other, and the world.

—Mission Statement



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Worship in August:

Worship and Music has been busy filling the pulpit for August and into September. On August 5, we will celebrate Communion with an experienced Pastor who is preaching as a Candidate for a position at another Presbyterian Church.

On August 12, we will welcome Beth Hessel, who is affiliated with the Presbyterian Historical society.

Thanks to the recommendation of Nancy Elmore and Dick Williamson, Rev. Dr. Howard Friend will join us on August 19. He is currently a consultant, but served the Gladwyne Presbyterian church for many years until his retirement.

On August 26 our young "Missionaries" and Vacation Bible School children will participate in worship under the guidance of Sharon Parker and their other chaperones.

September will begin with Communion on September 2, with our resident Methodist, Rev. Tom Lank, preaching. He and his family have been attending Overbrook for worship for several years, and live nearby.

We are waiting to fill the pulpit after that, pending what Presbytery may have in store for our church. They have proposed a "Bridge" pastor to be with us through Christmas, but no one has been named to that post. We do have more people to call thanks to recommendations from Raelyn Harman, and folks I discovered at the most recent Presbytery meeting

As you read this, the summer "Pickup choir" will have provided music on July 29. But the REAL choirs will resume in just a few weeks. We REALLY need more people for all the choirs--children, adult and bell choirs. If you are interested, please contact Chris Gage at music@overbrookpresb.org. There is great joy in being part of something larger than yourself, and seeing a small miracle come about when the music is presented to the glory of God.

At the request of many, Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace will provide a written version of her July 22 sermon. Please be sure to pick it up if you were not able to be here, or give to a friend or shut-in. It was a very powerful and hopeful message.

Please continue in your prayers for our church and its future, and for your Worship and Music committee as we work to keep worship meaningful for all of us. All suggestions are welcome!

Rachel Carnahan, chair

Music

JUNIOR CHOIR

Kids and Parents: You're Invited!

Are you interested in singing in the Overbrook Junior Choir this year? Do you want to know what it's all about? Then join us for a potluck dinner to kick off the season, get some information, and have some fun.

Date: Wednesday, August 15

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Chapel

Bring your favorite hot dish, side, or dessert. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to me (music@overbrookpresb.org) or Sabrina Johnson, aka Choir Mom, (sjohnson227@gmail.com)—but, if you decide to come at the last minute, that's fine, too. I hope to see some new and familiar faces for this fun event! Sabrina will be doing a sign up genius for the potluck dinner so be on the lookout for that email from Sabrina.

Communication



OPC on Facebook

OPC has two different Facebook pages.

The "*Overbrook Presbyterian Church Community*" page is a **closed group** on Facebook. This is a private page and posts here will only be seen

by members of the group—not by the public. This page is a closed group where we can share photos and prayer concerns in private and it will only be seen by OPC members and friends that have been approved by the page administrators and not by the public. Members of the group must be approved by the page administrators who are OPC members.

The other page is simply "*Overbrook Presbyterian Church*". This is the Official and **public** church page that announces church events, activities, and services. This page is what potential visitors will see when they check us out on the internet. We encourage all OPC members and friends to “like” the public facing Overbrook page. Be sure you're looking at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church page for the one in Philadelphia, not the ones in Richmond, Gaffney, or Columbus.

Please visit OPC on Facebook! Friend us. Like us. Join the OPC Community page. Tell your FB friends that you like us and invite them to visit and like us as well.



Connect with Us! Have you joined our online database? If not please contact Lisa or Carol in the office and they will send you a link to join Realm. This database will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other and keep up with what's going on here at OPC. If you have any questions or want to know more about Realm please feel free to contact either Lisa or Carol in the office or visit our website at

www.overbrookpresb.org and under the Connect with Us tab, will be a link to Realm and also FAQs

-Lisa Faso and Carol Rozmiarek

Mission and Outreach

Mission & Outreach is excited for the upcoming Youth Mission Trip. We want to wish everyone involved a safe journey. We have an amazing group of youth and chaperones to do the Lord's work. You will be in our prayers, as you bring your helping hands to the aid of those in great need.

We will continue to collect items to fill school backpacks for the Village (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village). Nancy Gilhool has organized a variety of ways to participate. You can buy items to fill a backpack or you can make a monetary donation. Stop by during coffee hour to find out more.

Jumping ahead to October, we will need your help when we host a variety of events related to gun violence awareness. The Memorial to the Lost T-shirts will be on display. There will be an art exhibit entitled Souls Shot with an opening reception. We will also host the Overbrook Gun Violence Awareness Day. Read Jim Vagnoni's article below for more information on this event.

OPC POSSIBLE FOCAL POINT OF OVERBROOK GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Heeding God's Call, a leading faith-based organization based in Pennsylvania, has invited Overbrook Presbyterian Church to be a central part of an Overbrook Gun Violence Awareness (OGVA) this coming October 2018. The Session approved and accepted the invitation pending a review by the Property Committee to ascertain if required space is available.

