



OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News from the Crossroads

May 2018

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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An Organ Celebrity at Overbrook



The date is fast approaching—May 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. the inaugural concert of the Dennis Elwell Organ Recital Series. We are very excited to welcome Dr. Richard Elliott, the principal organist of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, to Overbrook for an afternoon of excellent organ music. I have just received the program, and concertgoers are in for a real treat; selections include J. S. Bach's whirlwind Prelude and Fugue in D major, Marcel Dupré's fiendish

Variations sur un Noël, and an arrangement of the famous *Pomp and Circumstance* of Edward Elgar, in addition to several other pieces that are sure to satisfy all musical tastes.

About the Artist

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, and former student at the Peabody Conservatory and the Catholic University of America, **Richard Elliott** earned a bachelor of music degree from the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and master's and doctoral degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. A former assistant organist for Philadelphia's famed Wanamaker organ, he currently sits on the advisory boards for the Friends of the Wanamaker Organ and the Eccles Organ Festival at Salt Lake City's Cathedral of the Madeleine. Prior to his appointment as Tabernacle organist in 1991, he was an assistant professor of organ at Brigham Young University. He and his wife, pianist Elizabeth Cox Ballantyne, are the parents of two sons.

So what can you do to support this event? The most important thing is to attend, and bring anyone who might be interested. Even if you can't quite afford the suggested donation of \$20, your presence will go a long way toward the success of this recital series. If you are able, you may also make a donation to this concert and future programming. Hosting organ celebrities is not inexpensive, so every monetary gift, no matter how large or small, helps us continue these wonderful musical events.

Plan to stay after the concert for a outdoor reception. I hope to see you at the concert on the 6th—let's give Dr. Elliott a warm Overbrook welcome!

From Our Pastors: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

May 20th is Pentecost Sunday, a day when we will once again celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Christian church (see Acts 2). Pentecost is one of the most important days in the Christian year, right after Easter.

Yet as Christians, we sometimes wonder: What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is working in my life and in our church? What does it mean to be Spirit-filled?

Sometimes Christians mistakenly think that if we are filled with God's Spirit, then everything will always go our way. Shirley Guthrie writes, "The spirituality of some Christians is based on their experience of how God has helped them to solve insolvable problems, saved them from sickness or trouble, or given them what they prayed for. Their faith is strong so long as they can bear witness to such experiences, but without them their faith crumbles. Spirituality that depends on 'success stories' is shallow and short-lived" (*Christian Doctrine*, pp. 301-302).

Jesus never promised that Christians would be without trouble, or that we would always get the perfect parking place when we prayed for it, or that if we would just forward an email prayer to ten friends, then our lives would be blessed.

He does, however, promise us the gift of the Holy Spirit: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever ... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you (John 14:15, 26).

The presence of the Holy Spirit doesn't take us out of this world. As Spirit-filled Christians, we still live in the world and face all the problems of the world—the illnesses, the news of mass shootings, the grief when loved ones suffer—and we experience all the joys the world has to offer—the graduations, the births, the accomplishments, the times with family and friends. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means that we experience the normal things of life—but we experience

them in an extraordinary way. By God's Spirit, we are filled with the knowledge that God loves us in Jesus Christ, that God's love has made us new people, and that God's love sends us out in service to others.

Being Spirit-filled Christians means that we are part of the church. God doesn't give us his Spirit to live out our faith in isolation. We are part of a community that loves God, loves each other, and loves those in need. Being Spirit-filled makes us courageous so we will connect to others who are different from ourselves, listen to others who are struggling, forgive others with whom we disagree, and serve others even when we must sacrifice to do so. Being Spirit-filled Christians means that we are open to God doing a new thing in our midst.

This Pentecost, May 20, members of our Confirmation Class will be received into membership at Overbrook Church. We will celebrate the gift of God's Spirit working in all of them, and we will rejoice in the commitment of many of them to be part of the community of faith. Making a profession of faith is a bold thing to do, especially in a culture where many of our youth's peers and families have pushed their church involvement to the side. So we as a church will continue to pray for them on their faith journey, and we will continue to pray for and encourage each other.

God bless you this Pentecost in your Spirit-filled journey of faith.

