



# NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

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**Dear OPC Saints,**

As we embark on the new program year, I'm thrilled to invite our entire congregation to join us in a season of revitalization! Since the fire, our dedicated church leaders have been hard at work with remediators, insurance adjusters, and architects to prepare the way for something truly transformative—a collaborative conversation about the future of our beloved church building. We have been granted an incredible, once-in-a-generation opportunity to reshape our sacred space to better serve our mission.

The gospel teaches us that revitalization is at the core of our faith. What is broken can be restored. What is lifeless can be revived. Right now, our church stands empty, awaiting our collective touch to bring it back to life. The sanctuary bears the scars of the fire, and the program wing is damaged by smoke. But with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the strength of our community, we will breathe new life into these spaces.

This fall, we're launching five exciting revitalization teams, each inspired by the dreams our congregation shared last spring:

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*Our Summer Pick-up Choir*

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<p><b>Building Accessibility:</b> How can we create a welcoming space that accommodates the diverse mobility needs of our community?</p> <p>If you'd like to join this team: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2vht3cbz">https://tinyurl.com/2vht3cbz</a></p>	
<p><b>Environmental Sustainability:</b> How can our building reflect our commitment to honoring God's creation?</p> <p>If you'd like to join this team: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/52yn8reb">https://tinyurl.com/52yn8reb</a></p>	
<p><b>Program Space:</b> How can we design spaces that foster loving community, impactful missions, and transformative education?</p> <p>If you'd like to join this team: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2nwa252u">https://tinyurl.com/2nwa252u</a></p>	
<p><b>Sanctuary Space:</b> How can our sanctuary embrace the rich diversity of our worship practices?</p> <p>If you'd like to join this team: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/36dcnvp7">https://tinyurl.com/36dcnvp7</a></p>	
<p><b>Kitchen Space:</b> How can our kitchen become a hub for hospitality and grace?</p> <p>If you'd like to join this team: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3syef3fp">https://tinyurl.com/3syef3fp</a></p>	

These teams will come together this fall to craft a bold vision for what our church can become. You can participate on these teams in one of two ways:

- **Core Team:** Dive deep into the process with regular planning meetings, inspiring field trips to other houses of worship, and help create a visionary document to guide our session and congregation.
- **Consulting Team:** Join the Core Team for an initial brainstorming walk-through of the building and offer valuable feedback on the vision document.

If you're ready to help shape the future of our church, sign up using the links or QR codes above. If you'd like to discuss how your unique gifts can be best utilized, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Let's come together to reimagine, rebuild, and revitalize our sacred space!

*grace + peace*  
Adam

## Overbrook Fire Task Force Update

The fire task force continues to meet weekly with the public adjusters. They received and reviewed our architect's 300-page proposal. The fire task force and Young Adjusters are working with Church Mutual to come to an agreement regarding cost estimates for rebuilding OPC.

Mimi Winkler's proposal for rebuilding the offices for the staff has been accepted and actual construction is set to begin shortly.

More to come in next month's newsletter.



*A mourning dove  
keeping watch at OPC.*

## In the Spirit at Overbrook...

Spiritual practice is at the center of life at Overbrook. In addition to our communal worship on Sunday mornings, all are invited to participate in the diverse spiritual practices offered throughout the week. Please consider exploring the following opportunities for faith formation and spiritual growth:

**Tuesday Morning Prayer Group:** The prayer group gathers by Zoom each Tuesday, from 7:30–8:30 AM. To join the Tuesday Prayer Group on Zoom, please use the following link: [tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer](https://tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer).

**Centering Prayer.** Combining spoken and contemplative prayer, Centering Prayer participants meet in the Beth Hillel-Beth El library each Wednesday from 9:30–10:00 AM.

**Adult Bible Study.** Led by Pastor Adam, from 10:30–Noon each Wednesday, Bible Study participants meet in the library of Beth Hillel-Beth El.

