

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News from the Crossroads

August/September 2020

Letter from our Pastor

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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In this time of unease, with the world still struggling with a global pandemic, still grieving and fighting the deadly racial prejudice of this country, and with an upcoming election that is causing everyone to hold their breath, I feel a deep need for peace. Each morning, we awake into a world that is convulsing under the pressures of the day. The word “tribulation” in the Bible has a connotation of grinding. Times of tribulation are times when it feels like you are being ground down. In times of tribulation, Christ instructs us to be agents of peace. In his Sermon on the Mount, Christ says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)”

Most days, I think I am waiting for peace-- hoping that it will descend from heaven. But this isn't Christ's image. He calls for peacemakers. That is, peace is something fashioned, not something found. We make peace by seeking a more just world-- by caring for each other and sharing our mutual burdens.

Oscar Romero, the great archbishop of San Salvador, knew a thing about making peace. A great friend to the poor and the downtrodden, Romero was assassinated by right wing forces in El Salvador while he was leading mass at a hospital. He knew that forced peace was no peace at all. Peace was made by those who fought for it. Peace was claimed from the by those who extricated themselves from the cycles of violence and terror. Near the end of his life, Romero wrote:

“Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism.
Peace is generosity.
It is right and it is duty.”

During this time of unease, the church is called to love and follow a peacemaker, Jesus Christ, by being peacemakers. By seeking the good of all with generosity, with sacrifice, and with dynamism we live into our lives as disciples of the prince of peace.

Church, I pray for peace in your homes and in your hearts. But more than that, I pray that you might become a peacemaker, like Jesus, so that everyone might know fully the security of God.

-Adam



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Support during the Pandemic

Prayer and Care Team Invitations

The Prayer and Care team invites you to allow us...

...to serve you! If you are in need of food assistance during these challenging times, due to medical precautions or financial need, please know that we will gladly deliver Prayer and Care groceries to your home. Each bag contains meal support for 3-4 days and includes fresh produce, meat and dairy products, as well as canned and packaged foods. Deliveries can be scheduled weekly, twice a month, or occasionally, as needed. Doorstep deliveries are made each Thursday, between 1:15-2:30 PM. Since March, approximately 250 household deliveries have been prayerfully made...each a gift, freely given. The Prayer and Care ministry is supported by the Emergency Fund.

...to welcome you! If you are looking for an area of personal ministry during this time of separation, please know that the Prayer and Care Team welcomes you to serve with us! Following CDC guidelines, we offer independent, or small cluster (2-3 persons) volunteer opportunities. Independent opportunities include: telephone scheduling, driving, shopping, and offering prayer for our recipients and volunteers.. Small clusters of volunteers stock the kitchen each Tuesday and pack the bags on Thursday.

If you would like to receive a delivery, or make a delivery possible for others, please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com; home:267-292-5628). Currently, the Prayer and Care Team is welcoming contributions of garden produce and reusable market bags. If you have bags or produce to share with us, please contact Sharon or Karen Wong (testawong@gmail.com), and we'll be happy to arrange for pick-up.

Blessings to all..

The Prayer and Care Team



Emergency Fund

An Emergency Fund has been established to respond to the acute financial needs of members of our community. Within the first couple of weeks, the fund has been able to help defray the costs of rent, car repairs, utility bills and other essential living expenses. A committee has been established to administer this fund. Those members include: Nancy Gilhool, Will Schick, Herb Brabham, Sharon Parker and Bill Baker, as well as Pastor Adam Hearlson.

To reach the Emergency Fund, a special email has been established: emergencyfund@overbrookpresb.org
You can also call the main church number 215-877-2744 to leave a message to be returned, or contact any member directly.

OPC Deacons

Overbrook's Deacons are a remarkable team who minister in myriad ways. The Deacons are making telephone rounds to ensure contact is made with every member of the community and to check in on any prayer or other needs. They help the sick, the home-bound, the grieving. They celebrate milestones and birthdays. Please reach out for prayer requests or any other question or concern. deacons@overbrookpresb.org or Terri Hunter, teresahunter42@gmail.com or by phone, 484-684-0247.

Spiritual Support

Pastor Adam Hearlson is available via phone, email and Zoom for "face to face" conversations during this challenging time. His email is adam@overbrookpresb.org, or you can reach out via the church phone 215-877-2744 and he will return the message.

