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# NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

#### Church – Rebuilding Meeting

On Sunday, January 26, OPC hosted a community meeting after worship to provide an update on the efforts to rebuild and reopen our building. About 50 people attended, and the full, 75-minute meeting can be found at this link: <u>Congregational Meeting - January 26, 2025 - Overbrook</u> <u>Presbyterian Church - YouTube</u>

Speakers included: Pastor Adam Hearlson; Keedra Carroll, chair of the Capital Campaign Committee; Mimi Winkler and Jason Duckworth, members of the OPC Rebuilding Taskforce; Joe Killian, public adjuster from Young Adjustment, which represents us in negotiating with our insurance company; Joe Ventresca, construction project manager; and Damon Peruso of CCS Fundraising.

Key messages: After a year of study and work, our priority today is to find a way back into the building as quickly as possible and once in the building to improve it for the purpose of our mission going forward. This process is taking longer than any of us want or anticipated, and we will be better served being in our own space and working from there on improvements that will position us well for the future.

It is complicated and necessarily deliberate, but progress is being made. A few examples:

- The building structure itself is in excellent shape. The holes in the roof can be patched and a perfect match has been found for the tiles.
- The basement is finished, and the offices have been restored and are close to being open for use.
- An ADA-compliant access push-button door is set to be installed at the main entrance by the offices.
- Architect Annabell Radcliffe Trenner, of Historic Building Architects, has done a comprehensive study and drawings of the structure and prepared a detailed report that is helping to inform decisions as we move forward.
- All the work being done is with the intention of being historically and mission sensitive, bringing back the things that made us feel like OPC and also setting us up to serve the congregation for the future.
- There is more demolition to come as a new study found smoke damage above existing ceilings. That will afford us the opportunity to insulate those spaces when the ceilings are removed and replaced, making the building more energy efficient.

- All salvaged items have been removed from storage and returned to OPC. Thanks to Leonard and Lisa for unpacking and organizing them.
- We have hired a firm to remove and remake our stained-glass windows, and work will be beginning soon on that. It is expected to be done by year's end.
- We have a lighting contractor who is restoring the pendant lights that hung over the pews. They will have the ability to be brighter and run remotely.
- Mimi Winkler, a member of the rebuilding task force, long time member of the congregation and talented architect, knows our building incredibly well and she and her firm have agreed to take on the architectural work moving forward.
- Our rebuilding task force of Adam, Mimi, Jason, Nathalie May and Lainie Blodgett continues to meet every week, along with Joe and Joe from insurance and project management.
- Moving forward, anything we put in new lighting, HVAC will be more sustainable and efficient than what we had before.

Adam shared OPC is called to three tasks right now:

- The rebuilding of our church, which is a monumental project that in some ways is made more complicated because everything was not burned down, so we are working to keep the integrity of what was there while also preparing for the future.
- Fundraising and being faithful stewards of generosity toward good work and the mission of our church
- Running a church, where we gather Sundays and live out our work as the hands and feet of Christ.

#### Insurance

The church suffered smoke, fire and water damage throughout. There has been some friction between what the church and its adjuster and what the insurance company believe needs to be done, but things are recently moving ahead with a more positive outlook. The church has about \$15 million in coverage and is making two types of claims – for the building damage and its contents. We are close (hopefully this week) to settling on the claim for contents while the building claims are still in negotiation. Part of that is based on understanding and agreeing to what is required to meet code compliance. In a building as old as OPC, little is code compliant. So we must

consider what needs to be done so that we would pass inspection and be granted permission from the city for reoccupancy. There is a desire fire alarm and for fire suppression and as much accessibility as possible.

So far, the church has been paid just over \$8 million, about \$2 million of which was paid to consultants and ServPro for the immediate cleanup, demolition and storage of items that were removed from the church. The church also received about



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\$170,000 in donations designated for rebuilding. All of these funds are in Haverford Trust earning a return while decisions are made.

#### **Capital Campaign**

Keedra encouraged an open mind and open heart as we move toward a campaign to support the rebuilding and improvements. The reports from various task forces are helping to inform hopes for long-term and show where fundraising will be critical.

Damon from CCS shared some of the process of interviewing dozens of church

members and coming to a goal of \$4-\$5 million. A task force to execute the campaign is being formed and details on the next phase will be forthcoming. The congregation is encouraged to be involved.