**Walking with Spirit:** Led by Sharon Parker, seasonal nature walks offer opportunities to explore the wonders of God's creation. All ages are welcome; all trails are accessible. Please join us for the first walk of the new program year, **Saturday, September 21, 9:00–10:00 AM**, the Darby Creek Trail at Merry Place, 600 Glendale Road, Havertown.

To learn more about these opportunities, please contact Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)).

## Taste of Overbrook Postponed

The Taste of Overbrook Dinner has been postponed to the spring with the hope that we will be able to use our Fellowship Hall. The tentative date is **Saturday, April 26, 2025**.



## Mission & Outreach

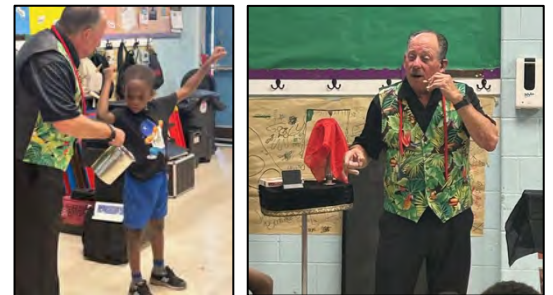
**The Women's Dining Circle** joyfully looks forward to celebrating its 15th anniversary on **Friday, September 20th** at the home of Jane Rozmiarek, who hosted the very first dinner. We will welcome Monique Gaillard, Director of Institutional Giving for Urban Promise. Several youth group members will also relate their experiences and the impact the trip made on them. Monique's visit will complete the circle as WDC sponsored the Youth Group trip to Camden with its dinner in June. Look for an invite in your inbox soon. If you'd like to be added to the invite list, please email [carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Women's Dining Circle was formed as a ministry of Overbrook Presbyterian Church both to support organizations that serve children, women and families and to foster fellowship and friendship among the women of the congregation. While our name speaks to our mission and history, we wish to reinforce our welcome: Women's Dining Circle welcomes cis-gender women, nonbinary and transgender members and friends, and anyone on a gender journey to join us.

Mission and Outreach is looking for 10 volunteers to work at the **Habitat for Humanity Restore**, 2318 Washington Avenue on **Saturday, September 28** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The work varies depending on expertise, but the folks at H4H know how to keep their volunteers busy. From rearranging Halloween decorations to assembling cabinets and coffee tables, the time flies. Contact Janet Bowker ([jabowker1001@gmail.com](mailto:jabowker1001@gmail.com)) for more details or Sign-Up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5A622AAFE61-50939016-habitat#/>



What is summer camp without a little magic? The Mission and Outreach committee was delighted to bring magician, Michael Bonacci, to the 50+ campers at Papa Playground on August 14. Though no campers disappeared during the performance, all were mesmerized by the magician's tricks. "How did he do that?" resounded throughout the building.



On August 7, committee member Donna Bell-Koon and her husband, Derek, brought the story of *Abiyoyo* to life during Story Hour at the camp. The children loved having the story read and reenacted.

On Tuesday, July 30, the "chefs-du-Overbrook" gathered in the Bowkers' kitchen to prepare a hearty meal of chili, salad, and, thanks to many talented bakers, cornbread, which was served to the residents at the **Life Center of Eastern Delaware County**. Many thanks to Joanne, Anne, and Suchita for cooking and to Donna and Derek Koon, Jr and Suchita, Aria and Zubin Fiorello for serving. Our next meal at the Life Center is **Tuesday, October 29**.

August brought a change in the menu for the **Norristown Hospitality Center** and Overbrook graciously adapted to the shift. The food requests will be slightly different each month, so please check out the [sign-up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-norristown#/) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-norristown#/>) to see how you can help and for delivery information. OPC is scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month with our next delivery on **Monday, September 16**.



