

NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT OVERBROOK

Advent has arrived and OPC has many opportunities for everyone of all ages to join in the festivities and prepare for the coming of the birth of Jesus. Below is a list of events happening throughout the month of December. For more detailed information on the events, see inside.

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 A.M.-Advent Contemplative Walk-Swarthmore Pres.

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 P.M. -28th Annual Messiah Sing and Advent Workshop

Saturday, December 10-Sunday, December 11-10:00 A.M.-Fair Trade Market

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 A.M. -Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, December 21, 7:30 P.M.-Service of the Longest Night

Friday, December 23, 1:00 P.M.-*Joy to the World*: RPM Christmas Zoom Gathering

Christmas Eve Activities

5:00 P.M. -Family Christmas Eve Service

6:00 P.M.-Christmas Eve Dinner

6:15 to 7:15 P.M.—Gingerbread House Decorating

7:30 P.M.-Festive Preludes-Sanctuary

8:00 P.M.-Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day

9:30 A.M. -Sunday Worship Service

New Years Day

10:30 A.M. -Sunday Worship Service

1:30 P.M.-Art of Advent Tour with Peter Seidel

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Poinsettia Flowers for purchase and dedication -. A sign-up genius is now available for those that would like to pre-order their flowers. Flowers can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of the season. Those who wish to take their poinsettias with them, may do so after the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 25th after worship. The cost of the flowers is a suggested donation of \$25 per flower. Payment can be mailed to the church, left in the offering basket, paid directly online using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2kjhp8sb> or pay by text info: Text "GIVEOPC ChristmasFlowers\$25.00" to 73256 to give using your mobile device or scan the QR code below.



Worship and Music

Advent is here!

Mark your calendar for **December 4**, the second Sunday of Advent, when we will light the second Advent candle during worship and hang the second banner. Then, at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon, we will again sing Handel's *Messiah*. It is such a joy to be part of the congregation and sing the choruses and to hear Iris, Allison, Toffer, and Matthew sing the recitatives and arias in this oratorio. Stay for the reception that follows the singing.

Sunday, December 11, is the third Sunday of Advent, and it's the day we decorate the sanctuary as an act of worship. Please join us for the Greening of the Church. Remember again the reasons why we use banners, wreaths, greens, and Christmas trees in our celebrations of Christmas. Listen to your favorite Christmas carols played by a jazz quartet.

On **Sunday, December 18**, we will light the final Advent candle and hang the last banner.

The *Service of the Longest Night* will be held at **7:30 P.M.** Join us for this service of reflection and remembrance.

Christmas Eve will bring a *family service* at **5:00 P.M.** followed by *dinner and gingerbread house decorating*.

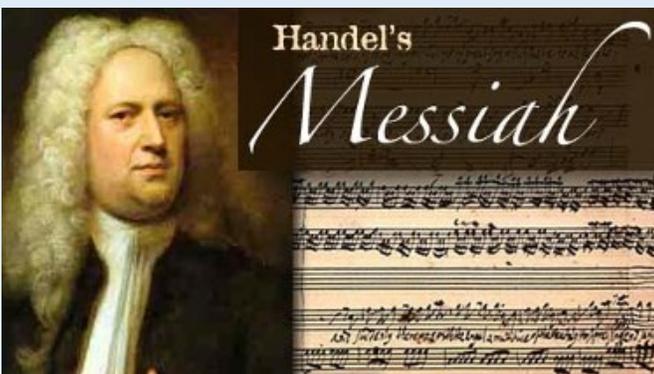
Festive Preludes will begin at **7:30 P.M.**, when Iris, Amanda, Toffer, and Matthew each will sing a solo and Chris will play special music. It is a special gift to sit in the peace of the sanctuary on the last night of Advent and listen to the music of Christmas offered by these very special friends.

The Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candlelight service will begin at **8:00 P.M.** .

With Christmas day falling on Sunday this year, we will celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus in worship on Christmas morning at **9:30 A.M.**

We welcome you to join us as often as you can as we journey through Advent in preparation for the birth of our Savior.
-Eileen Wiggins, chair

From the Director of Music



28th Annual Messiah Sing/Advent Workshop
at Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 4, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

28th Annual Messiah Sing and Advent Workshop—Sunday, December 4, 3:00 P.M. A beloved tradition at Overbrook expands this year with two components:

- In the **Sanctuary**, a unique performance of Handel's *Messiah* will feature members of the Overbrook Quartet singing the arias, with the audience—this means you!—filling the room with music for the choruses.
- **Advent Workshop** | This year, children and families can participate in an all-ages Advent Workshop during the Messiah Sing! Participants will explore the season's symbols and make creations for our church services and homes. More details are to come.