#### Organ

OPC is committed to having an organ, and Chris Gage and the organ committee have been working through many options. The organ has been valued at \$1.7 million – there is nothing in the insurance policy which requires all of that money to go to a new organ.

The organ represents a degree of variance larger than any other purchase we will make. The costs of organs can range in the millions. Adam noted that making that decision



before we know how much we are going to need to spend to restore the building is putting the cart before the horse.

Mimi explained that the organ will be factoring into decisions being made for the sanctuary,



including the flooring and ceiling materials so they lend themselves well for acoustics.

#### Timing

The timing for a return is uncertain based on many factors, including the uncertainty of the City of Philadelphia's permitting for occupancy. It is possible Fellowship Hall may be an option before the sanctuary, but there is a question of whether we would be allowed to use space in a building that remains under construction. Patience is needed.

-Karen Testa

# In the Spirit at Overbrook...

#### **Centering Prayer**

All are welcome to participate in OPC's Centering Prayer gathering, Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:00 AM, in the library of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. Centering Prayer offers opportunities for spoken intercessory prayer, as well as contemplative, silent prayer. In February, Centering Prayer will be held on February 5, 12, 19 and 26.

#### Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Tuesday mornings, 7:30–8:30 AM. Early risers are invited to start the morning with small group community prayer. Join us from the comfort of your home for a time of faith-filled fellowship and shared prayer. All are welcome. **Please use the following link:** <u>tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer.</u>

#### Adult Bible Study

Led by Pastor Adam, from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM each Wednesday, Bible Study participants meet in the library of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

#### Adult Forum

Adult Forum offers opportunities for shared discourse and learning in the comfort of community. Meeting on Zoom, the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 7:00-8:00 PM, Adult Forum combines peer-led discussions with presentations from guest speakers. Please join us at 7:00 PM on February 18 and 25th for our on-going discussion: *Courage of Our Convictions; A Christian Response to National and Global Crises*. Scott Long will join us as a presenter and discussion leader. **Zoom link:** <u>https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom</u>.

## From the Director of Music

Overbrook Presbyterian Church is blessed with a wonderfully diverse congregation—and one that enjoys lots of music! While we are proud to feature music by Black composers all year long, we have some special worship offerings in celebration of Black History Month:

On **February 2**, we will feature a recently composed setting of the *Nunc dimittis* (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32) written by Zanaida Stewart Robles. This piece may sound unusual (or just plain weird!) because it combines notes of the scale that often do not appear together. The result is a totally unique, mystical sound.

If you enjoy African-American spirituals, you will recognize the music on **February 9**, when the Overbrook Choir will sing Noble Cain's arrangement of "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel." While hundreds of years old, this song still speaks to us clearly, calling us to faithfulness and prayer.

The choral anthem for **February 16** was written by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a mixed-race British composer and conductor. Although Coleridge-Taylor was greatly admired in his lifetime, he often struggled financially, and his early death of pneumonia at 37 is said to be attributed partially to stress.

Finally, on **February 23**, we will sing "Gently, Lord, O Gently Lead Us," an arrangement of a Bahamian spiritual by R. Nathaniel Dett. Dett intentionally used Black folk music in his compositions, seeking not to improve it but instead to find ways to preserve the music and use it for worship services.

Four Sundays, four composers, four very different styles. Let us all continue to learn more about the rich heritage of our musical forebears!

# **Mission & Outreach**



#### T-Shirt Memorial to the Lost

On Saturday, January 25, nearly 30 members of the OPC community gathered at the corner of City & Lancaster to assemble the Heeding God's Call Memorial to the Lost to honor Philadelphians who died as a result of gun violence in the past year. OPC has been working with Heeding God's Call for almost 10 years, erecting thousands of t-shirts, each representing a life lost.

Each year, our Mission & Outreach Committee receives a list of the names of people killed by guns in Philadelphia, including their age and the date they died. Volunteers at OPC spend time carefully writing out each name, age, and date on brightly

colored t-shirts to honor that person. The shirts are then placed on PVC pipes for those passing by to see. We are proud to host the Memorial

to the Lost at such a highly-traveled intersection as it helps raise awareness about the impact guns have on our community.

