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NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

From the Music Director

One of the joys of church music is the opportunity to experience excellence, in many forms, from around the country and world. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Overbrook will host a concert featuring a visiting youth choir from Granville, Ohio:

**The Angel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Granville
Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

This group of middle- and high-school musicians will perform a wide variety of sacred and secular music, including the spiritual "Ride the Chariot" and an arrangement of "Landslide" by Stevie Nicks. The concert is free, and it's a great way to support the music ministry of our siblings in the wider Church. Plus, it is the church where **Wallace Bubar**, former Pastor of OPC, now serves—what a great Overbrook connection!

I hope that you will join us as we celebrate these talented singers and support music ministry in the wider Church!



Thanks to all who participated in our recent **OPC Gospel Choir!** And if you missed it this time, don't worry—you will have more opportunities to sing over the summer. Watch your email for dates of the **Overbrook Summer Choir**, our "pickup choir" that meets a couple of times in July and August.

Thank you for your continued support of the music ministry!

—Chris Gage

HELP WANTED

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

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Cooking in Community. Friday, June 5. 9:30AM-12:00PM.** More info on page 2.
- **Books Through Bars. Saturday, June 6, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM.** More info on page 6.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry. Tuesday, June 9, 11:00 AM.** More info on page 5.
- **H-Can Collection. Sunday, June 21.** More info on page 6.

Ongoing Opportunities

- Fellowship Hour Sharing Table. More info on page 10.

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. Friday, June 5. 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The kitchen of Christ's Community Church, corner of Riverview and Garrett Roads, Drexel Hill, PA.

It's time to stir the pots in support of our neighbors in need. Come join us in the kitchen of Christ's Community Church as we prepare freezer meals for Caring for Friends. These meals will be distributed to the elderly, homebound members of our broader community and to those who do not have easy food access. All are welcome to join us for a morning of fellowship, good spirit and great aromas! On-street parking is available. Contact Sharon Parker for more information (sparker614@gmail.com.)

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

- **Isabel Bowser** – graduated from University of Pittsburgh
- **Nina Bowser** – graduating from LMHS
- **Clara Burgert-Brucker** – PhD in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- **Lyra Cox** – graduated from Upper Darby High School and Delaware County Technical School from the Electrical Construction Program
- **Eiley Eastling** – attending Temple in fall
- **Auriane Geraldo** – graduated from college
- **Yannick Geraldo** – graduating from high school



Finance

What Is Apportionment and Why Does It Matter?

If you've ever glanced at our annual congregational report and spotted the word "apportionment" in the budget, you might have wondered – what exactly is that? You're not alone! It's one of those churchy financial terms that deserves a plain-English explanation, so here's the short version.

So, what is apportionment?

As a congregation in the Greater Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic USA, OPC is part of a wider family of churches. We Presbyterians take our connectional structure seriously – it's actually baked right into how our church is organized, much like the way representation works in the U.S. Constitution. Each church contributes to the Presbytery based on the size of its membership, so that resources are shared fairly across the whole body.

That contribution is called apportionment (or per capita giving). Think of it as our church's membership dues to the Presbytery – a way of saying, "We're part of something bigger, and we're glad to carry our share."

What does it actually cost us?

Our apportionment is calculated at \$37.00 per official member on our church roll. With approximately 390 members, that adds up to around \$14,400 annually – a fixed obligation that appears in our budget each year, regardless of other financial pressures we may face.

How can you help?

Here's the beautiful thing: you can make a direct difference! If every member contributed even a portion of that \$37.00, it would ease a significant burden from our general operating budget – freeing up resources for ministry, outreach, and the life of our congregation.

📌 When giving toward apportionment, please write "apportionment" in the memo line of your check or use this link to give online: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/apportionment>. That helps our Finance Committee track it accurately – **thank you!**

We hope this clears up any mystery around this line item in our budget! Apportionment is one of the ways we live out our calling as a connected, accountable, and generous church community.

If you have any questions about apportionment or any aspect of our church finances, or are feeling compelled to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the Finance Committee (finance@overbrookpresb.org). We're always happy to chat.

Worship in June at OPC

We'll continue to meet at 11:00 AM each Sunday in June, but choir robes will go into summer storage, and the choir will join the rest of the congregation. Music will shift into summer mode, with more variety than during the program year. You may want to bring a fan—battery-powered or hand-powered—if it's hot, because there's no AC in the fellowship hall.

