



**Overbrook**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2024

## NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

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### Dear OPC Saints,

During the month of October, OPC will again celebrate a Season of Creation. Beginning with the Feast of St Francis on October 4th, we will spend four Sundays to reflect on God's creation, to rejoice in its beauty, and to commit ourselves to protecting it. This ecumenical movement spans across denominations, with Christians from all corners of the world joining together in prayer, worship, and action.

The Season of Creation began in 1989 when the Orthodox Church proclaimed September 1st as a day of prayer for the environment. It has since grown into an ecumenical movement embraced by various Christian traditions, including the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Reformed churches, among many others. The movement seeks to deepen our understanding of God's creation and our role as stewards of the Earth.

### Why Should We Celebrate?

#### 1. A Call to Stewardship

Throughout the Bible, we see a clear mandate for humans to care for creation. From the opening chapters of Genesis, where God entrusts Adam and Eve with the care of the garden, to the Psalms that sing of the beauty of creation, Scripture reminds us that the Earth is a gift from God. By celebrating the Season of Creation, we reconnect with our biblical calling to be responsible stewards, safeguarding the environment for future generations.

#### 2. A Time for Reflection and Repentance

The Season of Creation also offers a moment for repentance. As we witness the impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, and loss of biodiversity, we are reminded of the ways humanity has harmed the Earth. This season encourages us to reflect on our own actions, seek forgiveness, and commit to changing the way we live to honor God's creation.

#### 3. Solidarity with the Global Church

When we participate in the Season of Creation, we join millions of Christians around the world who are united in their commitment to ecological justice. In many parts of the world, communities are already feeling the harsh effects of environmental neglect. Through prayer, worship, and action, we stand in solidarity with those who are vulnerable to these crises and advocate for a world where God's creation is cherished and preserved.

#### 4. Celebrating the Creator

Finally, this season is a celebration of God the Creator. As we reflect on the beauty of the world around us—the forests, oceans, animals, and skies—we are reminded of God's boundless creativity and love. The Season of Creation invites us to worship with gratitude and awe for the wonders of the world God has made.

The Season of Creation is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to God's creation, to listen for the Spirit's guidance in how we care for the world, and to act in faith alongside our global siblings. I look forward to celebrating another Season of Creation with you!

grace + peace  
*Adam Hearlson*

## In the Spirit at Overbrook...

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

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

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

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

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

## Cooking in Community

**Cooking in Community: Friday, October 4, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Overbrook has a new partner church!** Christ's Community Church, a PC-USA congregation in Drexel Hill, has welcomed us to use their kitchen for community cooking the **first Friday** of each month. We are now able to restore a treasured part of our OPC food ministry, and again supply meals for our homebound members and those in need of assistance. Members from our host church join us in this collaborative morning of fellowship and service, and supply us with all of the needed equipment for meal preparation. OPC brings the ingredients and the gratitude.

On **Friday, October 4**, we will be making 50–60 containers of soup and servings of cornbread for *Caring for Friends*, a food delivery ministry for the homebound elderly and those facing food scarcity. If you would like to be part of the OPC *Cooking in Community* crew on **Friday, October 4, 9:00–Noon**, please email Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) We're hoping to field a team of six–eight chefs each month. All supplies and ingredients will be provided; carpooling can be arranged. Christ's Community Church is located 9 minutes from Overbrook, at 337 Riverview Avenue, Drexel Hill (corner of Riverview and Garrett Road). All are welcome!



## Adult Forum Zooms into Fall!

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

**Tuesday, October 22 and 29, 7:00–8:00 PM. Faith Without Borders.** Please join us as we read, hear, and respond to first person accounts of migration at the southern border of the United States. Most especially, be part of the discernment and deliberation...*What can we do to ease the suffering, to welcome the stranger?* Jim McDaniel and Sharon Parker will serve as facilitators. A literature resource file will be accessible to all on October 15.

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

## Mission & Outreach

On **Saturday, October 19**, Overbrook Presbyterian has a wonderful opportunity to help our neighbors in the Haddington section of Philadelphia by participating in Rebuilding Together Philadelphia's block build. Rebuild's mission: "We provide free home repairs for low-income homeowners in Philadelphia, with a focus on health, safety and energy efficiency." ([Rebuilding website](#))



The Mission and Outreach committee is looking for 8 people to form an OPC team. The commitment is from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM on October 19. Youth (14+) are welcome. Please [sign up here](#) or contact [Jeff Bowker](#) (215) 837-2426 if you would like more information.



