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NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

From the Pastor

Friends,

John’s Easter story has a way of slowing us down if we let it. While the other Gospels move quickly, John lingers over a small and curious detail: the burial cloths. Peter and the other disciple arrive at the tomb and find no body, but they do find the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had covered Jesus’ face, folded and set aside. It is such an ordinary image, and yet it is the detail John wants us to notice.

The day Jesus was killed, Jesus’ friends had done what they could in the time they had—washing his body, wrapping it, laying him in the tomb—but they didn’t have time to finish. Mary returns early, while it is still dark, to complete what had been left undone. Instead, she finds the stone rolled away, and soon Peter and John are there too, standing in a tomb that holds not chaos or violence, but a strange kind of quiet order.

The cloths are not torn away or scattered. They are removed, set down, even folded. There is no urgency in that, no panic. It suggests that whatever has happened here was not rushed, but intentional.

I cannot help picturing that moment. Jesus, alive again, still bearing the marks of what he has endured, standing in the tomb and removing what no longer belongs to him. And, according to John, not simply discarding it, but folding it, as if even here there is care, even here there is time.

At some point the stone is moved, and the tomb that once held him no longer can. And then, what seemed immovable gives way, and Jesus steps out into the world unbound, carrying nothing of death with him. There is something like birth in that image, a quiet but profound beginning again.

If that is true, then it begins to say something about us. We know what it is to live with unfinished things, to carry griefs and burdens that cling to us. Easter does not deny that. But it does suggest that these things are not final. It offers the hope that, in time, we too may lay aside what has bound us, that we too may step into a life made new.

Peter and the other disciples do not yet understand everything. And yet, something in what they see is enough to begin belief. Not certainty, but trust, sparked by something as small and as strange as folded cloths in an empty tomb.

Perhaps that is how resurrection meets us—not all at once, but in quiet signs that something has changed, and that even now, new life is beginning.

grace + peace
Adam Hearlson

From the Music Director

Music at Overbrook: Bells Can Sing?

When you hear handbells in worship, you may notice that not everything sounds exactly like a bell ringing; sometimes, you hear the bells struck differently or allowed to resonate in unusual ways. Have you ever wondered what the handbell choir is doing up there? When we play a musical instrument in a way in which it was not strictly intended (if, for instance, you plucked a piano string instead of pressing a key), it is called an **extended technique**. Handbell music has many such techniques, which include hitting the bell on the table, swinging it behind you (watch out!), or reaching into the bell to manipulate the clapper.

This month, you will hear our Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir play a newly developed technique called *singing bells*. It involves running a dowel around the edge of the bell to create a gentle, pulsating sound. If you have ever "played" water glasses by running your finger around the rim and getting a sound, this is similar--without the risk of a spill! We are very excited to bring this sonic effect to life for you to enhance music and worship.

If you'd like to try some of these techniques for yourself, come to a handbell choir rehearsal! The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15, and we would love to see you. And be sure to stay tuned (no pun intended!) for all the other exciting things happening musically at OPC!

- Chris Gage

Finance Update

What is the difference between the Fire Insurance Funds and the Capital Campaign Funds and how are they being spent?

Fire Insurance funds are those received from Overbrook's insurance company to cover repairs and renovations required because of the 2024 fire. They are not to be used for improvements to the church – the insurance company did not want to pay to improve the church and did not give us funds to do so.

The Capital Campaign was launched so that OPC could make improvements to the church at the same time as repairs were being made, and in some cases, by the same people. The idea is that because we already have people in the church making repairs, it will cost less to make improvements at the same time. The improvements are things like a new elevator, an updated kitchen, enhanced AV capabilities, and a permanent exterior ramp for improved accessibility.

While the projects funded by the Capital Campaign are different, the work is being done at the same time as the repairs, which is happening over the next 6-9 months. Any Capital Campaign payments received now are helpful and reduce the amount that we have to fund from our "savings" in the Endowment. We really appreciate the generous giving commitments of approximately \$4 million as part of the Capital Campaign, as they far exceed what we would have been able to financially support from the Endowment.

Please reach out to anyone on the Fire Task Force (Jason Duckworth, Mimi Winkler, Nathalie May and Lainie Blodgett) or the Finance Committee (Stephanie Morris, Lainie Blodgett, Joe Blair and Trudy Sheau) with questions.