Worship and Music



Notes from the Worship and Music Committee —

The Worship and Music Committee continues to meet monthly to plan regular Sunday morning worship and special morning worship services. Special fall events, such as World Communion Sunday, the Blessing of the Animals, Heritage Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, are fun to plan and will soon consume a great deal of our imaginations. Equally important is the planning of our regular Sunday morning worship. We have tried to make our virtual worship experience rich and meaningful to all who tune in and we hope our Zoom Sundays have met your worship needs.

All of us wait for the “all clear” to return to the sanctuary for worship. At this writing, we do not know how many people will be permitted in our sanctuary for worship or what worship will be like if we cannot sing or read aloud together. We do know that many of our members will not return to the sanctuary until we have either a vaccine or a low infection rate because their health would be jeopardized if they joined a large group of people. Chris has been hard at work investigating the installation of live streaming capability so that those who cannot be with us in the pew can be with us in worship as the body of Christ. Watch for details to come.

-Eileen Wiggins, Committee Chair

Finance

The Committee continues to meet every other week so that we can effectively monitor the financial situation in light of the COVID pandemic. We have seen several impacts from the building being closed, including loss of rental income due to the restrictions on in-person meetings and lower monthly pledge and non-pledge income due to the move to virtual worship services. The preschool plans for the fall also remain uncertain, and at a minimum we will see lower income as "rent" payments than was budgeted. While this all sounds negative, there is good news as well. The pre-payment of annual pledges by some of our congregation have allowed us to cover all expenses and continue our mission and outreach to the community in this time of great need. In addition, we have built up the Endowment fund to over \$1M and it is there for us if we need it. We hope that our congregation will keep OPC in their financial plans as we continue to work through these uncertain times.

We were also fortunate enough to receive a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$164,900 through the Small Business Administration, and were diligent about using the funds appropriately in order to maximize forgiveness. Now we have begun the process of collecting the documentation and receipts, and filling out the application to request forgiveness of the loan. Special thanks goes to Carol Rozmiarek for her painstaking efforts in this process.

We thank everyone for their generosity, and for the financial support we are receiving for the mission and ministry of Overbrook Church.

-Lainie Blodgett, Committee Chair





A New Year for CE

Vacation Bible School is over, and a new program year is on the horizon.

The Christian Education Committee is beginning to finalize plans for the Fall and Winter seasons after a period of research and prayerful discernment. We aimed to seek innovative solutions that addressed program delivery methods and communications aspects in light of the current health situation. *How do we make these programs engaging and accessible in a post-COVID world?*

Committee Functions

Director Anthony and I have been meeting regularly with committee members and parents to reflect on the work that's been done since March, and to discuss considerations for the upcoming year. First, we needed to create the conditions for increasingly complex questions to be answered in collaboration with (now remote) committee members. We also needed to envision a new model for focusing our conversations on the relevant tasks at-hand. To focus our time and talents, and work more efficiently in this emerging age, we have invited our committee members to join subcommittee *working groups*. Each group will focus on key-areas of our ministry (Sunday School and Youth, Special Events, and Communications). We are appointing these groups with specific tasks that match their talents and call to ministry.

Maybe you're reading this and saying: *Hmm, I think I'd like to help.*

We would love to hear from you and work with you as we prepare the Fall months. Reach out!

Sunday School

We miss it, too. However, we are close to finalizing how Sunday School will play-out this year. We are aligning our plans to a three-pronged contingency model that will enable us to deliver programming regardless of pandemic-related conditions. Stay tuned until a formal announcement is made at the end of August.

Middle and High School Students

Parents of tweens: we've heard you. At the end of August, we will release our Fall-Winter plan for middle and high school students. We are aiming to create a comprehensive youth group that allows each age-group to have spaces for small-group formation, and an opportunity for community gathering. For instance:

Week One: The HS group will meet with Anthony separately for 45 mins. **Week Two:** The MS group will meet with Anthony separately for 45mins. **Week Three:** Both groups join together for 45-60 minutes.

We are also working to connect with each person on our rosters before a formal announcement is made. This will allow us to identify additional interests to inform conversation and study throughout this year.

