

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News from the Crossroads

June 2019

Letter from our Pastor

Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse Christian community that seeks actively to love and serve God, each other, and the world.

—Mission Statement

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Among the things I love most about leading worship at Overbrook comes about three quarters of the way through the service. I am fortunate to stand in the pulpit right before the passing of the peace. As I begin to invite people to share the peace of Christ with each other, the congregation shifts in its seat. Like a runner getting into position in the starting blocks, the congregation positions itself to launch into the passing of the peace. That one small moment brings me incredible joy. It is a sign of the pull of the relationships around us. As if for much of the service we are resisting the magnetic pull of our friends and loved ones. But suddenly, with a few words we are freed to reach out and share a moment with someone we care about. Or, even more remarkably, to share a moment with someone we just met.

One of the consequences of our post-industrial age is that we are constantly being asked to conform to a norm. The industries of our world work most efficiently when they adhere to consistent and finite categories. You go to buy clothing and it comes in four sizes. What happens if you aren't one of those sizes? Sorry. You don't fit. We are told to change our shape to fit the norms, rather than asking why there aren't more sizes. So much of our life is spent vacillating between conforming to the demand to fit in or telling others to fit in.

The problem is no one really fits. Seth Godin tells a story about a time the Air Force faced a challenge where airplanes were crashing with increasing regularity. Preventable accidents were growing. So Gilbert Daniels was tasked with discerning whether something in the plane was contributing to the accidents. Daniels found that the cockpit seat no longer fit the size of the pilots. Over the course of thirty years, the average size of the pilots had grown. This was a problem. So Daniels measured all of the Air Force pilots so that he could redesign the cockpit with a new average in mind. He took seventeen key measurements and averaged them out. The problem was that when he finally found the average, no one fit the average. Fewer than 3% of the pilots actually fit the new cockpit. No one really fits.

When people come to church, we have an incredible message to share. You fit here. You are not being asked to be anyone other than yourself. This is what I see in that beautiful moment before we pass the peace.. A congregation that is eager to share this amazing news, "You belong here. Not because you fit our categories, but because you are the beloved of God."

Upcoming Worship Service

Pastoral Installation



In our worship service on June 2nd, we will officially install Adam Hearlson as the designated pastor of our church. Though Adam has been with us for months, this service is an opportunity to affirm Adam's call to this place and re-affirm our love and care for our church. The church has always affirmed that liturgy and worship are the proper place to commemorate and celebrate our transitions, so don't miss this unique opportunity. Adam has invited his friend, Rev. Dr. Charles Howard, the University Chaplain at UPenn, to preach that morning. Dr. Howard will be joined by many friends and colleagues from the presbytery including the Executive Presbyter, Ruth Santana-Grace. Of course, in keeping with our core commitments at OPC, food will be served after the service.

June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: Is. 40:27-41; 1 Kings 18:41-41

Preaching: Charles Howard

Lay Leader: Bob Harden

June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

Lectionary: Prov. 8:1-4; Rom. 5:1-5

Preaching: Adam Hearlson

Lay Leader: Elizabeth Cosgriff

June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: TBD

Preaching: Guest Preacher

Lay Leader: Nancy Gihool

June 9, 2019

Pentecost

Lectionary: Acts:2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9

Preaching: Adam Hearlson

Lay Leader: Beulah Wilson

June 23, 2019

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Psalm 42/43; Luke 8:26-39

Preaching: Adam Hearlson

Lay Leader: Aimerie Scherluebbe



Security
&
Safety

Safety and Security

Safety and Security Team: an opportunity for volunteerism! The Safety and Security Team will meet in the Williamson Room on at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 5. We welcome those who have already joined the effort and encourage all who are interested to come and bring your church safety ideas and expertise. We are your team of welcoming greeters, openers/closers, safety monitors, and emergency responders...and we look forward to growing in numbers.

CHURCH
SAFETY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be in session until June 9. The Christian Education Committee offers prayers of gratitude for all teachers, helpers and for all our wonderful students.



OPC's 2019 Vacation Bible School will be held from July 28-August 1, from 5:30 -7:30 each evening. This year's theme is *Bible Super Heroes*. We'll become caped crusaders as we plunge into

the Bible to learn stories of great adventure, and meet courageous people. Our program will include Bible lessons, arts and crafts, science activities, and music. Vacation Bible School is a ministry of the Christian Education Committee...there is no charge to participate. The program is designed for children in Pre-school through Grade 5. All are welcome. (Volunteers are needed. Come join the team...a cape is waiting for you!)