Pat Dillon resigned, both as chair of the Worship and Music Committee and as a member of the committee, effective as of the May meeting. Janie Martin has agreed to be the new chair of the committee. The other members of the committee are Artia Benjamin, Rachel Carnahan, Jeremy Blatchley, Elizabeth Mendoza, Eileen Wiggins, and Deb Rottinger, in addition to Adam Hearlson and Chris Gage.

One of the challenges the committee will attempt to address during the coming months will be increasing congregational participation in worship, both on Sunday mornings and as part of the committee. You are encouraged to consider your own abilities and interests and the ways they might add to OPC worship in the future. You might start by chatting with a committee member during fellowship hour sometime this summer.

OPC's Retired Persons' Ministry (RPM)

Camp RPM...History Meets Adventure! 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, a vacation Bible School for "seasoned believers." Gathering on the second and fourth Tuesdays in July and August, camp participants will begin the day at OPC with devotions and an introductory message and then travel to a designated historic site for an interactive exploration. Each session will include a light morning refreshment and a picnic lunch.

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 our nation's past with us! For more information/registration contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).

OPC's Retired Person's Ministry Splashes into Summer!

RPM Plus: Summer Pop-Ups! Friday, June 12. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. *The Undercroft at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.* Join us for a light morning brunch, fellowship, and good spirit. We'll be stretching our imagination and exploring summertime day adventures that are within our immediate area. Each participant will receive an official "RPM Explorer's Guide to Philadelphia and the 'Burbs." We'll also be getting ready for those adventures by exercising our bodies and spirits!

RPM Café: History in the Making. Friday, June 26, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. *Anderson Hall (Upper Level), The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.* All are welcome to join us for a very special June Café. In honor of our country's 250th birthday, we'll be learning about the surprising and often overlooked historical treasures in our area. Our lunch buffet will feature authentic tastes of 1776. Bring your friends for this final cafe of the 2025-2026 season! Responses are encouraged to Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).

OPC Game Night

Games! Games? Pizza! Games. Come to our next monthly JUNE GAME NIGHT on **Saturday, June 13 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM** at OPC! Contact Mads Cosgriff (mpcosgriff@gmail.com) with any questions.



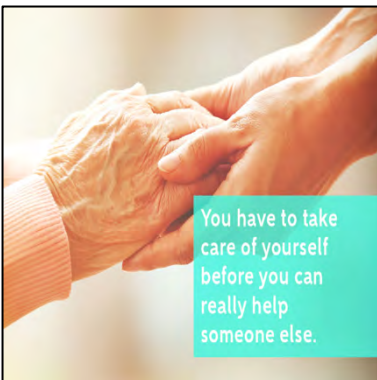
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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, June 9 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**.

OPC Caregivers Support Group



You have to take care of yourself before you can really help someone else.

OPC Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of the month at OPC. The next meeting will be on **Friday, June 19 at 10:30 AM**. June's topic will be *Depression and Isolation*.

"When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul." Psalm 94:19

For information contact, Pastor Wanda (wanda@overbrookpresb.org).

Mission & Outreach



For a first-time effort (and, in its usual fashion) Overbrook Presbyterian really showed up for H-Can on May 17. We will conduct this food collection on the third Sunday of a month. The next collection will be **Sunday, June 21**.

In your weekly food shopping trip please include some (or all!) of the following items:

- Long grain rice (3 lb. bag or smaller)
- Dry black beans (2 lb. bag or smaller)
- Kid-friendly cereal
- Mac and cheese (the orange kind)
- Dry pasta
- Diapers (only size 5-7)
- Instant coffee
- Reusable grocery bags
- Feminine products
- Shelf-stable or powdered milk

Please remember to purchase only the items on the above list! Contact [Janet Bowker](#) if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support!



Before it takes a break for the summer, the **Women's Dining Circle** will host a brunch on **Saturday, June 27** in support of [Be A Part of the Conversation](#). Their Mission statement (taken from their website) is "Be a Part of the Conversation equips families and communities with skills and resources to understand substance use, addiction, and related health issues. We provide community programs, foster supportive connections, highlight lived experiences, and challenge stigma." Look in your email inbox for your invitation in early June. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org).



On Saturday morning, **May 16**, the weather was gorgeous and Team OPC enjoyed a beautiful morning in Fairmount Park running and walking in support of **Rebuilding Together Philadelphia**. \$63,000+ was raised by the event for safe and healthy housing for Philadelphians who need it most.