If your mailbox gets flooded with calendars from all the good causes to which you contribute, Mission and Outreach has a home for them! Many letters received at **Books Through Bars** include a request for a calendar which BTB readily sends along with the requested books. There will be a box set up during Fellowship Hour each Sunday for this collection. Paperback books, how-to manuals (paperback), Sudoku, crossword, word search and Manga are also in high demand. Please contact Janet Bowker ([jabowker1001@gmail.com](mailto:jabowker1001@gmail.com)) if you want to learn more about **Books Through Bars**. Our next excursion to Baltimore Avenue is **Saturday, September 7**.

**On Saturday, October 19th, ReBuilding Together Philadelphia** will be working in the Haddington section of Philadelphia, Overbrook's next-door neighbor. Details to follow, but please consider joining the OPC work team on **October 19**.

## Cooking in Community

Over the past 7 months, OPC has been able to keep many of our key ministries active, but we have faced challenges. One of those challenges has been the temporary loss of our kitchen. Cooking for those in need has continued in home kitchens, but the larger scale communal cooking has been paused...until now. **Overbrook has a new partner church!** Christ's Community Church, a PC-USA congregation in Drexel Hill, has welcomed us to use their kitchen for community cooking the **first Friday** of each month.

Beginning on September 6, we will have a place to stir the soup pots and make the "award-winning" OPC applesauce for homebound members and those in need of assistance. Members from our host church will join us in this collaborative morning of fellowship and service.

If you would like to be part of the OPC *Cooking in Community* crew on **Friday, September 6, 9:00 AM to noon**, please email me at [sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org). We're hoping to field a team of six chefs each month. All supplies and ingredients will be provided; carpooling can be arranged. Aprons await!

*Blessings,*  
Sharon Parker

## Adult Forum Zooms into the New Program Year!

Welcome to a new season of lifelong learning and faith formation at Overbrook! While we may not have space to offer Adult Forum at Penn Wynne on Sundays, we do have cyberspace and Zoom on our side. OPC will launch two evening Zoom Forum sessions on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month, unless otherwise noted. Please join us on the following dates:

**September 17 and 24, 7:00–8:00 PM. Called to Community: The Faith Stories of Overbrook.** Overbrook is an ever-changing congregation, welcoming new members each season. Each who comes to worship has travelled a unique path on their faith journey. These converging paths have created a dynamic community of believers at the Crossroads. Please join us as we hear personal stories of adventures in faith told by members new to Overbrook, as well as by those who have welcomed generations of newcomers.

Link to Adult Forum Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>

# Congregational Life

## Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are grateful for all those who have hosted in August. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host in September. 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: [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship)



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](mailto: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 Return of Coffee!

On September 8, 2024, the coffee ministry will start. Practice being more planet friendly and personalize your coffee experience by bringing your own coffee mug.

## World Communion is October 6, 2024

On World Communion Sunday the Congregational Life Committee will be hosting Fellowship Hour, but we would appreciate donations of handheld snacks from different cultures from the congregation.

- Examples (just provide enough to feed 10 people)
  - Fruit from different cultures (dragon fruit)
  - Vegetables from different cultures (Jute Mallow)
  - Desserts from different cultures (Baklava)



Please sign up using this QR code or this link (<https://tinyurl.com/mpsuyyjk>) if you want to provide an international snack. Contact Artia Benjamin at [clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org) if you have questions.

### Available Dates to Host Fellowship Hour

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 13, 2024</li><li>• October 20, 2024</li></ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 27, 2024</li><li>• November 3, 2024</li></ul> |
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## Retired Person's Ministry (RPM)

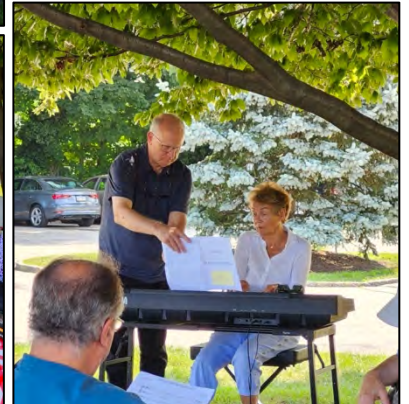
### OPC's Retired Person's Ministry...kicking off a new program year!