Don't have a score? Don't worry we will have plenty available. Don't want to sing? No problem: just come and enjoy the music! A free-will offering will be taken with a reception to follow.

-Christopher Gage

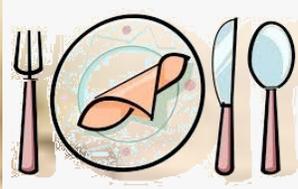
Christmas Eve Activities/Details

Christmas Eve will begin with our Family Service at 5:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Following the service there will be dinner and gingerbread house decorating in Fellowship Hall and Wistar Morris Room.



This year we are decorating gingerbread houses two ways in person and virtual! We're calling all the gingerbread makers, decorators, and families to participate in the gingerbread decorating contest. If you would like to decorate a house on Christmas Eve at OPC, that must be reserved beforehand and the decoration in person will be from 6:15 – 7:15 P.M. on Christmas Eve. Please note that this event will end at 7:15 p.m. to allow clean up prior to the Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service. Please go to the sign-up genius to reserve your house: <https://tinyurl.com/24dasbr2>. If you have trouble accessing the link, please contact Artia -clc@overbrookpresb.org or call the office at 215-877-2744.

If you will be decorating a gingerbread house at home be sure to share your photos. Submit a photo of the house to our Community Facebook page [Link to OPC Facebook](#), making sure to include the name of the decorators on an index card in the photo or in your post. If you are unable to post your photo to Facebook, email your photo and information to the office at (office@overbrookpresb.org). Deadline to submit your photo is December 25. If you cannot find or bake your own house to decorate, please contact Artia, clc@overbrookpresb.org.



Christmas Eve Dinner

All are invited to our Christmas Eve Community Dinner, to be held after the 5 p.m. service. This community meal is a longstanding tradition at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, providing both nourishment and holiday fellowship. This year's menu will be a simple pasta feast, with vegetarian and gluten-free options available, served with warm bread and salad. We'll have an array of Christmas treats for dessert. There is no cost to attend. While all are welcome, it is important to [RSVP at this link](#) so we can prepare plenty of food. This event takes many hands to be successful, and if you are available to help in any way - set-up, food prep, serving, cleaning - please reach out to Karen Wong or make note on [the sign-up](#). Whether you are joining us or have other plans, we wish you full bellies, abundant blessings and good cheer!



Following our Christmas Eve dinner and the decorating of gingerbread houses, all are welcome to remain for:

- [Festive Preludes on Christmas Eve at 7:30 P.M.](#)
- [Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols—Saturday, December 24, 8:00 P.M.](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry warmly welcomes all who are interested to join them on **December 12** at 11a.m. at the home of **Bette Homer, 5948 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia**. Newcomers to crocheting and knitting are also welcomed. Participants are reminded to BYO lunch. Knitters and crocheters have been busily preparing blessed handwork as gifts to those facing difficulties or celebrating joys. These gifts go not only to OPC friends and members, but also their family and friends. Currently, there is an inventory of 7 shawls, 10 lap throws and 12 handmade gifts for babies and children. So please don't hesitate to bring someone to the attention of this ministry. If you like to request a prayer shawl gift to someone you know, please contact Sharon Parker at OPC or Mary Lou Ryce at marylou.ryce@gmail.com or 410-370-4211.

Welcome to RPM...OPC's Retired Person's Ministry!



Christmastime in the City: An RPM Holiday Adventure December 9, 10:00-2:00 PM

On Friday, December 9, RPM and friends are invited into Center City Philadelphia to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays. We'll be leaving Overbrook, either by carpool, train, or bus, to experience the seasonal festivities and enjoy lunch with friends. Participants will have the opportunity to choose their own adventures. Within a three block walk from Suburban Station, travelers will find the following activities: Comcast Center's Christmas Multi-Media Display, The Christmas Market at Love Park, Macy's Light Show and Holiday Organ Concert, Ice Skating at the Rothman Rink at City Hall, and the Made in Philadelphia Market at Dilworth Plaza. All can dine at their convenience, A "rolling lunch" buffet will be served from **11:30 AM-1:00 PM** at Sharon Parker's home, 1815 JFK Blvd., #1607. (1 block from Suburban Station) All are warmly welcome. The only cost for the day will be for transportation...or skate rental! Information regarding group transportation/carpooling will be forthcoming. The RPM Crew looks forward to welcoming you! RSVP to Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) by **December 6**.