Grace and Peace,
Bruce and Carolyn



What's Happening with Session

Hello, friends!

Your Overbrook Session has been hard at work about the business of the church and helping to support our community, personnel, ministry and mission.

Since our last update we've been delighted to welcome four new members to the church. In meeting with them, we invite prospective members to share their thoughts on what Overbrook can do for them, and what they can do for us. The answers are always a blessing, and a great reminder for us all to keep asking ourselves the same question.

Among other business, Session has formed an interim Communications Committee to help encourage meaningful feedback. Please continue to share your thoughts in writing or in person with anyone on the committee (Jane Rozmiarek, Sean Whalen, Raelyn Harman, Bruce Gillette and Karen Wong).

We've also approved plans for a new photo directory-be sure to sign up for your pictures! - as well as fundraising efforts to support Feed My Starving Children and the summer Youth Mission Trip.

We continue to keep a careful eye on church finances, and we are working on creative ways to encourage planned giving and alternative forms of payments.

We are always open to hearing from you. Please keep us in your prayers as your church leaders.

Blessings, Your Overbrook Church Leaders

Jeff Bowker, Rachel Carnahan, Edelene Carroll, Kevin Davis, Sara Davis, Bruce and Carolyn Gillette, Raelyn Harman, Bob Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deb Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Kate Shackelford, Sean Whalen, Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

Congregational Life



The purpose of the Congregational Life Committee (CLC) is to develop a sense of community among the OPC community by planning, executing and/or provide support for church-wide events that in general are related to hospitality. The work of CLC must be done in an inclusive, flexible manner allowing all church members and friends to give input, participate and contribute.

The committee members currently are: Artia Benjamin, Raelyn Harman, Sharon Parker, Aimerie Scherluebbe, LaToya Richie, and Amarilis Stricker and heavily relies on people who volunteer for specific tasks on as needed.

An example of the activities in which the CLC is involved: Coffee Hour, Christmas Eve Dinner, College and 12th Grade Students Luncheon, Game Nights, Gingerbread House Decorating on Christmas Eve, Narberth Community Theater Concessions, OPC Talks and Walks, Oral History Project, All-Church Photo Directory, Prayer Breakfasts, Retired Person's Café and Vesper Simple Suppers. For more information about CLC, to give input and/or feedback, to find out how to get involved in one of the activities listed above or suggest another activity, please contact either of the Co-Chairpersons, Raelyn Harman (c: 610-331-8972, raelynkay@aol.com) or Artia Benjamin (c: 215-266-8758; NewLife5125@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you!



Coffee Hour for May

May 6-The Whalen Family
May 13-Lainie Blodgett, Leah Mayne, Judy Williamson
May 20-New Member Committee
May 27-TBD

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.



The production of a **NEW OPC CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY** is underway. You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography session, right here at OPC. Everyone who gets their photo taken will get a free photo directory and a free 8x10 photo.

Photography Dates: June 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th.

To schedule your appointment, visit our website (www.overbrookpresb.org) and click on the Sign-Up Now link on our home page or stop by the sign-up table before or after worship every Sunday through June 3rd or call Raelyn at 610-331-8972 for assistance. The sooner you make your appointment the more options you have for available time slots. Our goal is to include 100% of OPC members and friends. Everyone loves their photo directory!

Mission and Outreach



The Mission & Outreach Committee is so grateful to all of you! With your help we raised over \$2,000 at the Hootenanny for Hunger and we shared some delicious food and good times as we square danced, snaked around the church, and learned the Virginia Reel. Some of the kids preferred a game of high stakes poker. The silent auction had an outstanding selection of items, including a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Nancy Gilhool. A good time was had by all and it all went to support Feed My Starving Children. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success!

The Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack was held April 28. We put your donations to good use and packed all day to make meals for starving children all over the world. Hundreds of children will see improved health and avoid starvation because of you! It is not too late to give. We will continue collecting until the end of June and we will share an update on fundraising and the mobilepack in the next newsletter.

Overbrook Presbyterian Church does an outstanding job with our own coffee hour, so we are taking coffee hour to the Welcome Church on May 6. The Welcome Church is an outdoor service near Logan Circle for the homeless. We will serve hot coffee and some nutritious food to help out our neighbors downtown.