We're back! Starting in September, RPM will return to our neighboring congregation, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, on the **second** and **fourth** Fridays of each month. The second Friday will be reserved for small group interest sessions; the fourth Friday will be the *RPM Community Café*, a mutual ministry of OPC and AECST. Please save the following dates:

**September 13, 10:00–Noon: RPM Kickoff!** Join us in the "undercroft" of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas for a high-energy morning of music, movement, and spirited fellowship. In addition to a fast-paced hour of fitness and fellowship, we'll preview the 2024–2025 schedule of events and opportunities. Healthy brunch treats will be served. Friends and neighbors of all ages are welcome.

**September 27, 11:30–1:00 PM. The RPM Café.** Anderson Hall, African Episcopal Church of St Thomas. The great chefs of OPC are planning the menu of the day which will feature a soup and salad buffet, fresh fruit, desserts, and a choice of beverages. All are welcome to enjoy the meal and our special program, *Civic Responsibility and Civil Discourse*. The RPM Cafe is a Parish Care Ministry; there is no cost to participate. Responses are appreciated. RSVP ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) by September 25.

## This Summer's Art in the Park: Poetry, Photography & Music



## Youth Ministry

Save the Dates! We've got some exciting events ahead for our youth to gather and share our OPC love with the community and strengthen our connections. Please send all RSVPs to [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org) and if you would like to host a youth gathering or are interested in being a chaperone or driver, please contact Suchita Fiorillo or Artia Benjamin.

- **Saturday, September 7th:** Calling all youth ages 13 and up! Urban Promise's Community Day needs helpers! We'll be in charge of the Wooder Ice Station. Please RSVP by August 31st if you can attend as a youth or help as a chaperone/driver.
- **Friday, September 27th, at 5:30 PM:** It's that time of the year again, we're all heading back to school! We want to celebrate our middle and high schoolers as they start another fantastic year. Join us for a celebration at the home of Sunanda and Phillip Brown, 800 Sproul Road in Bryn Mawr. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Dinner will be provided. RSVP by Sunday the 22. Hope to see you there!
- **Sunday, September 29:** Youth Sunday! We need volunteers for the following roles, please contact us by September 15th so we can plan for an amazing day!
  - **Liturgist/Lay Leader:** Assist with worship service
  - **Scripture Reader:** Read the scripture during service
  - **Usher:** Hand out bulletins
  - **Greeter:** Welcome all!
  - **Storyteller:** Shares a lesson during Time with Children
  - **Musicians/Singers:** Share your musical gifts

**Sunday School:** Volunteers are needed to teach our Middle and High Schoolers. Please contact [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org) if you are interested. All lessons and materials are provided, it's an important, wonderful, easy, and flexible way to interact with our children, we just need YOU!



The poster for the BE INC. COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY DAY event is vibrant and informative. At the top, it features the BE INC. COLLECTIVE logo and the Urban Promise logo. The main title 'COMMUNITY DAY' is in large, bold letters, with the address '3700 RUDDEROW ST. PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110' below it. A blue banner with white text reads 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH'. Below this, the event hours '9AM-12PM' are prominently displayed. The poster lists various activities: 'BOUNCE HOUSE • FOOD TRUCK • RESOURCE FAIR', 'PRODUCE & BOOKBAG GIVEAWAYS • STORY TELLING', and 'KID'S FUN ZONE • FAMILY FUN'. It also mentions 'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:' followed by a grid of logos for partner organizations including R.E.D., Horizon, Horizon NJ Health, NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER, Cherry Hill Free Clinic, SGM, Camden Coalition, LUCY Outreach, GARDEN STATE EQUALITY, and BAYADA Home Health Care. The bottom right corner features the logo for CENTER FOR AQUATIC SCIENCES.

## 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 Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) or Mary Lou Ryce (420-370-4211 or [marylou.ryce@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.ryce@gmail.com)).