Joy to the World: An RPM Christmas Zoom Gathering Friday, December 23, 1:00-2:00 PM From the comfort of our homes, the RPM community will be sharing the stories, music and memories of Christmas. Come join us, and begin Christmas weekend with this special gathering of friends. (Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/RPMChristmas>)

Finance

If you have not submitted your 2023 pledge, it is not too late to turn those pledges in to Carol. Please know that your sustaining contributions go to the work, upkeep, and operations of the church. The Finance Committee is beginning to plan for the 2023 budget. Please note all 2022 contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31st to count toward 2022 giving. Thank you again for your continued support for the mission and ministry of Overbrook Church.

-Lainie Blodgett, chair

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum—Every Sunday, 9:15 A.M. Please join us in the Williamson Room for an opportunity to discern issues that impact our spirit filled life. We seek to cultivate both hearts and minds, to bring together the diverse voices of our congregation in conversation. For more information, contact Trudy Sheau (tsheau@yahoo.com)

Mission and Outreach

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE?



Work in decent conditions



Sustainable production and consumption



No forced labour or child labour



Fair for all: employment and opportunities without discrimination



Empowering, not exploitative



Paying fair prices

The annual OPC Holiday Fair Trade Market will be held on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Wistar Morris Room. Come shop food items from Equal Exchange, Divine Chocolate and Women's Bean Project. Look for beautiful nativities and ornaments from around the globe. Support local Fair Trade stores, like Earth and State. Enjoy low stress, good parking holiday shopping at Overbrook Presbyterian.

In addition to shoppers, volunteers are needed for set-up, cashiering and clean up. Use this sign-up genius link to sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/44yedcdh>



CEASEFIREPA

It's been 10 years since the horrific shooting at Sandy Hook. In that amount of time, 15,000 Pennsylvanians have died from gun violence. It's time to end this senseless violence. Join CeaseFirePA at 7P.M. on December 7 in Media for a vigil to honor the lives lost and demand an end to gun violence. Nathan Lazo will be speaking at this event, along with others. Please come if you can. You can register here:

<https://act.ceasefirepa.org/a/delaware-sandy-hook-vigil>

- A hearty meal of Presbyterian Pasta was prepared by Nancy Gilhool and delivered to the 35 residents of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County on Tuesday, November 29. The next opportunity for service is Tuesday, January 31.

-Ann Elise and Earl Lindgren will venture out to the Norristown Hospitality Center on Monday, December 19. If you would like to donate food to this mission, follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8acptvm>

-The children and staff of Gloria Casarez and James Rhoads schools were delighted by OPC's generosity and happy to unload and distribute your contributions of school supplies and hand sanitizers. Stay tuned to see how you can help in the near future.

-The library at Samuel Gompers school is organized and almost ready for classes! However, we need YOU! Working through We Pac, OPC hopes to staff the library on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 2:30. There will be a training session in the near future at Gompers School, details to be determined. Even if you are vaguely interested, come explore how you might be involved.

Looking Ahead -

- Books Through Bars - January 7
- Memorial to the Lost - January 14 to 16
- Norristown Hospitality Center - January 16
- Womens' Dining Circle - January 28 brunch
- Life Center Meal - January 31

Youth Ministry Announcements

Youth First Sunday—Sunday, December 4, 12:00 P.M. Youth and their parents are invited to a conversation with Madelyn Morrison of The Attic Youth Center about their work among LGBTQIA+ youth in Philadelphia. We will gather in the Chapel (God willing!) and hear how we might support their work. Lunch provided. All are welcome! Contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org) with any questions.



Winter Ice Skating—Sunday, December 18, 1:00 P.M. OPC youth will be going ice skating at Dilworth Park Ice Rink near City Hall. We will meet in the **church parking lot** and start skating at 1:30 p.m., returning by 4:15. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Village German Christmas market. Pay what you will. Chaperones and drivers needed. Contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org) with any questions. To register scan the QR code



Children and Family Ministry Announcements



THIS SUNDAY, 4 December 2022 in the Fellowship Hall.