HELP WANTED

A summary of volunteer opportunities at OPC. More details throughout this newsletter.

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Books Through Bars. Saturday, April 4, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM.** More info on page 8.
- **Kensington Project. Sunday, April 19, 10 AM.** More info on page 9.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry. Tuesday, April 14.** More info on page 6.
- **ReBuilding Together Philadelphia Rebuild. Saturday, April 18.** More info on page 8.

Ongoing Opportunities

- Fellowship Hour Sharing Table. More info on page 12.

In Celebration of David and Elizabeth McMillan

The children of David and Elizabeth McMillan, Stephen, Mary and Katie, informed us that David and Elizabeth both will be celebrating their 90th birthdays over the next two months. Their children asked if members of the congregation would send a card, a photo, or a memory that most reminds them of David and Elizabeth's time at OPC. Elizabeth's birthday was **March 19**, and David's birthday is **April 30**. The McMillans' mailing address is as follows:

David & Elizabeth McMillan
40 Autumn Drive, Apt. 172
Slingerlands, NY 12159

You can also contact them by email at edmcmillan@hotmail.com.

Here We Stand: An OPC Zoom Forum on Immigration Justice, Part 2

Here We Stand: An OPC Zoom Forum on Immigration Justice, Part 2. Monday, April 13, 7:00–8:00 PM.

The Mission and Outreach Committee welcomes members and friends of Overbrook to participate in the continuing discussion of the PC-USA's response to the national immigration crisis. Please join us as we prayerfully discern Overbrook's call to immigration justice. The goal for this session will be the development of a leadership team that will be tasked with the drafting of a congregational action plan. The spirit of hope and social justice is at work at Overbrook!

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCHereWeStand>

From the Deacons

If you or anyone in your circle of family or friends is facing immigration-related challenges, OPC would like to help. Please consider contacting one of the deacons or pastoral staff. We may be able to assist with daily needs or connect you to outside experts if necessary. We promise all requests will be kept confidential.

In the Spirit at Overbrook...

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. Tuesdays. 7:30–8:30 AM. Online.

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: tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer.**

Centering Prayer. Wednesdays. 9:30–10:00 AM. OPC Office.

All are welcome to participate in OPC's Centering Prayer gathering, Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:00 AM, in the office at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Centering Prayer offers opportunities for contemplative prayer and reflection.

Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays. 10:30 AM–12:00 PM. OPC Office and Online.

Led by Pastor Adam, from 10:30 AM–12:00 PM each Wednesday, Bible Study participants meet in the office at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Cooking in Community: First Friday of the Month

The first Friday in April is Good Friday, and the good cooks of OPC and St. Thomas will be observing Holy Week. Although we are **cancelling** our April cook, we look forward to bringing out the spatulas and whisks on **Friday, May 1**. Please join us as *Cooking in Community* prepares meals from the heart for those in need. On May 1, we'll be gathering in the kitchen of Christ's Community Church, corner of Garrett and Riverview Roads in Drexel Hill, from 9:30–11:30 AM.

Resources for Shared Learning

All members and friends of OPC are invited to participate in the following programs sponsored by our partners in faith:

Presbytery of Philadelphia (presbyphl.org)

Wednesday, April 8. 6:30–8:00 PM. Seeking Understanding: Reflections on Israel and Gaza. An online webinar.

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Friday, April 10. 5:30 PM. A Congressional Candidate Forum: Your Candidates. Your Community. Your Future. Anderson Hall, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia. 19151

Interfaith Philadelphia (interfaith.philadelphia.org)

Sunday, April 12. 1:00–2:30 PM. Dignitatis Humanae: A Civil Conversation Workshop Old St. Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley, Philadelphia, PA 19106

PC-USA: Presbyterian Office of Public Witness (pcusa.org)

Wednesday, April 22. 12:00–1:00 PM. Presbyterian Advocacy Hour. Theme: International Conflict Resolution with a Focus on Sudan.

OPC's Retired Persons' Ministry (RPM)

Retired Persons' Ministry...still serving, still shining!

With a spring in our collective steps, the Overbrook Retired Persons' Ministry brings together the members and friends of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and the residents of our surrounding neighborhoods. During the OPC building restoration, all indoor RPM activities are hosted on-site at St. Thomas...and we are deeply grateful for that generous welcome. Built on the foundation of SAFE gatherings, RPM offers opportunities for **S**ervice, **A**dventure, **F**ellowship, and **E**ducation each month. All, regardless of age, are welcome to join us for our April programs:

April 10: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM RPM Plus: Planting the Seeds of Change and Creativity.