Whether you are experienced in hand crafts or would like to learn, we invite you to join us at one or both of the two monthly meetings. The weekday meeting will be held this month on **Tuesday, September 10 at 11:00 AM** at the home of Bette Homer, 5948 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia. For those who work on weekdays, an alternate evening or Saturday meeting is agreed upon each month. 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.





## Children & Family Ministry

Dear Children and Families,

The Overbrook Children and Family Ministry Team is excited to welcome you and your family to Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church as we begin a new season of ministry! Our church staff and ministry volunteers are eager to journey with you and the Holy Spirit through worship, education, prayer and fellowship. Together with God's help, we will share an extraordinary year filled with fun, faith, welcome, love, and transformation!

Our ability to offer an intentional multigenerational ministry is made possible by the time and talent provided by our diverse group of congregational volunteers, leaders, and parents. If God is calling **YOU** to serve your church through creative, teaching, or caregiving vocations please get in touch with me, or a leader in the CFM.

Please read ahead to learn more about our plans for Overbrook's Children and Family Ministry this year, including our monthly program calendar, family resources, and opportunities to be of service.

*May the Peace of Christ be with you,*

*Anthony M. Carrella He / Him / His*  
*Director of Children and Family Ministries*  
*anthony@overbrookpresb.org*



### ♥ UPCOMING PROGRAM OFFERINGS

#### ☀ Offerings Held Every Sunday in September & October

- **Prayerground:** A welcoming and accessible area in our worship space for children of all ages and their caregivers. Led by **Judy Williamson** and **Prayerground Stewards** beginning at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery:** No-cost, play-based childcare led by **Connie Moran, Carol Rozmiarek, and Deja Stokes**, beginning at 10:45 AM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.
- **Biblical Storytelling:** Join us at the chancel for stories that shape our faith and call us to action beginning at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary.
- **Fellowship Hour:** Gather among friends and neighbors in a space where kids play and parents connect after the service, beginning at 12:15 PM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.

#### 📅 Sunday, September 1st

- **Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery Care** beginning at 10:45 AM.
- **Participation Form Sundays:** 1st, 8th, and 15th— As a child cherishing church, Overbrook asks families to complete one Participation Form that covers all of our program permissions and releases for the entire year. This five-minute form is essential for helping our leaders tailor programs to the unique needs and interests of every child, while adhering to our Child Protective Policy. Paper forms can be filled out at the Registration Table located on the lower level of Penn Wynne on 9/1, 9/8, and 9/15. Digital forms are also available on desktop and mobile by accessing [tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC](https://tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC)

## Children & Family Ministry (continued)

### Sunday, September 8th

- **Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery Care** beginning at 10:45 AM.
- **Blessing of Backpackers and Schoolbags** Students, teachers, and administrators are warmly invited to start the school year with a moment of blessing and encouragement. On September 8th, please bring your backpacks, schoolbags, lunchboxes, and pencil cases to the 11 AM service at church. Our liturgy will bless not only these essential items but also the adventurous spirits who carry them.
- **Children's Sunday School Begins:** Our Sunday School is deeply committed to nurturing the faith development and spiritual growth of children ages 3-11. From the second to last week of each month, join us to explore *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living* curriculum, delivered through age-appropriate, engaging stories and interactive activities. Our classes are segmented by age groups: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11 years—to ensure every session resonates within the hearts of our learners. Occasionally, our Sunday School will bring the age groups together for special joint sessions that enhance their sense of community and shared spiritual discovery.



Crucial to our program's success are our dedicated, background-checked volunteers who serve not only as educators but also as stewards of our vibrant learning community. They participate actively in nurturing a space where children can openly explore themselves and deepen their faith, supported by a constellation of spiritual adults. Join us on all but the first Sunday of each month at 11:20 AM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church.

- **Fellowship Hour and Participation Form Table** at 12:15 PM on the lower level of Penn Wynne.

### Sunday, September 15th

- **Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery Care** beginning at 10:45 AM.
- **Children's Sunday School** beginning at 11:20 AM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.
- **Fellowship Hour and Participation Form Table** beginning at 12:15 PM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.