When will we gather IRL? (In Real Life)

Stay tuned for other updates. We would love to plan some socially distanced time together for small groups of our OPC kids, but certainly don't want to get ahead of ourselves. We continue to seek guidance from local health experts and The Session to inform when this might be possible. Let us tell you, though -- we are here to serve **you and your family** regardless. We stand by each of you at this time.

In the meantime, if you have ideas about any of our work, want to participate in a subcommittee *working group*, or have feedback to share, please contact Anthony or Becky.

Thank you and God Bless OPC!

Prayerfully, *Anthony Carrella, Director of Christian Education Ministry, OPC* &
Becky Lazo, Chair of The Christian Education Committee, OPC

Young Activists and their Families

OPC families share insights about their work in the community, and hopes for change.

Andrea Gosfield and Justin Robertson

Anthony: Thank you both for taking a few moments to chat with me about your work, and how you both — community members, people of faith — are navigating this difficult time for Black Americans. Following George Floyd's murder, several racist social media posts surfaced from your local school district. In response, you both felt called to take action in the community. Was this particular occasion the first time you've engaged in social justice work?



Andrea: Our household model is to be the change you want to see, so I've always encouraged us to have a dialogue about what we're noticing around us. These conversations are ones that we've been having with Justin since he was a kid. Maybe the first one that we started, well, we started with reading. In the summer, we would read books together by authors like Ta-Nehisi Coates to infuse some sense of the Black experience into our day to day conversations. Early on, I had to talk to Justin about being a Black male in America, and protecting himself — that was when Trayvon Martin was murdered just about a decade ago. Justin was eight. For Justin and I certainly, conversations about race in our household have gone on consistently. I think white privilege allows many non-people of color not to have these conversations — these dialogues, these examinations of America's social conscience, and the construct of racism. The work that we've been called to do now is really a continuation, or a shift, of the work we were already engaged in. I think that's really important to talk about — because I think, for many people, this is an awakening. Black people living in the United States are walking with this immutable characteristic of being Black. Yes, we have certain privileges -- some economic privilege -- certain educational degrees and accomplishments, but that can't change Blackness. That certainly can't change or protect Justin as he walks the streets. No one cares if I went to Wharton and no one cares if we live in Penn Valley— none of those factors protect us from being at a greater risk of trauma or harm. So, this work has always been present in our home and in our community efforts.

Justin: No, I can speak to an event I helped plan with four other Black students taking computer science at my school. We planned it starting in November of 2019 and had meetings every week. The initial question was: how to increase the number of minority students in computer science courses. Eventually, after a few weeks or maybe a month, we had an idea to hold an inaugural event that encouraged minority students to join a computer science course. And so, it came together, and it took place as a full-day event on January 31, 2020. We demonstrated the simple ways to code, like block coding, and showed how coding works. There are some really cool things you can do with it. We also had a few speakers, including my Dad. I think it was a day of events that, if nothing else, increased interest. It also brought more awareness to what computer science looks like at our school. I think Black people just weren't exposed to it, and I don't think the school has ever cared to promote it to minorities that much. In terms of results we had, we had several people come, and that [group] said they would...probably enroll in computer science. So we'll see whether those numbers actually hold up. I know that the people who helped me organize [this event] can probably attest to this. Personally, I think we were pretty much the only Black people in our computer science classes.

Anthony: You've told us this work has been important and necessary to you both for your entire lives. So when you learned about the murder of George Floyd, where were you, and what was going through your mind?

Justin: I was browsing through social media — YouTube or something on my phone, and then I just saw the actual video of what happened. Yeah, you know, there are no real words for it. It's a horrible thing to see happen. I can just tell you, for me, it didn't seem like anything new. You know, it was publicized. Of course — it's probably the most [publicized Black murder] in recent years — but it was nothing new. Because, you know, for every incident [like George's] that happens and gets recorded, I guess... three other times it's not recorded and still happens.