### October Volunteer Opportunities

On **Saturday, October 5**, come join the fun at *Books Through Bars* as OPC helps to fulfill requests from the incarcerated for reading material. We meet to carpool at the OPC parking lot at 1:00 PM and return there by 4:00 PM. As one of our participants said, "It's the easiest mission opportunity ever." Contact [Janet Bowker](#) if you want to learn more.

**Monday, October 21**, is the next opportunity to provide breakfast items for the Norristown Hospitality Center. This month's menu is turkey sausage and oatmeal, fruit and water. Add one or two of these items to your grocery cart and bring them to church on Sunday, October 20 or meet Earl Lindgren in the OPC parking lot at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 21. What could be easier? You can sign up with this [link](#).



On **Tuesday, October 29**, OPC, under the guidance of Nancy Gilhool, will prepare dinner for the residents of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. If you can shop or chop, stir, open a can, or perform any other culinary activity, you are needed! Stay tuned for where and when; please contact [Nancy](#) to let her know of your interest.

Do you have an hour or two weekly to read to a child? The City of Philadelphia Office of Family and Children is bringing Philly Reading Coaches to Samuel Gompers and Overbrook Education Center in October. **PHILLY READING COACHES (PRC)** is a program that combines early reading support, access to books, and community volunteers to boost reading skills for our city's children.



*"The program works by pairing trained volunteers with young students – kindergarten through 3rd grade, and by providing fun and child-guided reading experiences that help build reading skills and motivation. Each child in the program also receives 25 free books to take home."*

Want to learn more? Please contact [Janet Bowker](#).

### MISSION UPDATES

**The Women's Dining Circle** celebration of its 15th anniversary on September 20 was nothing short of amazing. With our largest attendance ever (51), we gathered in support of [Urban Promise](#). Our UP speaker, Monique Gallard, and OPC's Aria Fiorillo, Hannah Lazo and Nina Bowser told of the work which they did during their week-long mission trip this summer. The event collected \$1,895 which will be matched with funds from the Mission and Outreach budget for a total donation of \$3,790. Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously and to Jane Rozmiarek who graciously opened her doors to WDC.

On **Saturday, September 28**, OPC volunteers helped to staff the **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** on Washington Avenue. Assembling furniture, sorting merchandise—no job was too big or too small for the mighty OPC team.

We encourage you to look over the many volunteer mission opportunities listed, and to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of any OPC team.

# Congregational Life

## Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are grateful for all those who have hosted in September. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host in October. If you would like an opportunity to practice hospitality and kindness toward one another or celebrate a special event, please sign up to be a Fellowship Hour host. We still need your help.

There are several ways to help:

- Be a host – bring the food
- Set up before service – arrive at 10:30 AM to help the host
- Clean up after Fellowship Hour – help the host

Just fill out the SignUp Genius. Here's the link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship)



Hosts provide 150 bites of food. Keep the selection of food simple. Handheld food only. Example: one fresh selection (such as a bag of Cuties); one gluten-free option; enough other snacks to fill 10 to 15 small trays. Hosts **do not have to provide** table covers, plates, cups, trays or utensils. Hosts **do not have to set up or break down the tables and chairs**.

If you have any questions, please contact Artia Benjamin ([clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org)). You will receive a reminder email from the SignUp Genius application. Please provide your email and phone number when you sign up. We will send you the Fellowship Hour Tips and guidelines document. "Let brotherly love continue".



## The Coffee Ministry

With the return of the coffee ministry, let's practice being more planet friendly and personalize your coffee experience by bringing your own coffee mug.

**World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2024**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Congregational Life Committee will be hosting Fellowship Hour, but we would appreciate donations of handheld snacks from different cultures from the congregation.

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



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

## Available Dates to Host Fellowship Hour

If you would like an opportunity to practice hospitality and kindness toward one another or celebrate a special event. Please sign up to be a Fellowship Hour host. We still need your help.

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| • November 3, 2024  |  | • November 17, 2024 |
| • November 10, 2024 |  | • November 24, 2024 |



## Retired Person's Ministry (RPM)

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

RPM has returned to our neighboring congregation, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, on the **second** and **fourth** Fridays of each month. The **second Friday** will be reserved for small group interest sessions; the **fourth Friday** will be the *RPM Community Café*, a mutual ministry of OPC and AECST. Please save the following dates. For further information regarding RPM programs, please contact Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

#### **Friday, October 11. 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. Fitness and Fellowship.**

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

**Friday, October 25. 11:30 AM–1:00 PM. The RPM Café,** Anderson Hall, African Episcopal Church of St Thomas  
The great chefs of OPC are planning the menu of the day which will feature a soup and salad buffet, fresh fruit, desserts, and a choice of beverages. All are welcome to enjoy the meal and our special program. Our presenter will be Dan Milloy, Outreach and Engagement Manager for the Senior Medicare Patrol of the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly. Dan will help us to be aware of the escalating trends in scamming that often target elder members of the community. The RPM Café is a Parish Care Ministry; there is no cost to participate. Responses are appreciated. RSVP (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) by October 23. All are welcome!