Coming up in June we will be collecting items for Comfort Cases. We have duffel bags that we will give to foster children, so they can carry their belongings in something other than garbage bags. Watch out for more details on this upcoming collection.

You have blessed us with your generosity of time, money, spirit and ideas. Thank you to all of you who support our missions.



An Overbrook prayer shawl ministry is now forming to create handmade shawls and lap throws to provide comforting gifts from the church to those for whom we are praying. Prayer is an important part of this ministry: prayer for God's comfort to those in need, and prayer for God's blessing on the work of our hands. As each shawl is completed we lay hands upon it and pray for God's blessing upon its recipient.

Anyone who now has handwork skills such as knitting, crocheting, weaving or quilting OR anyone who wishes to learn these skills is invited to join the group. Simple lap looms will be available to anyone who would like to be a part of the group but find the idea of learning to knit or crochet challenging.

Initially, a daytime group will meet twice a month at the church for about ninety minutes of communal prayer and work. A beautiful liturgy provides two periods of silent work, as well as time for supporting one another, remembering those for whom we pray, and asking for God's blessing.

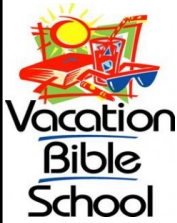
It is important to have a supply of shawls/throws ready on short notice. Perhaps an evening group can form for people who cannot come during the day. And, even if you cannot attend a meeting, your handwork is greatly needed. For more information please contact Mary Lou Ryce at 410-370-4211 or Marylou.ryce@gmail.com.

Save
the
Date

Spring
Women's
Dining
Circle
Event

Friday, June 8th at 6:30 pm at the home of Janet Bowker, 6492 Sherwood Road. This is always a special evening because we will be supporting our own kids who will be going on the Summer Mission Trip. Your invite will be arriving in your inbox in a couple of weeks, but mark your calendar now!

Christian Education



Vacation Bible School

Our theme for Vacation Bible School this year is "God's Wonderful Welcome," and our Bible stories, songs and activities will focus on welcome stories from the Bible. VBS will be Sunday, July 8 - Thursday, July 12, 2018, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Supper will be included. VBS is for children ages Pre-K through 5th grade. Youth may serve as helpers, and there will be an adult class during VBS as well. Please pick up a VBS registration form on the table outside the church office. Thank you.



Confirmation Sunday

Join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 when members of the Confirmation Class will be received into church membership. This is a joyful time for students who are professing their faith and joining Overbrook Church. Join us as we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church on Pentecost and God's gift of faith and church membership to our youth

Bibles for Second Graders

Overbrook Church second graders will receive their Bibles on Sunday, June 3, during the worship service. At this time when many students are learning the joy of reading, the church supports them and their families in their faith by giving each one a beautifully illustrated *Contemporary English Bible* that is at an age-appropriate reading level. Each student will also receive a booklet designed especially for second graders about how to read the Bible and where to find favorite Bible stories.



Summer Break Last Day of Sunday School: Please note that our last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, June 10.



Youth Group in May:

Sunday, May 20 - Youth Group Meeting with pizza - from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., followed by discussion activity and recreation.



Youth Mission Trip Car Wash

Overbrook Youth will be having a car wash on Saturday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The Car Wash will benefit this summer's youth mission trip to West Virginia. All youth, whether they are participating in the mission trip or not, are encouraged to help out with this mission fundraiser. All Overbrook car owners: Please stop by the church and support our youth, and enjoy a clean, newly washed car.



Youth Mission Trip Planning Meetings

Fifteen students and five adults are planning to go on the Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia this summer from August 4 - 11. Please keep this group in your prayers in the coming months of planning and preparation. There will be several meetings in the late Spring and summer. These meetings will be on June 3, July 1 and July 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Forums in May: The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Join us on Sunday mornings starting at 9:15 a.m. in the McMillan Chapel for a new Sunday Forum series. This six-session small group Bible study which captures live and unscripted conversations between Tim Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity. In his *New York Times* bestselling book *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller established himself as a modern-day C. S. Lewis who brings together faith and intellect, theology and popular culture, modern-day objections and historic Christian beliefs. Now fans of the *New York Times* bestseller can find resources to help them engage with those same objections, drawing on recent scholarship and debates. LaToya Richie will be the discussion leader for this series. LaToya hopes to unfold the beauty that lies in God's Divinity as well as His mystery through study and community. She is a fan of Timothy Keller's many publications but especially *The Reason for God*.