Young Activists and their Families (cont'd)

Andrea: When you are constantly dealing with processing the murder of Black and brown bodies unjustly, you know for this one, I kind of didn't have many words. My heart just sank immediately. I read the transcript of George Floyd's last words, but I could not watch the video. I have not watched the video because it is tantamount to re-traumatization. I think as a person of color, we know that these incidents and these murders happen at the hands of police unjustly, decade after decade, century after century. And watching it feels somewhat like a modern-day lynching. And I just could not be a witness to it. You know, for my own mental health. So I did not watch the video. One of the really introspective questions that [Justin] asked was: "Why now? Why do we see this hashtag movement? Why is everybody latching onto this one individual? When we've seen Eric Garner, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery?" Justin is right in a certain sense; it's not the first time that the killing of a Black person has been caught on video, and those incidents did not go viral in the same way. What I feel like is different is that this was pandemic time, and it came in rapid succession after the killings of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. And it was like...combustible material.

Anthony: And tell us about how you rose in response to this incident?

Andrea: As Justin and I kept talking about it, and our feelings, we started to shift into the mindset of our family motto: be the change you want to see. What tools do we have in our toolbox that can help this situation? This is a century's long problem, so it's not going to change in a day or two. But we also know that we have a duty and have the resources and skills that can help move it along. So we started to brainstorm and shift our activism if you will. I wrote a letter to the school board, which I started talking about with friends. Everything happened organically from there. I started talking to other parents, and they're like: "I'm a middle school parent, and I didn't [know about the racist social media posts]. Send me your letter, and I'll sign on". By the time the letter gained traction and got to the Board, it had over 100 family signatures from the community in 24 to 48 hours. People were outraged. And this was a diverse group of people, you know? It wasn't all Black people — there were people of every walk of life and every religion saying: "We stand with you. We agree with you. This is not OK. And we need to tackle racism". We put full pressure and continue to apply full pressure [on the school district], in the hopes that they will take some of our recommendations and implement them. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the Board of the school district in response to my initial letter. This new committee is devoted strictly to anti-racism efforts. The committee will start its public meetings this week. And we have already started to draft recommendations [for the district] in five different subject matter areas. There's a lot of research and writing involved — all in my wheelhouse as an attorney. So I feel like this work is an appropriate use of my skill set.

Justin: I came together with a friend, and we started working towards a few different goals with the same mindset of diversifying our school. We wanted to raise the percentage of minority students enrolled in honors and AP classes. These are the highest level classes, [and we wanted to] even-out the percentage of minorities enrolled in AP's to the broader student population. The first thing we thought of was to consider ways of diversifying courses in all areas: Math, English, Science, Social Studies. We have a list of teachers who are interested in helping us, but still, we're still working on that. Even though school is going to be virtual, we want to have some of our ideas put into practice soon. Another goal was to diversify the clubs at our school. My friend and I teamed up with three other people to meet with and interview each club staff leader, starting this week, actually. We came up with a diversity tool kit and shared it for all the clubs to see. Then we're going to work with these groups to make their club more inclusive for any and every race at the school. There's also a group that has mostly minorities in it but was formed by the head of Becton Scholars, a group that encourages success for minorities at our school. The teacher, Mr. Byrd, allowed us to start thinking about how to turn each of our ideas into reality because we each have our own ideas.

Anthony: For some, fighting racial injustice is a new idea. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery have triggered waves of activism that we are witnessing across our country. What is your message for people who might be engaging in this work for the first time?

Andrea: What I have found, from the people who have never really had to do this work, is that they are questioning. They are overwhelmed. If you have never had to flex this muscle — if this is the first time that you're having a dialogue with your family about racism— you can do it, because Black people have been doing it for centuries — under much more strain and much worse conditions. So start there.

Young Activists and their Families (cont'd)

Andrea: You're doing it from a position of privilege. You may even have some guilt associated with it — that's normal. You may have some feelings of hopelessness and helplessness —that's normal. But you can do it because people in much worse circumstances must do it every day for their self-preservation. So, if you really want to ameliorate that, be an ally and be active in this work.

I also think it's really important to note that [racist systems] cannot be deconstructed by the very people who have been oppressed by these systems. Everyone must do their part. So, I encourage people— you can do it no matter what space you're in. If you are a stay-at-home-mom, we all have our own call to minister to our children, but make sure [your kids] know that inequity is not acceptable. How do they stand up to their peer if they see a friend getting bullied or unfairly treated because of their race? How do they speak out and tell a trusted adult if they see somebody being unfairly treated because of their race or gender or any of it? Right. I think that these conversations help build a stronger, more empathetic community where hate is not tolerated.