RPM Plus will meet in the Undercroft (lower level) of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas (6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, 19151) for a healthy morning buffet, spirited exercise, and a burst of creativity! Come join us and welcome a new season of increased fitness and creative expression. Creativity stations will include poetry, card making, painting, and collage. Energy will be fueled by really good RPM coffee and great fellowship. Special greeting cards will be created for the at-home members of our two congregations.

April 24: 11:30 AM -1:00 PM RPM Cafe: Happy Bard's Day...A Celebration of William Shakespeare's Birthday (and the King James version of the Bible)

Leave today behind and travel back in time to Elizabethan England for a birthday celebration fit for a bard! A warm welcome awaits us in Anderson Hall (upper level) of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Our lunch buffet will feature authentic Elizabethan fare adapted for twenty-first century taste buds. Special guests will include characters from Shakespeare's most memorable works. Attendees will have the opportunity to dine with the matinee idols of the 1590's! If you would like to join the "All-Star Elizabethan Cooking Team," please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).

The Overbrook Retired Persons' Ministry is a mutual ministry of Overbrook Presbyterian Church and the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. There is no cost to participate. All are welcome!

Picture Yourself in RPM!

For RPM, this has been a season of springing forward, gathering in neighboring congregations, learning together, and breaking bread (*and dumplings and pizza*) in community. Recently, RPM travelled to Beth Am Israel to view the Souls Shot Portrait Project, and to The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas for a Lunar New Years' Festival and Friday the 13th Celebration. While the Overbrook Retired Persons' Ministry is planned by the senior members of OPC and St. Thomas, friends and neighbors of all ages are warmly welcome to participate. For more information contact Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net) or Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).



Camp RPM...History Meets Adventure!

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2026 Theme: The Hope of Ages Past

The Retired Person's Ministry welcomes all members and friends of OPC and St. Thomas to participate in this summer's **Camp RPM**. In commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our nation, **Camp RPM** will explore the faith of our founders and those who followed their lead. Gathering on the second and fourth Tuesdays in July and August, Camp participants will begin the day at 9:30 AM with devotions and an introductory message at OPC and then travel to a designated historic site for an interactive exploration. Each session will include light morning refreshments and a picnic lunch. Participants will travel to the following sites: Bartram's Gardens, Thomas Massey House, Newlin Grist Mill, and Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Introduced in 2025, **Camp RPM** is Vacation Bible School for adults. It is a program of the Retired Persons' Ministry, a lay-led mutual ministry of Overbrook Presbyterian Church and the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Although planned by the senior members of our two faith communities, RPM programs are open to all adults, regardless of age. Families are warmly welcome to join RPM activities, as well. As you begin to plan your summer adventures, please save the following dates for **Camp RPM: July 14, 28; August 11, 25**. *Come explore with us!*

OPC Game Night

Saturday, April 11. 4:30 – 7:00 PM

Do you want to connect and have fun with OPC folks in a new way? In a small-group, relaxed context? This space is for you! Join us for OPC's new Intergenerational Game Night Saturday, April 11 from 4:30–7:00 PM in the Wistar Morris room! We will have a vast variety of card and board games set up for low-key play. Have a favorite game? Bring it and encourage others to learn and play along! Around 6:00 PM, we will order pizza for those who wish to stay for dinner – on the house! Snacks and beverages will also be available throughout the event. To plan for childcare, we are asking for RSVPs for kids. Questions? Comments? Concerns? Contact Mads Cosgriff at mpcosgriff@gmail.com.

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 Bette Homer at bettebhomer@gmail.com or call 215-470-7736. 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 the contact above. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 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 **contact above**.

Stained Glass Notes

On March 27, 1955 a service was held to dedicate a new window that had been commissioned by the church to honor the memory of the long serving minister, Dr. George Emerson Barnes. The window was designed and built, once again, by Henry Lee Willet of Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia; the same studio who built the WWII Memorial Windows for OPC in 1948.

In describing the window Willet wrote:

"The desire was to use subjects which would have a significance in the life of Dr. Barnes. Thus, in the left lancet, the scene is of the Sermon on the Mount, showing Christ as the greatest Preacher and Teacher of all.