Bryan Miller from Heeding God's Call addressed our group once the shirts were all assembled, thanking us for our partnership and support over the years. He shared that this year there were only 223 names, down from close to 350 last year. He remembers when the number was over 500. We are definitely making an impact, Bryan said. Finally, Pastor Adam prayed over the Memorial and all of the volunteers.

-Becky Lazo





#### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, February I. Books Through Bars. Carpool from OPC parking lot at 1:00 PM return by 4:00 PM. Contact Janet Bowker (jabowker1001@gmail.com) for more information.
- Sunday, February 2. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting. After worship at the home of Jane Rozmiarek, 6491 Drexel Rd. Please RSVP to Jeff Bowker (215) 837-2426 to make sure we have seating for all.
- Monday, February 17. Norristown Hospitality Center. Help provide breakfast for our neighbors in need in Norristown. Sign up here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/OPCNorristown</u>

# **Retired Person's Ministry (RPM)**

With deep gratitude for the welcoming kindness of neighboring congregation, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, RPM continues to provide fellowship, service, and shared learning opportunities for OPC members and community friends. Meeting on select Fridays each month, RPM has become a mutual ministry of our two faith communities. Come join us in February and explore the opportunities RPM brings for engagement, activism, and discovery. February's theme is *Building a Beloved Community...Loving Our Neighbors.* 

**RPM Plus. Friday, February 14. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. The Undercroft (lower level) of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas** (accessible entrance is through the rear parking lot.). *Love Your Neighbor.* Please join us for a **Valentine's Day Brunch**, and an opportunity to share in good-spirited fellowship, and to learn about the work of migrant ministries in our area. The meal is provided free of charge. For those who wish to participate, a free-will offering basket will be available. The offering will be directed to The New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, an interfaith ministry serving our area's immigrant community. Friends are warmly welcome to join us.

**RPM Café. Friday, February 28. 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Anderson Hall (upper level), The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.** *Won't you be My Neighbor?* The RPM Café will be open for business, and our business is to welcome all for a good meal, great conversation and an inspirational program. Homemade soups and salads will be on the menu. Please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) or Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net) if you are able to provide a beverage or dessert to share. Following lunch, we'll welcome guest presenters to offer perspectives on creating a faith community that provides and cares for our neighbors.

# **Cooking in Community**

**Friday, February 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.** Come cook with us! *Cooking in Community* is a time of fellowship and community service. Please join us in the accessible kitchen of Christ's Community Church, 337 Riverview Avenue, Drexel Hill. On-street parking is available. On February 7, we will be preparing simple meals and desserts that can be delivered to those at-home members of OPC, or those households in need. We've got aprons; we've got spatulas; we just need your willing hands and good spirit! Please contact Sharon Parker if you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions. (sparker614@gmail.com).

# Souls Shot Portrait Exhibition and Reception

#### Thursday, February 6, 7:00 PM. Congregation Beth Am Israel, 1301 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley

All are welcome to attend this evening of reflection and remembrance, and to experience the powerful art, music, and poetry offered in memory of those who have lost their lives to gun violence. Overbrook is honored to join Congregation Beth Am Israel and Cease Fire PA in sponsorship of this exhibit. The 7:00 PM reception will be followed by the program at 7:30 PM. Please share this invitation with friends. The exhibit is offered to the public at no cost.



Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence



Portrait of Isaiah C. Williams by Laura Orfanelli

Souls Shot Portrait Project pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience.

# **EXHIBITION**

2024-25 SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT Opening Program and Reception

# Thurs., February 6

# 7pm Reception and refreshments

Program featuring participating artists and family members will begin promptly at 7:30

Free and open to the public

#### **Gallery Hours**

Tues. - Thurs. 9 - 5, Sun. and Mon. by appointment only. 610 667 1651 or office@bethamisrael.org



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Beth Am Israel - 1301 Hagys Ford Rd. Penn Valley, PA 19072



# **Congregational Life**

#### **Fellowship Hour Hosts**

We are grateful for all those who have hosted in January. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host in February. If you would like an opportunity to practice hospitality and kindness toward one another or celebrate a special event, please sign up to be a Fellowship Hour host. We still need your help.