Congratulations to Matthew Puffer and Joe Piatt who placed first in their respective age categories! Team OPC was represented by (from left) Cherriel Gentiles, Mads Cosgriff, Joe Piatt, Janet Bowker, Matthew Puffer, Leah Mayne, Jill VanRawley, Lainie

Blodgett – and Sharon Parker who (virtually) completed the 5K walk!

JUNE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, June 6. Books Through Bars. Travel to Baltimore Avenue with the OPC faithful to choose or package books for the incarcerated. Carpool leaves the OPC parking lot at 1:00 PM and returns by 4:00 PM. Contact [Janet](#) if you want to learn more.

Sunday, June 21. H-Can Food Collection (see above)

Saturday, June 27. Women's Dining Circle (see above)

Youth Ministry



Save the date, Friday, June 5, Sunanda and Phillip Brown, Solly & Anya’s parents, will be hosting our End of the Year Youth Group Celebration! **5:30–8:00 PM** at their home, 800 Sproul Rd., Bryn Mawr. Our monthly gatherings will resume in September.

On May 1, thirteen of our youth members joined us for our monthly youth group. We had a wonderful time singing, playing board games, sharing stories, and playing basketball!



Youth Sunday School. Will resume in September after summer break.

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.

If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact **Becky Lazo** at rebeccalazo@hotmail.com or 443-745-3178 or **Suchita Fiorillo** at youth@overbrookpresb.org or 215-450-5356 or. **Stay tuned for summer dates.**

On May 17, two youths and two adults joined the Kensington Project team to serve almost 200 people. Providing food, clothing, toiletries, and sharing God’s love through action. Thank you to all who support us in person, in spirit, and through generously donating to make a difference.



Our OPC Youth Choir, led by Virginia Jennings & Victor Fiorillo, is in full swing! If you're interested in joining, come to rehearsal on **June 5** at youth group, **June 14** immediately following the service, and **June 28** at 10:30 AM before the performance. There will be a pizza party on Sunday, June 28 after church to celebrate our amazing singers!



The youth of The First Presbyterian Church of Germantown 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 Roof(s) 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.



Our first ever OPC hoagie sale raised over \$1,000 towards the trip. Thank you for supporting this amazing opportunity!

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

Children & Family Ministry

Pentecost Puppet Theatre



Children's Sunday School spent three weeks in May making their own Acts 2 puppet show to share with the congregation during the Biblical Storytelling on Pentecost! Together, children created puppets, imagined props and scenery, decorated set pieces, and learned a song. The CFM Committee extends deep thanks to the volunteer adults who made this month's learning possible, including Donna Bell Koon, Christy Lang Hearlson, Carol Rozmiarek, and Emily Stewart.



A Celebration of Ministry!

The Children & Family Ministry Committee gives thanks to God and celebrates the ministries of the following leaders who showed up Sunday after Sunday this program year — teaching, praying, painting, singing, playing alongside our children. Please join us in extending our gratitude toward: Donna Bell Koon, Elizabeth Boswell-Hein, Beth Brawley, Molly Burke, Anthony Carrella, Sarah Comstock, Faith Eastling, Anne Foote, Laurie Geers, Ben Hasslestrom, Cindy Landmesser, Christy Lang Hearlson, Connie Moran, Blessing Osazuwa, Carol Rozmiarek, Emily Stewart, Deja Stokes, Jill Van Rawley, Christoph von Andreae, and Judy Williamson.

GATHER WITH KIDS & FAMILIES IN JUNE

CFM Quarterly Committee Meeting. Sunday, June 7, 12:45–2:15 PM. *OPC Conference Room.*
Final meeting of the program year.

Pool Party Fellowship. Friday, June 12, 5:00–7:00 PM. *Belmont Hills Pool.*

Rain date Friday, June 19. Gather with friends to celebrate the beginning of Summer! Cost: free. RSVPs are kindly requested by June 10 via: tinyurl.com/CFM-Pool-26 so we can plan with the venue.



A Blessing as Summer Begins!

See you in the Prayerground, during Fellowship Hour, at the pool, and wherever the Spirit gathers us next! Until we gather together again, a blessing from the Celtic tradition:

*Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*



Congregational Life

Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are grateful for all those who volunteered to be a coordinator or donated food in May. 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 Coordinator. We still need your help.