As the center of OGVA, OPC would host a portrait exhibit entitled "Souls Shot", a project through which local artists painted the likenesses of Philadelphians killed by guns. The inspirational exhibit has appeared at several locations in communities in the region. Last spring Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church hosted the exhibit as part of Mainline Gun Violence Awareness. "Souls Shot" is currently displayed at Tyler School of Art. As part of our role, OPC would host a reception to open the "Souls Shot" exhibit. Volunteers will be needed to serve as guides at the exhibit and hosts at the reception.

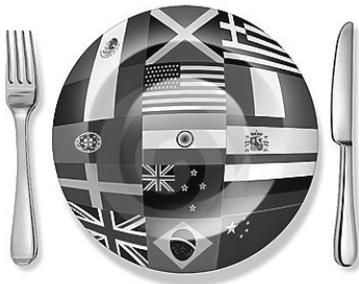
Additionally, OPC would again sponsor the Memorial to the Lost, displaying T-Shirts naming the hundreds of Philadelphians killed by guns in a given year. OPC has sponsored this display on a number of occasions, and volunteers are needed to set up and take down that exhibit.

Finally, the OGVA month will conclude with a Gun Violence Awareness Day involving a number of the churches in the Overbrook Community. The day will include an Awareness Walk that would possibly culminate with a service at OPC (outdoors, if weather permits, indoors otherwise). The day could also feature a letter writing session in so participants can communicate the need for reduction in gun violence to their elected representatives.

Should this initiative occur at OPC, volunteer help from OPC members would be needed to insure the success of this important effort. Sign up information would be forthcoming.

Stewardship

Save the Date for the 2018 Taste of Overbrook



The Taste of Overbrook returns in 2018! Skip the penciling in and go straight to inking in on your calendar Saturday, October 20 at 6:30.

Your taste buds will travel the world as you sample food celebrating OPC's rich array of cultural heritages. There will also be a chance to support OPC by donating or purchasing auction items.

Most important, the Taste of Overbrook 2018 will be the opportunity to break bread and be in community with your friends at the Crossroads. So mark your calendars. We are now eagerly accepting donations for this year's auction.

Please contact Will Schick at willsch84@yahoo.com or Karen Wong at testawong@gmail.com if you have items, ideas, services or experiences you'd like to donate!

Christian Education



Youth on the Go!

Sixteen OPC Youth and six adult leaders will soon be heading to West Virginia for a week of service with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps. Throughout the week, home base will be Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg. Rev. Larryetta Ellis and her congregation have already extended a warm welcome to the OPC team, who will be honing their skills in demolition, restoration, and construction. The greater Lewisburg area continues to recover from extensive flood devastation that occurred in June, 2016, when the Greenbrier River rose 25.9 feet above flood stage. While vigorous restoration efforts have taken place over the past two years, there remains considerable work to be done. Accepting the call, "God's work, our hands," OPC Youth are committed to learning new skills and serving the needs of our brothers and sisters in West Virginia.

From August 4-11, please keep our youth, and those who guide them, in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless our youth team: Dan Biedermann, Emma Biedermann, Kayla Davis, Seth Dubrosky, Aria Fiorillo, Zubin Fiorillo, Austin Kaercher, Edith Lank, Tarah Paul, Justin Robertson, Annabelle Van Rawley, Geneva Van Rawley, Everett Whalen, Nora Whalen, Sam Wong, Zack Wong...and their adult leaders Tom Lank, Gretchen Boger, Suchita Fiorillo, Brad Biedermann, Margene Biedermann and Sharon Parker.



Adult Forum...

...is on summer hiatus, but "Tea and Talk/Coffee and Conversation" is in full swing. Throughout August, please join us in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. BYO favorite journal article, news story, family adventure, or bright idea to share. The conversation is peer driven and faith-based. Please join us on Sunday morning. The welcome is warm; the tea is cool. (Adult Forum will resume in September.)



A Special Summer Sunday for Children!

August 26 will be a *Special Summer Sunday* for children in Pre-K through Grade 5. Following *Time with Children*, our summer teaching staff will welcome participants to the Chapel for Bible adventures, music, and art activities centered on the gifts of God's creation. Parents may pick-up their children in the Chapel at 11:45 AM. Welcome to all!

Join the OPC Village

We've often heard that "it takes a village to raise a child." Within the context of faith formation, it also takes a village to educate a child. God has given OPC the blessing of children, *many* children. As we look ahead to the coming Sunday School year, there is a need for additional teaching staff. Is God calling you to teach and guide our children and youth? Is this your season of service? Please consider joining the OPC Teaching Village...the children are waiting to welcome you! (Please contact CE Co-Chairs Becky Lazo and Will Schick to discuss teaching opportunities.)