In the right lancet the lovely scene of Christ blessing the children is symbolic of Dr. Barnes' love and affection for his people as pastor.

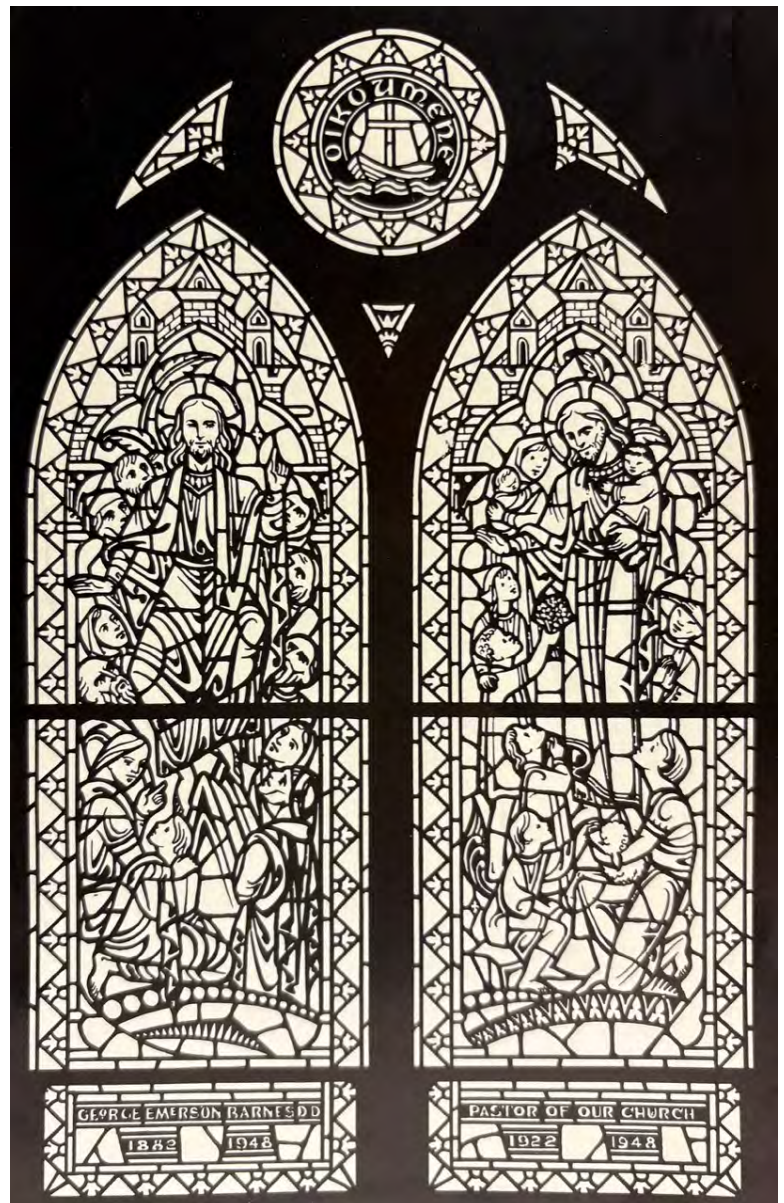
The (circular) tracery opening at the top between the lancet heads contains the Seal of the Ecumenical Church, a ship with its mast forming a cross surmounted by the Greek word 'Oikoumene'. This is symbolic of the fact that Dr. Barnes was a pioneer and leader in the early stages of the Ecumenical movement."

The minister who presided over the dedication service that day was the Rev. Alvin Duane Smith. In his sermon he made remarks not only about Dr. Barnes but also the new window and its purposes.

"I learned from reading the Presbyterian Life article about the Willets of Philadelphia, that a favorite theme of Mr. Henry Lee Willet is the impact of Christ and His Church on the everyday life of man. Mr. Willet believes a window should have a meaning for those who pass it on weekdays as well as for Sunday morning worshipers. I am sure, therefore that Mr. Willet is pleased- as Dr. Barnes most certainly would have been pleased- with the new lighting arrangement whereby our memorial window at the rear of the church (OPC windows 11-15) can now be seen at night by all who pass that busy intersection at the corner of Lancaster Avenue and City Line. You see, a stained glass window does not only let God's light in; it can also let out to the world beyond these walls something of the light and life and warmth from within."