There are several ways to provide service:

- Be a coordinator – set up before worship service between 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM which includes putting table covers and trays on tables for the donated food.
- Donate food for Fellowship Hour, for example a bag of cookies, bag of cuties, etc.
- The church provides the table covers, trays, plates, cups and utensils – you provide the service.
- The church provides gluten free food to place on the gluten free table separate from other food.
- Clean up after Fellowship Hour. You do not have to break down tables and chairs.

Just fill out the SignUpGenius. Here's the link_

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship>



The Coffee Ministry

Coffee will be made and served by this ministry, so you as host do not have to do anything for coffee or hot tea.

The Congregational Life Committee thanks those who coordinated Fellowship Hour in May!

Here's some more tips for coordinating:

- Take all leftover food that is perishable home with you or give it away to someone.
- Coordinators do not need to break down furniture. It will be put away by Leonard.
- Trash and recycling handled by Leonard.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Thank you for your Fellowship Hour ministry!

Congregational Life Committee

Say Cheese! It's Photo Directory Time!

We are pleased to announce the formation of the **OPC Photo Directory Task Force**, consisting of Rodney Atienza, Cindi Landmesser, Carol Rozmiarek, and Artia Benjamin as Chairperson.

From June through October, we will be taking photos for the OPC Photo Directory. These images will be hosted in Realm, making this an ideal time to ensure your contact information is up to date in the system. The completed directory will be available in November.



A Sign-up Genius and further details will be shared in our weekly bulletins and announced during the "Life at the Crossroads" segment of our Sunday Worship.

We look forward to this opportunity to help our community put names to faces.

*Artia Benjamin,
Congregational Life Committee Chairperson*

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*	Janie Martin
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	2 nd Sunday 1:00 PM	Denise Stewart Mads Cosgriff
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday 12:30 PM	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	Wed., June 3 7:00 PM*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family Ministry (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	Sun., June 7 12:45 PM	Molly Andrews Burke
Personnel personnel@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Jeff Bowker Jason Duckworth
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 JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

6/4..... Chris Bryan
 Deb Rottinger

6/5..... William Bryant
 Ann Elise Lindgren
 Scott Long

6/7 Derek Freeh

6/8..... Bill Baker

6/11..... Ashish Kuriyan
 Janie Martin
 Kate Shackelford

6/12..... Theodore Baker

6/13..... Mary Ann Blair

6/14 Sharon Parker

6/15 Claire Morris

6/18 Maya Phan

6/19 Maggie Atienza
 Chris Gage

6/20 Miriam Harden
 Liz Shah

6/25 Luca Cantiello
 I-Mei Huang
 Linda Huff-Paul
 Mimi Winkler

6/26 Adam Hearlson
 Ron Homer

6/29 Jane Bevan

6/30 Elias Hotek
 James Whalen



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 comfort and support for all those mourning the loss of Robert Marshall, brother of Calvin Marshall.
- Prayers of healing and resilience for Ariel Hintz, granddaughter of Karen Lord-Hurwitz, as she faces new medical challenges.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Lisa Cosgriff, sister of Elizabeth Cosgriff and aunt of Mads Cosgriff, who is facing serious health challenges.
- Prayers for strength and healing for Ed Harvey as he is facing some medical/dental issues.
- Prayers for Laurie Geers' daughter, Emma, and their family, as they mourn the death of Emma's father-in-law, John Kenealy.
- Prayers for Dornell Guthrie and her family as they mourn the recent death of Dornell's beloved husband, Douglas Guthrie.
- Prayers for strength and healing for Susan Leach, Becky Lazo's mom, as she continues her health recovery.
- Prayers for successful treatment and recovery of Kari McDevitt, friend of the Lazo's, as she faces her 9th cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers of healing for Syrena Torres, who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for Scott Long's friend, Ammar in Pakistan, who is facing cancer.
- Prayers for peace and restoration in the Middle East, and that the hearts of world leaders are turned away from violence.
- Prayers for dignity and resilience of the people of Cuba as they suffer under the US blockade.
- Prayers of support for those embarking on new ventures and for all undergoing the uncertainty of transitions.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Roz Benton, Peggy Boatwright, Gary Fairfax, Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Gail Kaercher, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Bette Homer, Beth Leach, Valerie Craig, Patricia MacCausland, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak, Carolyn Summers, Nathan Tullio and Natalie DeShields.

Please contact Mads Cosgriff (deacons@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.