Summer Activities for Children and Youth

- ◆ Youth Mission Trip: July 7-13 Blue Knob, PA (Penn State Altoona Campus) Grades 6-12
- ◆ PC-USA Triennium: July 17-21 Purdue University Grades 9-12
- ◆ Vacation Bible School: July 28-August 1 5:00-7:00 PM Ages 4- Grade 5 "Bible Super Heroes!"

Please see Sharon Parker for additional information.



Community News

FARMERS' MARKET



The Farmers Market is Back!

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

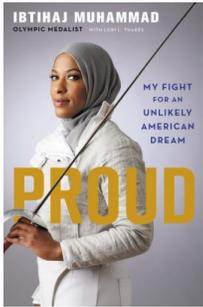
About the Market: Established in 2008, this market is located at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and has a loyal following of residents in the neighborhood who make this market a regular part of their Saturday mornings.

Look for:

- ◆ Forest View Bakery - (Breads, sticky buns, moon pies, jams, jellies, relishes)
- ◆ Walnut Springs Farm - (Early berries and asparagus, in season sweet corn, peaches and more)
- ◆ Homestead Gardens - (Seasonal fresh vegetables)

Payment accepted: Cash, ACCESS cards, Philly Food Bucks and WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers

Book Clubs at OPC



June selection - Proud: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad, The meeting is Tuesday June 18, 2019, 7pm at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. We do not meet July and August. This is a book club of diverse membership involving members of several Presbyterian churches, including Overbrook. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact

Alyce Marsh at 215-472-7886.



The OPC book club will meet Monday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Laurie Geers' house, 105 Cornell Road, Bala Cynwyd, to discuss Gail Honeyman's novel *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*. All are welcome; please RSVP to Laurie at lgeersgr@gmail.com if you plan to attend



Time to drop the curtains for NCT's shows this season. The attendance for California Suite was much tamer than the previous play, Westside Story, but we still made

a decent profit from our concession run. KUDOS always to the following staff for this play: Jane and Carol Rozmiarek, Laine Blodgett, Sharon Parker, Linda Huff-Paul, Mary Lou Ryce, Nickie Stokes, Artia Benjamin, Laurie Geers, Jennifer Watts, Kadie and Nora Whalen, Leah Mayne, Ginny Leagans, and Janet Bowker. We hope to see your name in the future on this staff listing also.. **It truly takes a team for the OPC's concession to be a success.** -With Much Appreciation, Trudy Sheau



Summer Coffee Hour Ministry

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: **June** 23 and 30 and **July** 7 and 14. Are you wondering which ministry you can get involved with at OPC that can fit into your schedule? Volunteering to host a coffee hour after worship is an ideal activity. Instructions for this easily accomplished ministry are available on the OPC web site. **All ages** can participate. Remember to **keep it simple**. There are always folks present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation. For more information please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309. Thank you.

Getting to know Pastor Adam

Let's celebrate summer by attending informal mealtime conversations with Pastor Adam. Smaller group settings are available to all, and times are staggered to accommodate personal schedules. Mark your calendar your for one of the following dates:

- ♦ June 6: RPM Cafe: Our retired person's ministry welcomes members and friends of all ages for Lunch with the Pastor in the Chapel from 11:30 am—1:00 p.m. . BYO salad/sandwich; homemade soups and desserts will be served.
- ♦ June 19: Breakfast with the Pastor: Join us in the Chapel at 9:00 AM for breakfast and conversation with Adam.
- ♦ July 18: Congregational Barbecue: The grill will be sizzling at 6:00 PM for a cook-out and conversation with Adam.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, along with Larry Farmbry will be sponsoring a "Shredding Event" in the OPC parking lot on Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 a.m. til noon



A special thanks to Laurie Geers for putting her artistic talents to work to create signs for Overbrook Gun Violence Awareness Day. The

Please feel free to join us on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 12:00 in the Chapel for our next Mission and Outreach Committee meeting.