Sessions include:

1. Isn't the Bible a Myth?
2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God?
3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?
4. Why Does God Allow Suffering?
5. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?
6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?



Fellowship



Please save the date: Saturday, May 12, 9:30-11:00 AM will be the Spring Prayer Breakfast! In addition to the fine breakfast buffet, fellowship, and shared devotions, a plant sale will bring an added touch of spring. While there is no charge for breakfast, a free will offering basket will be available. Proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar in support of vocational ministry for women. Please sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship...all are welcome! All who would like to share a favorite breakfast casserole, or assist with meal preparation, are encouraged to contact Sharon Parker at 267-292-5628, or by email: (sparker614@gmail.com.)



R.P.M. (Retired Person's Ministry) Museum Adventures: Thursday, May 17. All OPC members and friends "of a certain age" are invited to enjoy a museum morning on May 17. R.P.M. has received tickets to 4 different Philadelphia museums: The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Academy of Natural Sciences, the National Constitution Center, and Bartram's Gardens. The number of tickets per museum varies...so all who are interested in enjoying a museum trip are asked to indicate your first two museum choices. Every effort will be made to assure that you have a wonderful day at an interesting site. Participants will meet in the Chapel at 9:00 AM for a Continental Breakfast prior to our 9:30 AM departure. If you would like to join the Museum Adventure...if you are able to drive yourself and several others to your destination...please contact Sharon Parker at 267-292-5628, or by email: sparker614@gmail.com. Please respond by May 8. R.P.M. is a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee; there is no cost to participate.



The Mens' Group will meet again on Saturday, May 5, at the church at 8:00. We will chat over bagels and coffee for a half hour and then enjoy a more structured program (topic to-be-named-later) for an hour. Keep an ear out for the topic. All are welcome, bring a friend.

Community



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, along with Larry Farmbry will be sponsoring a "Shredding Event" in the OPC parking lot on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. til noon



"A House Divided" - Up Next at Overbrook Presbyterian Church on May 4,5,6 and 11,12 presented by Narberth Community Theatre. If anyone is interested in seeing this play please see Jeff Bowker for your tickets. Proceeds of tickets sales will go to support OPC's general budget. Tickets are \$20.00/each.



The Farmers Market is Back! Begins May 26th

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.

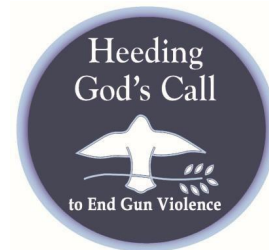
Look for:

- ◆ 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

May 6-Main Line Gun Violence Awareness Day: "The Souls: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence," including a powerful portrait of James Walke III (son of Yullia and Leonard Robbins) will be at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, May 6, 5:30 p.m. Read more about the painting, "That Smile at:

<https://www.soulshotportraitproject.org/#/weite/>



Deacons



5/3	Gail Kaercher	5/20	Nancy Gilhool
5/4	Andrea McGhee		Becky Lazo
5/5	Kristan Davis	5/21	John Baker
	Valerie Coursen	5/24	Alice Wilson
5/8	Dick Williamson	5/25	Scott Mayne
5/11	Bob Harden, Sr.	5/27	Bob Harden, Jr.
	Bob Kothari	5/28	Carolyn Gillette
5/12	Caroline Skinner	5/30	Keedra Carroll
	Jane Krumrine	5/31	Guy Stanley
5/13	Daniel Biedermann		
5/17	Nora Whalen		
5/18	Emily Partridge		
5/19	Kendi Long		

Prayer List

- ◆ Family of Deborah Savage Schuhl as they prepare for Deborah's funeral service - May 5.
- ◆ Family of Spencer Robinson, Spencer died last week.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is recovering from a stroke.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillion's sister, having health issues.
- ◆ Ed Harvey recovering from surgery. He welcomes prayers by his church family and phone calls to his home, 215-871-0858.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆ Ken Carroll is undergoing radiation treatment
- ◆ Thomas James, father of Savannah England (formerly Anna Lemley) is battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter having health concerns
- ◆ Lynda Johnson having health concerns
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues



Remember to Sign the Prayer Cards:

These cards are located on the raised table in the Wistar Morris Room. We ask all church members and friends to please sign these cards before or after worship each Sunday.