Rev. Alvin Duane Smith

- Peter Seidel



The Barnes Memorial Window (OPC Window #7)

Mission & Outreach



On **Saturday, April 18**, a team of Overbrook volunteers will join others from around the city to rehab several houses in the West Philadelphia neighborhood.

You can support *ReBuilding Together Philadelphia* in another way – join the OPC team in the *Run to Rebuild* on **Saturday, May 16**. Mission and Outreach will pay the registration fee for the first 20 OPC runners/walkers who sign up before **April 16**. We will be sending out the registration link in an email in early April.



Spring cleaning season is here! As you're tidying up closets, playrooms, and bookshelves, don't forget about those adult and kids' books that are ready for a new home.

Overbrook's Mission and Outreach committee is prepared to help. Look for the box each week on the Mission table at Fellowship Hour and please recycle your gently used books. Adult books will be taken to *Books Through Bars*; children's books will be donated to *Teachers' Teammates*.

Your gently loved books help get more stories into the hands of readers in our community. 🍷

We will **not** collect books on Easter Sunday, but the collection box will be available after that. Please contact [Janet Bowker](#) if you have questions.



After eight snowy weeks on Overbrook's lawn, the *Memorial to the Lost* (t-shirt display) has been circulated to the grounds at St. Asaph's Church in Bala Cynwyd. Many thanks to Leonard Robbins for his tireless work on behalf of the Memorial.

And, at long last, we have found a home/purpose for the shirts from previous years. Those shirts have been given to Emily Stewart and Jill van Rawley, who both know weavers in the community who repurpose old clothing and weave the cloth into rugs.



MISSION AND OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN APRIL

Saturday, April 4. Books Through Bars. Discover what Brad and Margene have learned! A Saturday afternoon on Baltimore Avenue with a lovely, lively group of OPC friends is rewarding and very productive. We carpool from the Overbrook parking lot at 1:00 PM and return by 4:00 PM. We welcome adults but can accommodate teens with advanced notice. Please contact [Janet Bowker](#) if you are interested.

Friday, April 17. Women's Dining Circle Dinner. Look in your inbox for an e-invitation after Easter. If you'd like to be added to the list, please contact Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Saturday, April 18. Rebuilding Together Philadelphia. Block Build in West Philadelphia.

Norristown Hospitality Center. Good news! *The Hospitality Center* has found a new home. Food donations have been suspended until they get settled; we will let you know when the program resumes. Thanks for your faithful participation.

Youth Ministry

First Fridays, Monthly Youth Group

If you're in grades 6-12, join us at OPC (please use the playground side entrance), on **Friday, April 3, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM**, for some fun, food, and fellowship. We'll be learning about *Wisdom and Foolishness* and how they both play a role in our lives. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. and RSVP to youth@overbrookpresb.org by Sunday, March 29, so we can plan the dinner.

Save the dates for more First Fridays: May 1, June 5.

On March 3, we had luck on our side! Six of our wonderful youth joined us for a night of games and conversations about how lucky we are to have God's love.



Youth Sunday School. Grades 6-12 are encouraged to leave after the sermon on every 3rd and 4th Sunday to study the sermon and its related scripture. How does the word relate to our present-day lives?

The Kensington Project. The Kensington Project is a non-profit organization that supports people affected by the opioid crisis in Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. Youth and families are invited to join us as we feed, clothe, and love our neighbors. We will be gathering at OPC on **Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 AM**. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178 or rebeccalazo@hotmail.com or Suchita Fiorillo at 215-450-5356 or youth@overbrookpresb.org.

On March 5, we had two of our young adults make over 100 bagged lunches for three of us to take with us to minister to the people of Kensington with the Kensington Project team. Showing them God's love through action by passing out meals and helping them find the clothes and supplies they need...Showing up is hard work. Thank you to all who support us in person, in spirit, and through generously donating to make a difference.





OPC Youth Choir

Our OPC Youth Choir, led by Virginia Jennings and Victor Fiorillo, is in full swing! Their first performance is on **April 12**. If you're interested in joining, come to rehearsals immediately after service on May 3, 17 and 31.