Justin: Well, adding on to what my Mom said, any and everybody has different talents. I encourage those people that have become "woke" to use any talent that they have to show their support in the fight against racism. It really doesn't matter what your talent is, if you want to find a way to help, you certainly can. I think for the people that see that it's going on, but don't take action or help, I would say... just like... imagine. Imagine if this issue was affecting somebody in your immediate family and how it would make you feel — and whether you would take action. Nine times out of ten — no, ten times out of ten — I'd wager if someone in your family was oppressed, you'd be working pretty diligently. And, for the people who are racist and take action and support of keeping racism alive, I just hope somebody... hopefully me...can find a way to change their minds.

Anthony: I celebrate both of you today. Thank you both for your stories, wisdom, and vision. And thank you for inviting me into your home in this way. Let's check in again in a few months to see how y'all are doing with this.

— A moment of prayer —



Dear Lord, thank you for all the blessings you give us and all the talents we have. Dear Lord, please help us to use our abilities for good in this time of need. And please help us to make this world better than the way we left it.

God of truth, God of love; You are the source of all wisdom and all knowledge. You are the Prime arbiter of justice. Kindle your flame in our hearts, Lord. Continue blowing your spirit through us. We bless you for this time today, and we thank you for all that we're learning. Keep us safe, keep us whole, and help us to keep the conversation going.

Jackson and Katie Ziemba

Anthony: So what are you up to today?

Jackson: I am going to swim in the pool and eat pizza.

Anthony: Jackson, I heard that you did something important at your school a few weeks ago. Can you tell me about it?

Jackson: I organized a Black Lives Matter march. We marched from the Penn Wynn Library to my school.

Anthony: Tell me about how you had the idea to organize a march.

Jackson: My Mom and Dad told me that George Floyd got killed, and so did Breonna Taylor...that was bad...It was on a Monday night, and we were talking about what I wanted to do when I was older...and I wanted to do a march...

Young Activists and their Families (cont'd)

Anthony: ...so when you're older, you want to help organize marches?

Jackson: Um, no...I want to be the president. And make a difference. I made the decision to hold the march on the next Saturday. I emailed my principal and assistant principal, and I made 200 flyers.

Anthony: So, you organized a Black Lives Matter march. Did it go well, you think?

Jackson: Yes.

Anthony: How do you know?

Jackson: It went viral on Facebook. The NAACP put it up too, and that's why we think so many people showed up. We didn't even know if there were going to be more than 100 people! We were like: "Uhm...no, there's not going to be 100 [people]". But there was waaaay more than 100 [people] there...400-500! We should have had a bigger field because everyone was on the street! Or maybe a speaker around the neighborhood.

Anthony: Did any of your close friends help you with this? Or was this all on your own?

Jackson: My close friend helped me, Harper.

Anthony: I was going to ask: if you could organize another march, is there anything you would do differently?

Jackson: No...maybe...I don't know. Not sure. *Anthony:* Did your march have a message to share? *Jackson:* I had two ideas. Penn Wynn should have more Black teachers at our school. And more books about Black and Brown lives. I also made a poster for people to write down their other ideas.

I met with my principal, Mr. B, a few weeks ago, to present the ideas. He said "good job" and that he would use my ideas in his planning for the school year. Mr. B said he would share them with the whole staff, too.

Anthony: There are some people in the world who have never participated in a Black Lives Matter march before. What's your advice for them?

That they should be a bystander with Black Lives Matter.

Jackson: Just go to marches. It's not hard. You gotta make a poster, get a microphone, or a megaphone. You can go to a march, or you can organize your own.

Anthony: Do you hope for something to change in the world?

Jackson: Yes. That Black lives matter.

Anthony: Thank you for taking some of your pizza and pool time to talk with me about this story, Jackson! We're blessed by your advocacy.

Jackson: It hasn't started yet! Goodbye!



Christian Education Committee (cont'd)



Reflections on Vacation Bible School in Quarantine

ReNew VBS 2020

Wow! What a fun week of ReNew VBS! Admittedly, we missed being together in-person. During our opening ceremony and daily lunch gatherings, it felt like all we wanted was to be in the same room together. Despite all of that, we were still able to learn a lot about ourselves, our planet, and the God who keeps it all working. We even explored one of Jesus' parables, *The Sower*, and made ties to creation care.