"You were remembered this Sunday in the prayers of the people of the Overbrook Church in Philadelphia" is the message found on prayer cards. Please contact our pastors or church office if you would like us to send a prayer card to someone.

Please contact Pastors Bruce or Carolyn to add names or concerns to this list. Bruce and Carolyn can be reached by email, cell phone, or by leaving a message in the Church Office, or by speaking with one of them in person.



Deborah Savage Schuhl memorial service will be held Saturday May 5th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. A luncheon will be provided after in the Wistar Morris Room.

Pastoral CARE

Pastoral Care & Feedback

Welcome: We are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. We welcome visiting people in their homes, at work, in the hospital and at the church. We welcome the opportunity to bring home communion to anyone who would like to receive the sacrament.

Please contact us by email or phone: pastors@overbrookpresb.org, bruce@overbrookpresb.org or carolyn@overbrookpresb.org or call us (Office: 215-877-2744 or Bruce's Cell: 302-528-1796 or Carolyn's Cell: 302-528-1797) if you, or someone you know, would like a visit from an Overbrook pastor. Your ideas, feedback and prayers help us all serve better together. See our contact information above so we can have a conversation with you soon. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette



Many thanks to my church friends, the congregation and the staff of OPC for their notes, letters, and flowers these past few months. I have appreciated them very much. -Ellen Burr

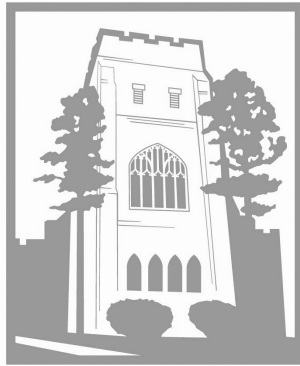


Congregational Picnic-Sunday, June 10th- following worship. There will be food, fellowship, music and games.



On April 15 we received four new members into our Overbrook Church Family. A warm welcome is extended to Nancy Elmore, Irma Mae Leskin, Marlin Newsome, and Mary Lou Ryce.

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Church Office Hours


Mon., Wed., & Fri.
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tues., & Thurs.
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Connect with Us		Stewardship	
 <p>We have a new member/friend database called Realm. This database will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other and keep up with what's going on here at OPC. Over the next several weeks, we will be getting ready to launch this program to the congregation. An email invitation will be sent to all members/friends to join the Realm community. Please make sure that the office has your most current email address because you don't want to miss this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions or want to know more about Realm please feel free to contact either Lisa or Carol in the office and they will be more than happy to assist. -Lisa Faso and Carol Rozimarek</p>	 <p>ICE CREAM SUNDAES! FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! Come one and all to the OVERBROOK ICE CREAM SOCIAL Friday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Here's the deal: \$5/person or \$20 for family of four or more. You get to make your own sundae, have fun with party games AND help support this summer's youth mission trip to West Virginia.</p> <p>Tickets will be on sale during Coffee Hour on April 29, May 6 and May 13 and at the door. If you cannot make it but would like to support the cause, please see a friend on the Stewardship Committee: Keedra Carroll, Davorka Sabljak, Will Schick, Jason Sheau, Amarilis Stricker and Karen Wong See you there!</p>		
Worship			
<p><u>May 6, 2018</u> 6th Sunday of Easter John 15:9-17 Preaching: Pastor Carolyn Gillette Lay Leader: Becky Lazo</p>	<p><u>May 13, 2018</u> 7th Sunday of Easter John 17:6-19 Preaching: Pastor Bruce Gillette Lay Leader: Trudy Sheau</p>	<p><u>May 20, 2018</u> Pentecost Sunday John 15:26-27 Preaching: Pastor Carolyn Gillette Lay Leader: Bob Harden, Jr.</p>	<p><u>May 27, 2018</u> Trinity Sunday John 3:1-17 Preaching: Pastor Bruce Gillette Lay Leader: Aimerie Schlerluebbe</p>