Stop by or come to the All-Ages Advent Workshop, held during the Messiah Sing, THIS SUNDAY, December 4th! Children and adults will explore the season's symbols, making Chrismons, wreaths, and luminaries for our church services and homes. Don't know what a Chrismon is? Come find out! Get in touch with Director Anthony or Co-Chair Christy at cfm@overbrook.presb.org with questions, comments, or if you'd like to get involved



Christmas Pageant

Saturday, 24 December 2022 in the Sanctuary.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace! Luke 2:14

Did you know that our Children and Family Ministry will hold its first live, indoor Christmas Eve Pageant in over three years? Join us and experience the glory of meeting a newborn king in the context of a special service designed specifically to meet the liturgical and participatory needs of our church's youngest members. There is a role, a costume, and a line for *everyone who wants one* at the pageant service. Don't worry about memorizing any lines, and definitely do not stress over what costume you will wear — this is down-home, come one come all, *narrated pageant* for the whole family that aims to be accessible to everyone.

In the meantime, and on the afternoon of the pageant, we warmly and enthusiastically invite youth and adults to volunteers to assist with the production! As with any piece of quality theatre, there are administrative, vocational, logistical, and creative opportunities for everyone! So, let us know how much time you'd like to commit by emailing CFM@overbrookpresb.org, or by chatting with a pageant leader during Fellowship Hour. We'll be able to provide some volunteer options that engage your talents and commitment level.

Give a hand to our 2022 Pageant Leadership!

This year, Donna Koon, Emily Stewart, and Kadie Whalen, are steering our pageant team along with CFM Director Anthony and Committee Co-Chair Christy.

Children and Family Ministry Announcements (Cont'd)

At OPC, Children Welcome Newcomers with Apple Bread

Our church kitchens overflowed with warmth, laughter, and conversation on Saturday, 19 November. There, families worked together to produce over 30 loaves of apple bread to welcome newcomers to OPC. From 10:00 to 11:45 AM, bakers of all ages measured, mixed, and poured batters into tins under the world-class instruction and guidance of Ms. Nancy Gilhool.

Like incense, spicy cinnamon and musky clove scents bloomed throughout the building while loaves rose in the ovens. A happy calm settled on the group as parents sipped coffee and children created welcome cards led by creative and caring Ms. Davorka. A shimmering sound of metallic utensils, being cleaned by Denise and Bob Stewart, underscored the gentle chatter and laughter in the Wistar Morris room. At the end of the baking, the children became excited when sampling the loaves. The verdict was unanimous – Nancy's recipe was a hit! Everyone was thrilled with the taste and texture of the bread. We had so much fun baking bread and crafting welcome cards, and we look forward to passing them out to any visitor or newcomer we see! Next time you're at Fellowship Hour, and you meet a newcomer at our church, let someone in the CFM Ministry know! Together, we'll invite a young person to pass along a sweet, apple-y welcome.



yummy!

Welcoming Committee

On November 20, during worship ten new members were welcomed into our congregation. The newest member of the OPC family are:

<i>Jeannie Atienza</i>	<i>Molly Burke</i>
<i>Rodney Atienza</i>	<i>Yvonne Byarm</i>
<i>Phillip Brown</i>	<i>Deepa George</i>
<i>Sunanda Charles Brown</i>	<i>Julia Paone</i>
<i>Brian Burke</i>	<i>Phil Paone</i>

Follow the link, [Meet OPC's Newest Members](#), to learn more about our newest members.

-Elizabeth Mendoza, chair

Meet your Nominees

Your OPC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon and the 2023 Nominating Committee. Members will vote both in person and electronically at the called virtual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 12, immediately following the service.

After prayerful consideration of the many names submitted to the committee, we are confident we have chosen nine members who reflect the diversity of our membership and who are persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship who demonstrate in their lives a love of Jesus Christ as Savior.