What was *really* holy, though, was that we got to know each other a bit better. The cords and wires between us were no barrier for connection. We broke bread together each day and shared interesting conversations about our communities, the nature that surrounds them...even a child-sized discourse on the tenets of *compassion* regarding the infamous Spotted Lantern Fly.

We'll keep scattering our seeds, praying for an IRL experience next year, But for now, we're still enjoying the bountiful harvest from this year.

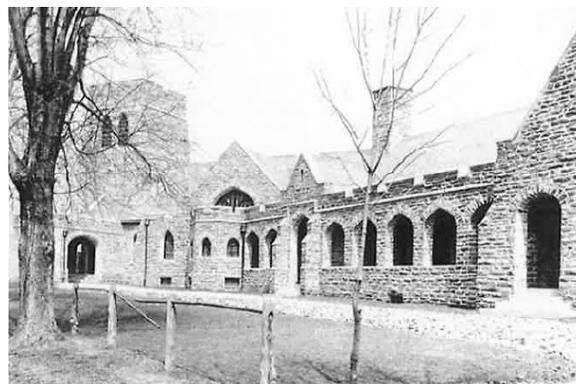
Property Committee

A Walk in History



One of the benefits of participating on the OPC Property Committee is to get a glimpse of the past. Established in 1889 by Wistar Morris, the beautiful building that Overbrook Presbyterian Church calls "home" is a lot more modern than it used to be. Before 1925 when Lancaster Avenue was widened, forcing Overbrook to give up its porte-cochere, this is what the Church at the Crossroads looked like.

With thanks to Ted Dillon for the proper terminology, you can now visualize our church before the arched stonework of the porte-cochere had to be removed to the right of the tower, as it would no longer be feasible to drive your carriage (or automobile) onto the church property and drop off the family under a protected entryway before finding parking. Also note the cloistered walkway on the Lancaster Avenue side of the old Sunday School building! The current two-story Sunday School building was built in 1925 as shown on the outside wall above the current patio.



Your Property Committee

Overbrook Preschool



Since 1969, Overbrook has continuously operated a preschool, as a program of the church. We have a dedicated staff, who care and nurture the diverse children representing West Philadelphia through the Main Line.

The Advisory Board reviewed the various recommended protocols from the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania State, and the Board of Education. We established an action plan and spent the

summer training teachers on health & safety, during a pandemic.

This week, the Advisory Board made the difficult decision to delay the opening of the preschool this year. This follows the actions of the school districts in our area including Philadelphia, Haverford, and Lower Merion.

The Advisory Board will continue to meet and evaluate the situation to determine when it is safe to reopen and what protocols will be necessary at that time.

Mission & Outreach Committee

Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation

On August 11, 2020, Nancy Gilhool assembled her trusty chefs to provide a hearty meal to 200 hungry guests at the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation. We prepared the food in bulk and delivered it to Upper Darby, so it could be split into individual servings. It is then safely distributed to those in need of a meal. Contact Nancy Gilhool, if you are interested in being a part of this effort.



Who Do You Support?

Mission & Outreach provides financial support to a variety of local organizations, like Broad Street Ministries and the Life Center of Delaware County. We would like to support some of the organizations that you support. Tell us about what the organization does and how a financial donation could help. You can send your ideas

to aimerie.scherluebbe@gmail.com.



Deacons

Happy August Birthdays

8/4	Todd Kupstas	8/18	Amarilis Stricker
8/5	Rachel Carnahan		Pat Dillon
8/7	Claire Rodgers	8/22	Will Shick
8/10	Nathan Lazo		Paul Stricker
	Will Schick, Jr	8/23	Peter Seidel
8/14	Susy Brandt	8/26	Rayna Mason
8/15	John May	8/27	Edelene Carroll
8/17	Mary Lou Ryce	8/28	Lori Mason
		8/31	Hugh Cole