May 2018

Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Invite your Friends, Neighbors, and Co-workers to our times of Learning,
Worship, Fellowship and Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 May 20 Pentecost		1 1:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee	2 10:30AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Property Committee	3 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM Congregational Life Committee 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Group 11:00 AM Deborah Savage Schuhl Funeral
6 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Junior Choir 10:30AM Worship Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM New Members Committee 2:00 PM Dennis Elwell Organ Recital 3:00 PM Welcome Church	7	8 7:00 PM Session	9 10:30AM Bible Study	10 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee-Karen Wong's home	11	12 9:30 AM Prayer Breakfast
13 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Junior Choir 10:30AM Worship Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	14	15 7:00 PM Urban Suburban Book Club	16 10:30AM Bible Study	17 6:15PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30 PM-Ice Cream Social hosted by Stewardship Committee	19
20 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Junior Choir 10:30AM Worship Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Christian Education Committee 5:30 PM Youth Group	21	22	23 10:30AM Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:30AM Worship Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	28  Memorial Day	29 6:00 PM Shelter Meal	30 10:30AM Bible Study	31	Coming up next month: ♦June 2-Women's Retreat ♦June 8-Women's Dining Circle ♦June 10-Last Day of Sunday School ♦June 10- Deacons' Annual Picnic	

Prayers for May

For Families (Mothers' Day is May 13)

Eternal God, our creator,
you set us to live in families.
We commend to your care
all the homes where your people live.
Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness,
from the thirst for personal victory,
and from pride in self.
Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge,
moderation, patience, and godliness.
Knit together in enduring affection
those who have become one in marriage.
Let children and parents have full respect for one
another;
and light the fire of kindness among us all,
that we may show affection for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pentecost is May 20

God, our creator,
as in the beginning you formed us out of the dust of
the earth
and breathed us into life,
so now, by your Spirit, breathe into us new life.
As at Pentecost your Spirit fell upon waiting
disciples,
and empowered them as your faithful witnesses,
now, by your Spirit, fill us with joy and boldness.
May the power of your Spirit transform us,
the prompting of your Spirit lead us,
and the gifts of your Spirit mark our lives,
now and forever. Amen.

New Members (New Members Join May 20)

Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw
people to faith,
and welcome them into the church family.
May we show your joy by embracing new brothers
and sisters,
who with us believe and with us will work to serve
you. Keep us close together in your Spirit,
breaking bread in faith and love,
one with Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.

For Nature

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
for the beauty of earth and sky and sea;
for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers;
for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.
We praise you for these good gifts,
and pray that we may safeguard them for our
posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow
in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation,
to the honor and glory of your name,
now and forever. Amen.

Memorial Day is May 28

We give you thanks, O God,
for all who have fought the good fight, finished their
race, and kept the faith, and for those dear to us
who are at rest with you. . . .
Grant us grace to follow them
as they followed Christ.
Bring us, with them, to those things
which no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
which you have prepared for those who love you.
To your name,
with the church on earth and church in heaven,
we ascribe all honor and glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

For Those Suffering from Addictions

O blessed Jesus,
you ministered to all who came to you.
Look with compassion upon all who through
addiction
have lost their health and freedom.
Restore to them the assurance
of your unfailing mercy;
remove the fears that attack them;
strengthen them in the work of their recovery;
and to those who care for them,
give patient understanding and persevering love;
for your mercy's sake. Amen.

For Graduates

Eternal God,
in your will our lives are lived,
and by your wisdom truth is found.
We pray for graduates who finish a course of study,
and move on to something new.
Take away anxiety or confusion of purpose,
and give them confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and given to neighbors in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Church Meeting

Eternal God, you called us to be a special people,
to preach the gospel and show mercy.
Keep your Spirit with us as we meet together,
so that in everything we may do your will.
Guide us lest we stumble or be misguided by our
own desires. May all we do be done
for the reconciling of the world,
for the upbuilding of the church,
and for the greater glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Prayers from the Book of Common Worship/Daily
Prayer of the Presbyterian Church (USA).*