Aimerie Scherluebbe
Mission & Outreach

signs were carried from Fellowship Christian Church to Our Lady of Lourdes Church and then onward to the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. We were encouraged along the way by people passing by in their cars. We arrived at St. Thomas to the Memorial to the Lost, representing those who died in 2018. There were speakers from a variety of faith backgrounds and the St. Thomas choir who created a moving tribute to those who lost their life. Jeff Bowker has been instrumental in making these events happen, so please get in touch with Jeff if you would like to help out.



“A well-tied tie is the first serious step in life.” (Oscar Wilde)

Do you have some spring cleaning to do? Have a closet full of ties that aren't worn anymore? Laurel House, our speaker for the Women's Dining Circle April dinner, has a thrift shop in Norristown and is need of men's ties. So, Mission and Outreach will be collecting ties throughout the month of June. Just drop them off at the M&O table in coffee hour during the month of June or leave them in the box outside of the office.

Life Center of Delaware County

We will be serving dinner at the Life Center of Delaware County on **Wednesday, June 19**. Due to an increased need, we are serving a few extra meals this year. This one falls outside our normal schedule. Nancy Gilhool is organizing the chefs and Janet Bowker will coordinate the servers. Get in touch with them, if you would like to help out. This would be a good opportunity for our youth to get involved.



Rebuilding Together

It is a beautiful day in the neighborhood, so let's help our neighbors by volunteering with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia. On Saturday, June

8 we will be helping out in the Haddington area to spruce up the block. If you have not already done so, go to www.rebuildingphilly.org and sign up to join us. Spots are filling up fast.

Women's Dining Circle

Join the Women's Dining Circle on Friday, June 7 at Raelyn Harman's home, as we come to raise money for our youth. The youth of our church will be heading to Blue Knob, PA to support a community in great need. We will hear more about the upcoming trip and we hope to have some of our youth tell us about their experiences, with past mission trips. We hope you join us for dinner and help support this summer's Youth Mission Trip.



Stewardship

Your Stewardship Committee thanks all who attended the first annual Time & Talent Fair on April 28. Special thanks to everyone who filled out one of the yellow time-&-talent pledge sheets. Over 35 people have pledged so far.

Results are being entered into the Realm data base and church leaders have begun work connecting volunteers with the proper program, committee, or staff leaders. A number of new people expressed interest in getting involved in new OPC activities. New people will mean new strength for the great programs that build God's Kingdoms here at the Crossroads.

Time-&-talent pledge sheets are still available if you would like to make a pledge. It's never too late! Call or email Will Schick or another stewardship committee member and we'll make sure you get a one.

In other stewardship news, we will be working over the summer to bring improved technology into the annual pledge drive process, to include on line pledging.

Also, preparation for Taste of Overbrook 2019 begins! Save the date—Saturday, October 19. Keep an ear out for opportunities to help as an organizer, cook, auction donor, or event volunteer.

Your Stewardship Committee



Communications

Want to keep up with all the happenings here at OPC? Don't be left in the dark!



Visit OPC on Facebook! Friend us. Like us. Be sure to join the *Overbrook Presbyterian Church Community Facebook Page*. Tell your FB friends that you like us and invite them to visit and like us as well.

Do you receive OPC's Weekly E-News? If not please contact Lisa or Carol in the office to ensure that we have your email address in our online database. This E-News is published every Friday with all the events for the upcoming week at OPC and is delivered *The Weekly eNews* right to your email.

Deacons

Happy June Birthdays

6/4	Deb Rottinger	6/20	Maya Williamson
6/5	Vicki Swartz		Paul Stricker
6/6	Sean Henry		Miriam Harden
6/7	Ellen Valudes		Liz Shah
6/8	Bill Baker	6/21	Hugh Taussig-Lux
6/11	Kate Shackelford	6/22	Ernestine Harris
6/13	Ted Dillon	6/25	I-Mei Huang
	Laurel Wilson		Mimi Winkler
	Anna Taussig-Lux		Linda Huff-Paul
6/14	Sharon Parker	6/26	Ron Homer
6/15	Theodore Baker		Adam Hearlson
	Claire Morris	6/29	Jane Bevan
6/16	Steven Folwell		Kevin Trindade
6/18	Maya Phan	6/30	Elias Hotek
6/19	Chris Gage		James Whalen

Prayer List

- ◆ Bruce, the brother of Nancy Elmore's dear friend, Carol Anthony, passed away on Tuesday.
- ◆ Ana, a friend of Amy Behrman and Rob Wilson, is improving and has been taken off the ventilator.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is experiencing continued health concerns.
- ◆ Don Carver is continuing to recover at home.
- ◆ Nell Ezequelle, friend of Mary Lou Ryce, has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Artia Benjamin's cousin, Dolores Harrison, is showing signs of improvement after suffering a stroke. .
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns.

*Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names or concerns to this list.
Mike can be reached by email, mike.rottinger@comcast.net.*

Congregational Picnic-Sunday, June 9th- follow-ing worship hosted by the Deacons There will be food, fellowship, music and games.



—CLASS OF—
2019

If anyone has a member of their family graduating from high school, college, graduate school or vocational programs this year, please send the names and where they are graduating from so that we can recognize their accomplishments in our newsletter and at the Deacon's Congregational picnic.. Please contact Artia Benjamin (newlife5125@aol.com) or email the church office at office@overbrookpresb.org

In other news....

Thanks go out to all the people who donated for our gift to the Overbrook Hospital in Chaingrai, Thailand. We ended up raising \$2436.

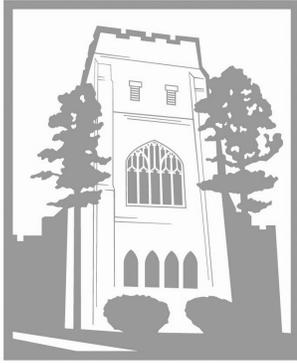
After conferring with our friends in Thailand during my visit, we determined that there is a greater need for this generous gift to go to the CVK School than to the Overbrook Hospital. With that in mind we redirected the gift from the hospital to the CVK School. If you donated and have a concern about changing the recipient of our gift, please let me know and I will connect with you to address your concern.

The school, the hospital, and the First Church of Chaingrai were all founded by the Rev. Dr. William Briggs with the generous support of members of OPC. The reason for my visit was to attend a ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of Briggs' death. Our hope is to re-establish the unique historical relationship between OPC and the hospital, school, and church in Chaingrai.

Overbrook Hospital and CVK School both have Facebook pages if you have interest in friending and following our friends.

Thanks again for your generous support.

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June 2019 - OPC Church Events

Saturday, June 1

8:00 am-OPC Men's Group

Sunday, June 2

9:15 am-Christian Education

10:30 am-Pastor Adam's Installation Service during
Worship

Tuesday, June 4

1:00 pm-Worship Committee

7:00 pm-Finance Committee

Thursday, June 6

11:30 am-RPM Café- Meet the Pastor

7:00 pm - Adult Choir Last Practice for Season

Saturday, June 8

9:00 am -Shredding Event -OPC Parking Long

Sunday, June 9

11:30 am- Deacons Annual Congregational Picnic

Sunday, June 11

7:00 pm-Session

Sunday, June 16

12:00 pm-Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 am-Breakfast with the Pastor-Chapel

5:00 pm-Property Committee

Sunday, June 23

12:00 pm-Mission/Outreach

Coming up in July:

♦ Youth Mission Trip: July 7-13 Blue Knob, PA
(Penn State Altoona Campus) Grades 6-12

♦ PC-USA Triennium: July 17-21 Purdue University
Grades 9-12

♦ Vacation Bible School: July 28-August 1 5:00-7:00 PM
Ages 4- Grade 5 "Bible Super Heroes!"

♦ Congregational BBQ-Thursday July 18 at 6:00 pm

Weekday Happenings:

❖ Every Sunday - 10:30 am-Worship

11:30 am-Coffee Hour

❖ Every Wednesday -10:00 am -Adult Bible Study

❖ Every Saturday - 9:00-1:00 pm -Farmers Market-OPC
Parking Lot

Community Support Group Meetings @ OPC

❖ Every Sunday beginning at 8:00 pm—AA (Wistar
Morris Room) and Al-Anon (Chapel)

❖ Every Monday beginning at 8:00 pm—Overeaters
Anonymous (Chapel)

❖ Every Tuesday beginning at 7:30 pm-Nar-Anon

❖ Every Wednesday beginning 8:00 pm AA-Chapel