Happy September Birthdays

9/1	Essi Gasonu	9/18	Aimerie Scherluebbe
	Elizabeth Cosgriff	9/20	Anita Belfie
	Jonathan Kopcsik	9/23	Amy Behrman
	Ben Scherluebbe		Noble Brigham
	Woody Adams		Peter Tulba
9/3	Lillian Carnahan	9/24	Lainie Blodgett
9/2	Janet Bowker		Makiyah Keys
	Peg Kaercher	9/25	Winnie Carver
	Joe Piatt		Everett Whalen
9/4	Trudy Sheau	9/27	Aqueelah Folwell
9/6	Karen Wong	9/28	Bette Homer
9/8	Greta Ham		Gwen Harden
9/9	Solomon Brown	9/30	Justin Robertson
	Zachary Jacobson		
9/11	Stephanie Kindt		
	Davorka Sabljak		
	Kayla Davis		
9/12	Olga Hoggard		
	Peter Subramanian		
9/13	Jeremy Blatchley		
	Eric Long		
	Judy Williamson		
9/14	Evelyn Nkewnti-Skipper		
9/16	Lily Baker		



Prayer List

- Lynn Pompa continued prayers are needed for medical complications.
- Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- Theresa Carter is currently being treated for metastatic breast cancer and her tumor is shrinking.
- Lou Packet has recovered from COVID 19 and is home.
- James Jones Jr has recovered from COVID 19 and is in a rehabilitation hospital.
- Amanda Benjamin is seeking employment after being recently laid off.
- Kim Bridgford, friend of Holly Brigham, has passed away after battling stage four breast cancer. Prayers for her family and close friends.
- Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges.
- Katie Kupstas's father is battling cancer and the tumor is inoperable.
- Dale, friend of the Kupstas's family, is awaiting test results and diagnosis of a current illness. Dale is a father of 3 children.
- The Wong Family, Luis is being transitioned into another home. Prayers for a smooth transition.
- Leonard Sloan welcomes continued prayers.
- Margaret Young's son Keith's has been released from the hospital and put on hospice care at home. Prayers for the Keith and the family.
- Judy Swartz is recovered from COVID-19 but continued prayers for continued healing.
- Diane, Laurie Geers's sister, is still receiving cancer treatments. Prayers for continued healing.
- Al Mayne, father of Scott Mayne, has just completed cancer treatment and is recovering from surgery.
- Eric Long's father Bill Long's cancer has returned.
- Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, is continuing treatment for cancer.
- John Nathaniel is back in PT/OT.
- Ed Harvey facing multiple health challenges. He is grateful for all the prayers.

*Pease contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)
or the Church Office to add names to the prayer list.*

THANK YOU

Dear Overbrook Church Family,
Thank you for the lovely cards and telephone calls for my birthday this year, they lifted me up! I have also really appreciated receiving groceries from the Prayers and Care ministry. My family is improving my house, and my Church is giving me faith and the strength to go forward.

With many blessings, Peggy Boatwright

Weekly Online Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study- 10:30 am via Zoom

Bible Study continues through the summer! Even though we can't gather in body, we can gather online! Adam will be holding the weekly Wednesday Bible Study on ZOOM for everyone who is interested as long as we are separated. The study will begin at 10:30am.

After Bible study, we will have a time to pray with each other support each other in the midst of separation.

Here is the link for ZOOM. It will work each week, so keep using it.

<https://zoom.us/j/659964984>

You can also call into the study using these number: +1 646 558 8656 - **Meeting ID: 659 964 984**

Women's Prayer & Support Group

The women of Overbrook come together on Zoom for some prayer, connection, and support.

TUESDAYS at 7:30 AM: [Click here to join on Zoom](#) or to join by phone, dial 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 973 5978 0682. If you'd like to lead a Tuesday morning session, [click here to sign up to lead](#).

THURSDAYS at 8:00 PM: [Click here to join on Zoom](#) or call 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 958 2973 9000. If you'd like to lead a Thursday session, [click here to sign up to lead](#).

Saturday Morning Men's Group

Join us every Saturday morning at 9 AM on Zoom.

Open to all—invite a friend!

Click to Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/209922549>

Or call 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 209 922 549



Community News

The Farmers Market is Back!

Every Saturday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the church parking lot

About the Market: Established in 2008, this market is located at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and has a loyal following of residents in the neighborhood who make this market a regular part of their Saturday mornings.

Look for:

- ♦ Walnut Springs Farm - (Early berries and asparagus, in season sweet corn, peaches and more)
- ♦ Homestead Gardens - (Seasonal fresh vegetables)