There are several ways to help:

- Be a host bring the food
- Set up before service arrive at 10:30 AM to help the host
- Clean up after Fellowship Hour help the host

Just fill out the SignUp Genius. Here's the link: <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship</u>

Hosts provide 150 bites of food. Keep the selection of food simple. Handheld food only. Example: one fresh selection (such as a bag of Cuties); one gluten-free option; enough other snacks to fill 10 to 15 small trays. Hosts **do not have to provide** table covers, plates, cups, trays or utensils. Hosts **do not have to set up or break down the tables and chairs.** 

If you have any questions, please contact Artia Benjamin (clc@overbrookpresb.org). You will receive a reminder email from the SignUp Genius application. Please provide your email and phone number when you sign up. We will send you the Fellowship Hour Tips and guidelines document. "Let brotherly love continue".



#### The Coffee Ministry

With the return of the coffee ministry, let's practice being more planet friendly and personalize your coffee experience by bringing your own coffee mug.

The Congregational Life Committee thanks the following people for hosting Fellowship Hour in January.

- January 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by Jennifer Le from OPC and Blessing Osazuwa from Penn Wynne in honor of The Rev. Dr. Lisa Farrell's retirement from Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church
- January 12th hosted by Denise Stewart and Joanne Roman
- January 19<sup>th</sup> No Fellowship Hour due to weather conditions
- January 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Boswell and Taylor families

#### **January Hosts of Fellowship Hour**

Thanks to the following people who have volunteered to host in February.

- February 2nd will be hosted by the Sheau Family celebrating Chinese New Year the Year of the Snake
- February 9th will be hosted by Artia Benjamin, Cheryl Davis, Keedra Carroll, Robert and Miriam Harden, and Nathalie May celebrating Black History Month and the Eagles at the Super Bowl.
- February 16th will be hosted by Jill Van Rawley, Cindy Gray, Nancy Gilhool, and Jennifer Watts.
- February 23rd will be hosted by Evelyn Nkwenti, Rachel Nkwenti, and Darion Marshall to celebrate the baptism of Aura Marshall.

<b>March Fellowship</b>	Hour Sign ups
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•	March 2, 2025	Laura Marrin	•	March 16, 2025	Open
•	March 9, 2025	Chris and Claire Fay	•	March 23,2025	Open
			•	March 30, 2025	Youth Group

# **Children & Family Ministry**

#### Children, Youth, and Overbrook Community Make Peace Together

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

This January, our Children's Sunday School embarked on a special program exploring the theme "Make Peace." Each week, we began by climbing the mountain with Jesus, speaking his blessing for peacemakers, and signing it in American Sign Language.



The heart of our program was a series of "Meet a Peacemaker" sessions. Every Sunday, we invited a member of our congregation engaged in peacemaking to share their ministry, bringing this beatitude to life off the page. Our young people had the privilege of learning from:

- **Blessing Osazuwa**, who spoke about her work organizing and advocating for the unhoused in the greater Philadelphia region. Her dedication to uplifting the lives and needs of our most vulnerable neighbors exemplified Christ's call to seek justice and love mercy.
- Scott Long, an activist and academic whose efforts have advanced peace and equality for marginalized communities, including the LGBTQIA+ community, in South Africa, Romania, and beyond. Scott's witness reminded us that Christ's peace transcends all boundaries.
- **Becky Lazo** and OPC Youth Leaders Asa, Park, and Nina, who shared about the Kensington Project. This ministry provides meals, clothing, hygiene kits, and compassionate presence to those in Kensington struggling with addiction. Moved by their testimony, our children assembled 80 hygiene kits and created cards of encouragement to donate. We are grateful to the Mission & Outreach Committee, chaired by Jeff Bowker, for funding this hands-on response.



Through story and service, our peacemakers revealed how Overbrook is living out our core values of Welcome, Love, and Transformation. They inspired our children to know peace, take a step back, understand others, and take risks for peace in their own lives.

We know these seeds of peacemaking, planted in

fellowship with Jesus and one another, will continue to grow and bear fruit as our children mature in faith. May they always know the

blessedness of being called children of God.

Special thanks to Molly Burke, Mads Cosgriff, Faith Eastling, Laurie Geers, Carol Rozmiarek, Davorka Sabljak, and many others for their dedication in planning and leading this program.