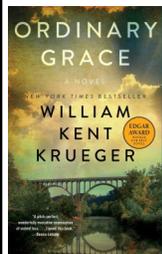
Community/Fellowship



**OVEREATERS
ANONYMOUS**

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins. Meetings are weekly at OPC at 6376 City Avenue, Phila, from 8-9 PM every Monday.

Visit brandywineintergroup.org or call [610-565-9695](tel:610-565-9695) for more information.



Urban Suburban Book Club

Meeting: Tuesday September 18 2018, 7pm

Location: OPC in the Chapel

Book for September - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

This is a book club of diverse membership involving members of several Presbyterian churches, including Overbrook. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Alyce Marsh at 215-472-7886.

Congregational Life



The National Museum
of African American
History and Culture

Do you want to visit the **National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC** but are finding it difficult to get tickets? So were we (the Congregational Life Community committee) and that's why one of our members Artia Benjamin has arranged for us to tag along with Employees Travel Club of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on their bus trip on October 27, 2018. **Tickets are limited!** A flyer with detailed information and a waiver form will be available upon request.

Date: Saturday October 27, 2018

Cost: \$70 (nonrefundable) per person due ASAP to reserve a seat

Make checks payable to FRB Philadelphia

Depart: from 7th & Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA (Federal Reserve Bank)

Leaves: 7:15 am

Returns: 7:30 pm same location

A **signed waiver** must be completed with payment for each person attending the trip.

Contact Artia Benjamin at newlife5125@aol.com or call 215-266-8758

Flyer and waiver are also in the church office.

With care, Artia Benjamin (215-266-8758) and Raelyn Harman (610-331-8972), Co-Chairs



Coffee Hour for August

During the summer months we still carry on the OPC tradition of Coffee Hour but we change to Ice Tea/Lemonade Hour during the warmer weather.

-August 5- Kim Parris and Aquellah Folwell

-August 12-Pat/Ted Dillon and Choir Friends

-August 19-TBA

-August 26-TBA

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.

Deacons

Happy August Birthdays

8/1	Maynard Robinson	8/21	Jeff Bowker
8/4	Luis Wong		Evan Wilson
8/5	Rachel Carnahan	8/22	Will Schick, Sr.
8/10	Nathan Lazo	8/23	Katherine Bowker
	Will Schick, Jr.		Peter Seidel
8/12	Larry McGhee	8/26	Rayna Mason
8/14	Peter Vagnoni	8/27	Edelene Carroll
	Amanda Benjamin	8/28	Lori Mason
	Suzy Brandt		
8/15	John May		
8/18	Pat Dillon		
	Amarilis Stricker		



Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive - Friday
September 7th

From the Red Cross:

Imagine a world where the letters A, B and O were missing. For a hospital patient who needs type A, B or O blood, those letters mean life. That's why we're launching the Missing Types campaign to raise awareness for the need for new blood donors to ensure blood is available for patients. You can make a lifesaving difference...

Link to blood drive: <https://rdcrss.org/2LLi1q>

Link to video: <https://bit.ly/2LUwetv>

You can also sign up in coffee hour.

Prayer List

- ◆ Anne Obuck, Aimerie Scherluebbe's aunt, had emergency surgery and is now on life support.
- ◆ Alan Sigler is recovering from eye surgery.
- ◆ Bob and Gwen Harden, Sr. celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.
- ◆ Valerie Williams, Sabrina Johnson's aunt, is starting treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Eileen Wiggins is dealing with double vision episodes.
- ◆ Nancy Wall had a partial hip replacement and is back home recovering.
- ◆ Sandy Niccoli, Jim Vagnoni's sister, suffered a stroke and is in rehab.
- ◆ Luis Wong and his caregivers for his many ongoing challenges.
- ◆ Marlin Newsome is recovering from surgery at his sister's home and would appreciate emails and texts.
- ◆ Ian Jamal Richie, nephew of LaToya Richie, has health issues
- ◆ Patricia Ogundele is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Joyce Bridges is recovering from an eye procedure.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is at home recovering.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is now in rehab.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter and her husband are moving to England.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆ Ellen Burr has ongoing health issues.

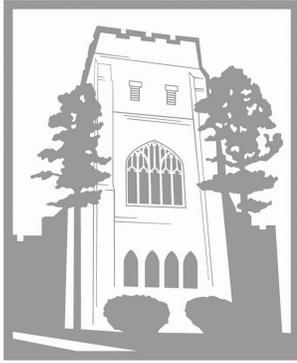
Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names or concerns to this list. Mike can be reached by email, mike.rottinger@comcast.net.



August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	1	2	3	4
		OPC Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 pm				9:00 am Farmers Market- Parking Lot
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		OPC Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia				
10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour	8:00 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	1:00 pm Worship and Music				9:00 am Farmers Market- Parking Lot
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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