To learn more about our nominees follow the link to read their bios: [2022 Slate of Nominees](#)

Nominees for Elder- Three Year Term

- Corrina Bowser
- Andrea Gosfield
- Cheryl Davis

Nominees for Deacons-Three Year Term

- Gretchen Boger
- Dela Geraldo
- Phillip Brown

Nominees for 2023 Nominating Committee Members-at-Large serving one year term

- Linda Huff-Paul
- Joseph Piatt
- Ron Homer
- Rachel Carnahan
- Phil Sheau

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting—Sunday, December 11, after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon, and the At-Large Members of the 2023 Nominating Committee. A list of the nominees and their bios will be listed in the December newsletter. Since it is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

Deacons

Happy December Birthdays

12/1	Nancy Magee	12/16	Ameerah Skipper
12/2	Deborah Talbot	12/17	Yvens Gracia
12/3	Jim Stephens	12/18	Rex Hasselstrom
12/4	Donna Bell-Koon		Maya Mendoza
12/6	Karen Taussig-Lux	12/19	Andrew Paul
12/9	Alice Lank	12/20	Bob Kaercher
12/10	Margene Biedermann	12/22	Isabel Bowser
12/11	Alyce Marsh	12/29	Zee Ann Mason

Happy January Birthdays

1/1	Wyatt Smedley	1/22	Iris Fairfax
1/2	Raelyn Harman	1/23	BK Kothari
	Janet Lovely	1/25	Sharon Elwell
	Gordon Mayne	1/26	Kempley Bryant
1/7	Brad Biedermann	1/27	Andrea Gosfield
1/8	Elienne Paul		Raegan Laidley
	Ellie VonAndreae		Mike Rottinger
1/10	Gretchen Boger		Paula Straka
1/12	Ben Hasselstrom	1/28	Zubin Fiorillo
1/14	Penelope Jennings	1/29	Robert May
1/16	Lucy Mason	1/30	Phyliss Jackson
1/17	Tara VonAndreae	1/31	Cheryl Davis
1/20	Joe Blair		Suchita Fiorillo
	Teresa Hunter		Julia Paone

If you or a family member's birthday are not listed and you wish to be included on the monthly birthday list please email Lisa at office@overbrookpresb.org.

Prayer List

- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Susy Brandt, who is awaiting a medical procedure.
- Prayers for compassionate care, comfort, and peace for Jacqueline Cole, sister of Lois Davis.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Olga Hoggard, who is under medical care.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Anthony Benjamin, father of Amanda and Alexa Benjamin, who is hospitalized for the treatment of lymphoma.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Patrick O'Healy, Adam Hearlson's step-father, as he undergoes medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and strength for Aimerie Scherluebbe as she continues under medical care.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Christy Lang Hearlson's mother, Judy, as she continues to recover from a serious fall.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Margaret Young's great-grandson, Yusuuf, who is undergoing chemotherapy at Children's Hospital
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Ed Harvey.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Don Carver, Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Terri Carter, Judy Swartz, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all who have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for peace in our city and throughout the world.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list

Coming up in January.....

Celebrate Advent and the New Year with Peter Seidel, former art teacher and Overbrook member, for a lightly guided tour of *"the Art of Advent: seven centuries of great sacred art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art"* Sunday, January 1st, 2023, 1:30- 3pm ('pay what you wish' Sunday) Please gather on the third floor balcony of the Great Hall in the museum at 1:30. Museum is located at 2600 Ben Franklin Parkway.

Martin Luther King Weekend of Service: January 14-16, 2023

In honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., members and friends of Overbrook are invited and encouraged to participate in the following events:

Memorial to the Lost. For over eight years, Overbrook has partnered with *Heeding God's Call* to bring attention to gun violence in the Philadelphia area. Annually, OPC stages The Memorial to the Lost, a display of T-shirts bearing the names, ages, and date of death of Philadelphians lost to gun violence. Please consider helping in the following ways:
Letter T-shirts: Participants can choose to letter the shirts at home or on-site at OPC.

- **Home schedule:** Pick-up T-shirts and lettering guidelines on Sunday, January 8 after worship. Please let Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org) know if you'd like to letter shirts at home so we can have them ready. Return completed shirts to OPC on Saturday, January 14, from 9:00-11:00 AM.
- **On-Site schedule:** Saturday, January 14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Participants will letter T-shirts in the Wistar Morris Room. Please sign up ahead of time at <https://tinyurl.com/TShirtMemorial>.
- **Construct the Memorial:** Monday, January 16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Participants will assemble the cross bars and hang the shirts on the church lawn.
- **Attend the Dedication of the Memorial to the Lost:** Monday, January 16, 12:00 PM. All are invited.