To learn the Beatitudes blessing in American Sign Language, visit: tinyurl.com/Beatitude-ASL



#### **Caregiver Prayer Gatherings**

Join us monthly on the lower level of Overbrook for a shared meal and a time of sacred quiet. We'll begin with a 5:30 PM community-organized dinner, followed by a contemplative practice from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. A collaborative cleanup will occur in the last fifteen minutes of the session. Childcare will be available during the practice, allowing caregivers a moment of rest for body, mind, and soul in God's presence.

- February Gathering: Explore the Centering Prayer movement.
- March Gathering: Delve into spiritual poetry-food for the soul-and extended periods of silence.

Please plan to arrive at 5:30 PM so we can start our practice smoothly at 6:00 PM and wrap up by 7:00 PM. This revised schedule reflects the rhythms of young families and the availability of our caregivers. Bring your whole self—your hopes, your weariness, and your joy—as we share in this monthly space for holy listening. To help us prepare, RSVP and signup for mealtime roles here: tinyurl.com/RSVP-Caregivers. Questions? Get in touch with Anthony, Molly, or email cfm@overbrookpresb.org

#### Tending To Our Flock on Sunday Mornings

We're seeking parents to volunteer for a brief 10-minute setup or cleanup shift for the children's Fellowship Hour games. Volunteers commit to one month and share the role with a partner. If one of you cannot make it on a Sunday, the other will fill in. To read detailed instructions and add your name to the rota, please visit <u>tinyurl.com/CFM-Fellowship</u>. Questions? Get in touch with Anthony, Molly, or email <u>cfm@overbrookpresb.org</u>

#### **Reminders for CFM Leaders**

#### First Sundays: Nurturing Collaborative Ministry

Each Sunday, we see the Spirit moving through the committed service of our many volunteers. To support this thriving ministry and nurture thoughtful collaboration, we invite all Sunday Morning Experience leaders to gather for 30 minutes on the **first Sunday of each month at 10:15 AM** in the blue table classroom. In this space, we will align our efforts with the month's educational themes, share reflections, and attune ourselves to the needs of our faith community. By coming together in open and caring conversation, we can more deeply embody our shared calling and remain responsive to God's gentle guidance. Our first meeting will be this Sunday, February 2nd. Please bring your calendar, ideas, and open hearts.

#### **Committee Meeting**

We invite all committee members to our upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, March 12th.** The gathering will begin at 6:00 PM with a time of fellowship and snacks, followed by the official start of the meeting at 6:15 PM. To accommodate everyone's needs, we will be offering a hybrid format. Please indicate whether you plan to join in-person or online when you RSVP. We encourage committee members to contribute to our agenda by submitting discussion topics or action items via our proposal form. Your input is valuable in ensuring our meeting addresses the most pressing needs and opportunities facing our ministry. Please submit your proposals no later than one week before the meeting (March 5th) through our online portal:

<u>www.cognitoforms.com/OverbrookChildrenAndFamilyMinistry/CommitteeProposalSubmissionPortal</u> To ensure everyone has ample time to review and consider the topics at hand, we will distribute the agenda and any supplemental materials about one week prior to the meeting (Wednesday, March 5th). If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Anthony, Molly, or Christoph, email <u>cfm@overbrookpresb.org</u>

# **Youth Ministry**

On January 10, twelve of our youth members attended our monthly youth group at OPC for an evening of food and fellowship. It was a wonderful way to start the new year!



Blake, Makari, Emma, Moira, Zacharia, Asa, Gordon, Park, Zubin, Aria, Anya, and Solly

- Save the Dates! The first Friday of every month. February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2.
- Where: Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia. 5:30-8:00 PM. Use the entrance by the playground.
- **RSVP:** Please email youth@overbrookpresb.org or text Suchita Fiorillo at 215-450-5356 on the Sunday before we meet so we know who's coming to plan for food.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is every Sunday following the sermon. Please join us to learn more about the hows and whys of following Jesus. For more information about the OPC Youth Ministry contact us at **youth@overbrookpresb.org** 

#### Ice Skating!

On January 26, eleven of our young adults and five adults went to Dilworth Plaza at City Hall for a fun afternoon of ice skating!









#### Looking Ahead!

- Kensington: Sunday, February 23. Join us to feed and minister to our friends in Kensington.
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium



**What:** Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of teens for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of "As If We Were Dreaming".