Youth Mission Trip

The youth of The First Presbyterian Church of Germantown (FPCG) invited five members of OPC to join them on a service-learning experience to Puerto Rico to work with *Techo Pa' Mi Gente*, which translates to *A Roof for My People*. Nathan Lazo, Blake Hotek, Solly & Anya Brown, and Suchita Fiorillo will be away from August 8-15 helping to rebuild homes damaged by hurricanes. To help raise funds, we will be selling coffee direct from Tres Picachos farm from Jayuya, PR for \$10 per 8 oz bag. This is the start of a beautiful partnership with FPCG and we hope to have many more mission opportunities for our youth in the years to come.

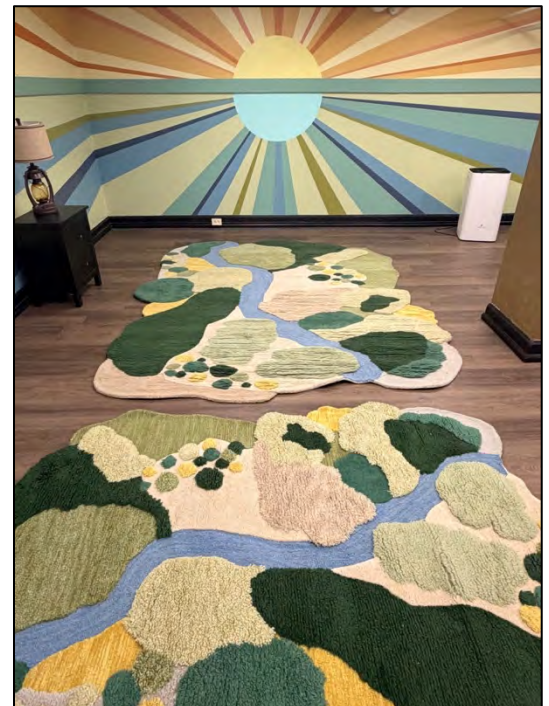
Confirmation Classes are underway! For more information, read: [Letter to Confirmation Students 2026](#)
[Confirmation Schedule 2026](#)

For additional information, reach out to youth@overbrookpresb.org.

Children & Family Ministry

I Came That They May Have Life
John 10:10

After Easter, the resurrection stories keep coming! Jesus shows up in a locked room, on a long road, and an open field. He enters – breaks bread – shows his wounds. This April, children will hear those stories each Sunday and respond as sculptors of a new creation! Each child will be provided with a shallow box, and a library full of discarded materials to *resurrect* – bottle caps, corks, broken toys. They're imagining and building a place where Jesus visits someone who needs him. First week: who's there and where are they? Second week: Jesus arrives – what does he bring? Third week: they're all together now – what happens next? Following our sculpting each week, kids will have opportunities to enjoy the weather outside on the OPC Playground: preparing soil, planting seeds, watering garden beds, and playing on the swings.



We need your beautiful castoffs! Drop your donations in the bin near Anthony's mailbox. Think: corks, caps, cardboard, fabric scraps, buttons, small boxes, broken toys, buttons, jar lids, twist ties, puzzle pieces – anything that can fit in a shoebox and take glue and paint. Questions? Reach out to Anthony Carrella or Molly Burke at cfm@overbrookpresb.org.

GATHER & PRAY

Easter Vigil and Bonfire. Holy Saturday, April 4. 7:00 PM. Parking Lot/Playground

S'mores, scripture, and firelight. As sunlight fades, we'll process with the paschal candle into our sanctuary to proclaim: Jesus has risen!

Easter Sunday. April 5. 10:30 AM. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Wynnewood

Alleluia! Following Biblical Storytelling, children head to the lower level for an art project inspired by Sister Corita Kent's bright, joyful prints! Later, a kosher-friendly egg hunt begins outside!

Contemplative Dinner Church. Tuesday, April 14. 5:45-7:30pm. Wistar Morris Room

This month: **Musica Divina**, or the practice of listening to music as prayer. We'll spend time with the minimalist sounds of Arvo Pärt on vinyl. This is a somatic practice — an invitation to receive music through your body rather than your mind. Lie down, close your eyes, and let the music pray through you. Bring a yoga mat or towel for the full embodied experience, or simply listen from your seat. A meal from Nana's Kitchen follows. Childcare offered by Deja. RSVP by going to tinyurl.com/RSVP-CFM-Easter

SoulCollage Retreat for Adults. Sunday, April 19. 6:30 PM. Sunday School Classrooms

An afternoon just for you. SoulCollage is a simple, contemplative practice: listen to your heart, tear images from magazines, arrange them into small collages, and respond with poetry from what emerges. No art experience needed, just a willingness to pay attention to what catches your eye. Our young people have been working this way throughout March, and the images keep opening the same deep questions: *Who am I? Who am I becoming in the Holy Spirit?* This is your invitation to work with those questions too. All are welcome ages 18+. **RSVP** by going to tinyurl.com/RSVP-CFM-Easter

A Special Evening of Music & Poetry. Wednesday, May 20. 6:30 PM. At Overbrook

Save the date for this special presentation! Details coming soon.