### Sunday, September 22nd

- **Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery Care** beginning at 10:45 AM.
- **Children's Sunday School** beginning at 11:20 AM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.
- **Fellowship Hour** beginning at 12:15 PM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.

### Sunday, September 29th

- **Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery Care** beginning at 10:45 AM.
- **Children's Sunday School** beginning at 11:20 AM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.
- **Fellowship Hour** beginning at 12:15 PM on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian.
- **Committee Q1 Meeting, Ministry Training Seminar** beginning at 12:00-2:00 PM. Committee Members, Volunteers, and VBS Leaders will come together for lunch and workshops that help us align our ministry mission with on-the-ground practices, ensuring we are supporting the spiritual growth of our families effectively. In the first hour, we'll set our mission for the Children and Family Ministry, review our CFM programs, update our Child Protective Policy, and clarify volunteer clearances. We'll also conduct a workshop to enhance communication skills with our young members. After a break, volunteers are dismissed, and committee members will meet to consider administrative matters. We'll hear leadership reports, consider discussion items, and conclude with prayer. If you cannot attend these sessions physically, please let Anthony Carrella or Molly Burke know so they can configure an alternative solution for you.

## Children & Family Ministry (continued)

### Thursday, October 3rd

- **RESCHEDULED Full Day VBS *Journey to the Heart***—Join us for a special, full day version of Overbrook's Vacation Bible School! Our "Journey to the Heart" camp, originally scheduled for the summer, will now take place on Thursday, October 3rd, starting at 9:00 AM. This full-day experience has been thoughtfully rescheduled to coincide with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, offering a unique opportunity for reflection and learning. Designed for children aged 3-11, this event will feature engaging activities tailored to different age groups, including a special section just for our 9-11-year-olds. More details are coming soon. Space is limited, so please RSVP to secure a spot for this enriching experience by going to [tinyurl.com/Full-Day-VBS](https://tinyurl.com/Full-Day-VBS)



### NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**Contemplative Caregiver Dinner Group** Join us on one Wednesday each month for an enriching evening designed for parents, caregivers, and spiritual seekers. Beginning in October, dive into a reflective gathering where we will explore art, readings of Henri Nouen, poetry, and prayer to find guidance and inspiration. A light meal will be provided to accompany our discussions, creating a nurturing environment for body, mind, and spirit. Childcare is available upon request, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate fully. If you're interested in joining or need more information, please reach out to Anthony Carrella and Molly Burke at [cfm@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:cfm@overbrookpresb.org). We look forward to sharing these contemplative evenings with you!

### VOLUNTEER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Leaders will gather for a Ministry Seminar and Committee Meeting** at Penn Wynne Presbyterian. on 9/25 from 12 to 2PM. Lunch will be served.

### WE NEED YOU!

Your engagement makes our ministry vibrant and effective! Consider contributing as:

- **Sunday School Teachers for Ages 6-8**
- **Sunday School Teachers for Ages 9-11**
- **Fellowship Event Coordinators**
- **Prayerground Stewards**
- **Biblical Storytellers**
- **Children's Fellowship Hour Helpers**
- **Parent Committee Representatives**

Our open roles and next steps in the volunteer journey can be found by going to [tinyurl.com/CFM-Serve-24](https://tinyurl.com/CFM-Serve-24)

### ACCESS CHILDREN AND FAMILY RESOURCES

The CFM now offers a central hub where families, caregivers, and volunteers can find our resources at the click of a button. Through our dedicated link.tree [linktr.ee/OPCCFM](https://linktr.ee/OPCCFM), you can connect with:

- Ministry Updates 📅: Get the latest on our schedule and important upcoming events.
- Forms and Documents 📄: Easily access required forms and essential documents.
- Serve and Offer ❤️: Discover opportunities to engage and contribute to our community.
- Resources 📖: Explore a rich collection of resources that support spiritual growth, theological understanding, and educational development as your family deepens its journey in faith.
- Contacts 📞: Quickly connect with leaders in the CFM for any inquiries or guidance.