When: July 27-July 31 Who: All youth entering 9th grade to recent graduates Where: Louisville, Kentucky

For more information, check out <u>Triennium</u>

Stay tuned for more fun to come! If you have any ideas, please share them at <u>youth@overbrookpresb.org</u>.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The prayer shawl ministry warmly welcomes all who are interested in making blessed handwork for those facing illness or other difficulties, as well as those celebrating joys. These gifts go to OPC friends and members, and also to their family and friends. If you would like to request a prayer shawl gift for someone you know, please contact Mary Lou Ryce at 420-370-4211 or marylou.ryce@gmail.com. If you know someone in our ministry, feel free to contact him or her.

Whether you are experienced in hand crafts or would like to learn, we invite you to join us at our monthly meeting. Crafts are not limited to knitting or crocheting. If you make a different craft that might be shared through our ministry, please call or email Mary Lou. The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 14 at 11:00 AM** at the home of Bette Homer, 5948 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia.

If you're on our prayer shawl email list, we'll send you confirmation of our meeting dates each month. If you'd like to be added to our email list or want more information, please call or email Mary Lou.

#### **Every Tuesday**

 Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. 7:30 AM. Online. Join <u>https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4</u>-Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

#### **Every Wednesday**

- Centering Prayer. 9:30 AM. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.
- Bible Study. 10:30 AM. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

#### **Every Thursday**

• Choir Rehearsal. 7:30 PM. Gold preschool room of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. All are welcome, regardless of experience or skill level. For more information, contact Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org).

# **Committee Information**

Committee Name	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs		
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 PM*	Pat Dillon		
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	2nd Monday 7:30 PM*	Bill Baker		
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 1:00 PM	Jeff Bowker		
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	l <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00 PM*	Lainie Blodgett		
Children and Family Ministry (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	March 12 6:30 PM	Molly Andrews Burke		
Personnel personnel@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Cosgriff		
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	Last Wednesday 7:00 PM*	Jeff Bowker		
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll		
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin		
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza		
Youth Ministry youth@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin Suchita Fiorillo		
An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.				

### Deacons

# HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

2/2Sean Whalen
2/3Robert Wilson
Nick Henry
Laura Prete
2/4Janice Allen
2/5Beulah Wilson
2/6Asa Hausmann
Marisa Phan
. Tom Shannon
2/8Joan Beck
2/10Phillip Brown
, Amos Paul
2/12Izzy Boswell
2/14Brett Kaercher
2/15Gwen Anthony
, Jim Vagnoni
2/16Evelyn Gorman
Katie Kupstas
2/17Jill Van Rawley
2/19Danielle Long
2/20 Aiyana Long
2/21Serge Geraldo
2/22Charles Brown
, Luke Taylor
2/23Helena Bryant
2/24Max Hunter
2/25Amber Wong
Margaret Young
2/26Frieda Goedde
2/27Sabrina Johnson
2/28Inara Eastling
Yannick Geraldo
2/29Katie Ziemba



If the birthday for you or a family member is not listed and you wish to be included on the monthly birthday list, please email office@overbrookpresb.org.

# **Prayer List**

- Prayers for restoration of health and spirit for Lillian Carnahan who has contracted COVID and is in quarantine at Simpson House.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all who have been diagnosed with norovirus, COVID, and influenza, especially the most vulnerable members of our community, our children and our elders.
- Prayers for peace and comfort for Phil Sheau's cousin, Mark Der Bing, as he enters hospice care.

Prayers for restoration of health for Gwen Anthony, as she remains under medical care.

Prayers for restoration of health for Mary Lou Ryce, as she remains under cardiac care.

- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Peter Seidel following hip replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Jim McDaniel's mother, Doris McDaniel, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength, guidance and peace for all who are facing life transitions and confronted with challenging decisions.
- Prayers for strength, guidance, and wisdom for parents facing the daily challenges of balancing precious time between the needs of their beloved children and diverse life and career demands.

Prayers for strength, peace, and comfort for all who parent young families, while also caring for their aging loved ones.

Prayers of gratitude for the faith communities that continue to sustain Overbrook during our time of relocation.

Prayers for vision, wisdom, and stamina for all who are leading and supporting the revitalization and restoration efforts of Overbrook.

Prayers for strength, peace and hope for all people impacted by the changing national environment.

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