Annual Pool Party. Friday, June 12. 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Belmont Hills Pool

Save the date and find your swim gear! Rain date June 19. Entirely funded by CFM. A signup will be offered as the event gets closer.



Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is the time we gather as a community immediately after our Sunday service to share something to eat and drink, welcome new people, and check in with friends. For many at Overbrook Church, this fellowship time feels like an extension of our worship. As we transition home to Overbrook Church, we will be adapting a few of our traditions while the building remains under construction. The kitchen will be under construction for the next several months, so there will be no cooking or refrigerator space or running water for dishes. Fellowship Hour will go on as a shared ministry. Each week we will need a Fellowship Coordinator, and donations from OPC members/friends. Signups will still be available through [Sign Up Genius](#).

- **SHARING TABLE DONATIONS:** Please consider bringing something to share. The Fellowship Hour table will welcome any assorted finger food contributions each Sunday. Please keep the treats simple - nothing that requires utensils or refrigeration. We will reserve a space to label foods that are vegan, nut-free or gluten-free.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR COORDINATOR:** Consider signing up to be a coordinator during Fellowship Hour. A coordinator greets and receives donations for the sharing table, sets up the donations and cleans up after Fellowship Hour.

We hope this will be an opportunity for all to participate in our shared Fellowship experience, while we adapt to the restrictions of being under construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Artia Benjamin, Congregational Life (CLC@overbrookpresb.org).

Blessings, the Congregational Life Committee

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. Overbrook Presbyterian Church office.
- Bible Study. 10:30 AM. Overbrook Presbyterian Church office.

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).
- **The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir** meets for several Thursdays in a row before playing in worship. We rehearse in the OPC basement from 6:30 to 7:15 PM

Committee Information

Committee Name	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Tuesday 7:30 PM*	Pat Dillon
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	2 nd Sunday 1:00 PM	Denise Stewart Mads Cosgriff
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday 1:00 PM	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st 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	TBD	Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Karen Testa
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth Ministry youth@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Wanda Harris Cooper Artia Benjamin Suchita Fiorillo
An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.		

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

4/4.....	Light Bryan Wes Jennings
4/5.....	Jason Duckworth Mike Heinz
4/7.....	Alan Sigler
4/8.....	Sarah Whalen
4/9.....	Vince Gilhool Brian Taussig-Lux
4/10.....	Blake Hotek
4/13.....	Artia Benjamin
4/16.....	Sue Brastow
4/17.....	Anya Brown Ginny Leagans
4/18.....	Karen Lord-Hurwitz Michele Whipple
4/19.....	Cindi Landmesser
4/21.....	Corinna Bowser
4/23.....	Kadie Whalen
4/24.....	Angela Duckworth Leonard Robbins
4/25.....	Victor Fiorillo
4/27.....	Rodney Atienza
4/30.....	Connie Moran



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Prayer List

- Prayers for healing and strength for Kate Shackelford as she recovers from a mild stroke.
- Prayers for healing for Emma Greene, Laurie Geers's daughter, as she faces some health issues.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Roz Benton, friend of Kim McDaniels, who is battling a terminal disease.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for the Tullio family as they navigate the recent cancer diagnosis of their son Nathan, friend and classmate of Eamon Hearlson and former student of Beth Brawley.
- Prayers for Charla Scott, sister of Patti Scott, who is currently recovering from a broken hip and for Patti as she will be the caretaker for her sister during this time of recovery.
- Prayers for healing and resilience for Elizabeth McMillan following a fall.
- Prayers for Peggy Boatwright as she recovers from a medical issue.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Becky Lazo as she recovers from a fractured ankle.
- Prayers of healing for Carolyn Summers, mother of Iris Fairfax, who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Beth Brawley's mom, Patricia, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Gail Kaercher, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Bette Homer, Beth Leach, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak and Natalie DeShields.

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