Our link.tree is designed to foster easy access and ongoing engagement with the welcoming, loving and transformative community found at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.



## Ongoing Weekly Events

### Every Tuesday

- Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. 7:30 AM. Online. Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4>-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.

## 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00 PM*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family Ministry (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	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.		

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/1.....Elizabeth Cosgriff  
Jonathan Kopcsik  
Dianne O'Healy  
Ben Scherluebbe
- 9/2 .....Janet Bowker  
Gabe Gidjunis  
Rebecca Gidjunis  
Peggie Kaercher  
Joseph Piatt  
Jennifer Watts
- 9/3 .....Lillian Carnahan  
Elizabeth Hein
- 9/4 .....Trudy Sheau 
- 9/6 .....Karen Testa
- 9/8 .....Greta Ham
- 9/9 .....Solly Brown
- 9/11.....Davorka Sabljak   
Stephanie Kindt
- 9/12.....Peter Subramanian
- 9/13.....Jeremy Blatchley  
Eric Long  
Judy Williamson
- 9/14.....Evelyn Nkwenti
- 9/16.....Lillian Baker
- 9/18.....Aimerie Scherluebbe
- 9/19.....Hope Kupstas
- 9/22.....Anne Conroy 
- 9/23.....Amy Behrman  
Noble Brigham
- 9/24 .....Lainie Blodgett  
Denise Stewart 
- 9/25 .....Everett Whalen
- 9/27.....Aqueelah Folwell
- 9/28 .....Gwen Harden  
Bette Homer
- 9/30 .....Eiley Eastling

*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 of support and travelling mercies for Don Carver as he moves to his new home in California.

Prayers of healing for Robert Harden, who is receiving medical care following a recent injury.

Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Scott as she receives compassionate home hospice care.

Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Doris McDaniel, mother of Jim McDaniel.

Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann.

Prayers for restoration of health for Michele Whipple's sister, Valerie Craig, who is receiving medical care.

Prayers for restoration of health for all members and friends of Overbrook who have tested positive for COVID.

Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, John Shackelford, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, and Natalie DeShields.

Prayers for hope and peace for families in crisis.

Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported and continue to support Overbrook during our time of relocation.

Well wishes and prayers of encouragement for the children and youth of Overbrook as they begin a new school year,

Prayers of support and gratitude for all teachers and school personnel as they begin the 2024-2025 school year.

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

## In the Neighborhood

Our neighbors at The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas (just down the road from OPC) will be hosting this concert on Saturday, Sept. 14.



# Singsation

A Musical Tribute To Marian Anderson  
Presented by The Marian Anderson Museum

JOIN US AS WE PRESENT A TRIBUTE CONCERT OF BRAHMS SCHUBERT  
AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS DEDICATED TO MARIAN ANDERSON.  
FEATURING THE MARIAN ANDERSON SCHOLAR ARTISTS UNDER THE  
DIRECTION OF MAHS MUSIC DIRECTOR DR. JAY FLUELLEN

**SEPTEMBER 14TH 2024**  
**LOCATION: AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST THOMAS**  
**6361 LANCASTER AVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151**  
**3PM**

**FEATURING** **CONCERT TICKET ADMISSION: \$40.00**

 <b>LAURICE S KENNEL</b> SOPRANO	 <b>JILLIAN PIRILLE</b> SOPRANO	 <b>LILY KASS</b> SOPRANO	 <b>DR. JAY FLUELLEN</b> MUSICAL DIRECTOR
 <b>TERRANCE HART</b> TENOR	 <b>MARCUS SIMMONS</b> BASS	 <b>BRENTON MATTOX</b> BASS	

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT THE LINK : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/singsation-a-musical-tribute-to-marian-anderson-presented-by-the-marian-anderson-museum-tickets-942985824987?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

OR CALL OUR OFFICE @ 215-779-4219