Community Outreach Opportunities-Monday, January 16, 9:00 AM - Project Completion

- **Food Preparation:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Rotating teams of OPC Chefs will be preparing meals for those served by the *Norristown Hospitality Center* and *Caring for Friends*. There will be food preparation activities suitable for "chefs" of all ages.
- **Caregiving:** Children and families are invited to assemble personal care kits for distribution to the Kensington Project and others in need.
- **Sanctuary Stewardship:** Participants will work in family teams or small groups to renew and preserve the Sanctuary wood work. Polishers will bring new luster to pews and pulpit and some of the less obvious areas of our worship space.

Women's Dining Circle: Saturday, January 28, 2023

All women of Overbrook are encouraged to save the date, Saturday, January 28, for a Women's Dining Circle Brunch. Throughout the year, WDC provides opportunities for fellowship, a wonderful meal, an inspiring program, and especially opportunities to support well-deserving non-profit organizations. More information regarding the January program and location will be forthcoming.

Books through Bars: Outreach to the Incarcerated

The Mission and Outreach Committee welcomes volunteers to help pick out and pack up books for delivery to area prisons. The January "picking and packing" event will take place at the office of **Books through Bars**, 4722 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia on Saturday, January 7, 1:30-3:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer for this greatly appreciated program, please contact Janet Bowker (jabowker1001@gmail.com).

Fellowship Hour Hosts are Needed for January and February

With the new year fast approaching CLC is looking for hosts to sign up for fellowship Hour. If you would like to host a Fellowship Hour, please [Sign up Here](#) . We are in need of hosts for the following Sundays:

January 1	February 5
January 8	February 12
January 15	February 19
January 22	February 26
January 29	

For questions on hosting, contact Artia Benjamin, (clc@overbrookpresb.org). For helpful hints and guidelines for Fellowship Hour: [Click Here for Tips/Guidelines](#)

OPC's Retired Person's Ministry: Welcoming the New Year!

January's RPM calendar of weekly events has been adjusted to allow for active participation in congregation-wide programs. During January, RPM will sponsor two special zoom events for the congregation and community.

January 6: RPM Plus 10:00 AM-Noon *An RPM Fresh Start!* All are welcome to BYO fresh ideas and perspectives. Coffee and conversation starters will be in abundant supply. Let's plan our winter/spring RPM program schedule.

January 13: RPM-sponsored Living History, Pt.1 7:00-8:00 PM Join us by Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/2s49dkz9>) as members and friends of OPC share stories of historical events witnessed, or of their role as history makers.

(January 14-16: Martin Luther King Weekend All are encouraged to participate in a series of OPC events in honor of the mission and ministry of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.)

January 20: RPM-sponsored Living History, Pt. 2 7:00-8:00 PM Join us by Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/3eryzvyz>) for a continuation of the previous week's sharing of eyewitness accounts to historical events

January 27: RPM Cafe, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM **Moving to the Music!** Let's explore the impact of music and movement on the human spirit. Activities will be accessible and beneficial for all ranges of mobility. The RPM Cafe menu will offer a choice of soups, desserts, fresh fruit, and beverages; BYO sandwich or salad. All are welcome...there is no cost to participate.

For more information about OPC's retired persons ministry, please contact Sharon Parker. (sharon@overbrookpresb.com)



Ongoing Weekly Events:

Every Sunday:

- Adult Forum-9:15 A.M. -Williamson Room
- Children's Sunday School – *Grades PreK-5*-10:45 A.M. – Starting September 11 - Runs 2nd-Last Sunday of the Month
- Youth Sunday – *Grades 6-12* – 11:15 A.M. – Starting September 18 – Runs 2nd-Last Sunday of the Month
- Youth First Sunday Fellowship-*Grades 6-12* -Noon – Every 1st Sunday of the month

Every Tuesday:

- Women's Prayer Support Group- 7:30 A.M. -Online
Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4>-Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

Every Wednesday:

- Bible Study -10:30 A.M.-In Person and Online
Join <https://tinyurl.com/46n54thm> - Meeting ID: 894 5497 9360

Every Thursday

- Handbell Rehearsal – 6:30 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 P.M.

Every Friday

- RPM Plus -10 A.M.-Noon – 2nd-4th Friday of September
- RPM Café-11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – 5th Friday of the month



Committee Information

Committee Name	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Monday, 7:30 P.M.*	Eileen Wiggins
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday, 12:15 P.M.	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	Quarterly	Christy Lang-Hearlson
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family pastor@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees,
please contact the chair or co-chairs using the email address above.