## Blessing of the Animals



We will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, October 6 at 5:00 PM**. This joint service between OPC and Penn Wynne Presbyterian will be held on the lawn at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church. We invite all beloved companions—whether they bark, meow, sing, wiggle, or slither. If your pet is unable to travel, feel free to bring a picture of them. Favorite stuffed animals are also welcome!

## Walking with Spirit

### **Walking with Spirit: Saturday, October 12, 9:30 AM**

Smedley Park, 20 Papermill Road, Springfield, PA 19064 (Papermill Road intersects Baltimore Pike)

All are welcome to join us for our first ramble along the Crum Creek in Smedley Park. The fully accessible trails showcase the scenic beauty of the Crum Creek woodlands that connect Swarthmore and Springfield. In addition to experiencing God's gifts of nature during the Season of Creation, we'll also have an opportunity to learn about the perseverance of early settlers to this region. Walkers will “discover” the cave in which Jane Lownes and her four children took shelter during the winter of 1685. The Lownes family became the first European descent settlers of Springfield. Please come walk, wonder, and discover with us. All ages are welcome! Carpooling can be arranged from the OPC parking lot. For further information, or to join a carpool, please contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

## Stained Glass Imagining

The Stained-Glass Committee needs your input. The committee has begun to imagine a new stained-glass window exploring the diversity of God's kingdom. What might the idea of diversity look like in a stained-glass window? Can you think of a favorite Bible story or passage from scripture that would offer a talented glass artist the opportunity to express diversity in a window?

Help us imagine it! Contact Peter Seidel at [stainedglass@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:stainedglass@overbrookpresb.org), 610-896-3677, or find him at Fellowship Hour on Sunday to talk in person.



## Youth Ministry

**On Saturday, September 7th:** Galina Whipple, Zubin Fiorillo, Hannah Lazo, Sarah Whalen, Nina Bowser, Aria Fiorillo, Wes Jennings and Nathan Lazo along with Becky Lazo, Virginia Jennings, Mads Cosgriff, Suchita Fiorillo and Artia Benjamin attended Urban Promise's Community Day! We helped with the set-up and cleanup of the event. OPC sponsored and served water ice.

**On Friday, September 20th:** At the 15th Anniversary of Women's Dining Circle Monique Gallard, Director of Institutional Giving from Urban Promise, was the guest speaker. Aria Fiorillo, Nina Bowser and Hannah Lazo attended and told the diners about their rewarding experiences with working with Urban Promise.

**Friday, September 27th:** We celebrated the start of another fantastic school year with our middle and high schoolers in the basement at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday, September 29:** We had our second Youth Sunday this year! The youth participated in all parts of the worship service. Thank you to participants: Nina Bowser, Aria Fiorillo, Nieve Clifford, Grace Underwood, Penelope Jennings, Blake Hotek, Anya Brown, Solly Brown, Claire Underwood and Rachel Underwood.



### Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday School Teachers Needed

Do you have a passion for guiding and inspiring the next generation? We are looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers to teach Sunday School for our middle and high school students. This is an exciting opportunity to make a lasting impact on young lives by helping them grow in their faith and navigate life's challenges.

- **Why Volunteer?**
  - Make a Difference: Shape the spiritual growth of our youth
  - Build Relationships: Connect with students in a meaningful way.
  - Grow Spiritually: Teaching others can deepen your own faith journey.
  - Supportive Environment: Resources and training will be provided.
- **Who We're Looking For**
  - People with a heart for youth and a desire to mentor and guide.
  - No formal teaching experience is required—just a love for God and a willingness to serve.
- **Time Commitment**
  - Sunday mornings during our regular worship services.
  - Preparation time during the week (lesson will be provided every Tuesday via email)

Please note that all volunteers must have their clearances completed. Details on how to complete clearances are on the sign-up genius or follow the link to the clearance instructions- <https://tinyurl.com/mt72ntv2>.

If you're ready to invest in the spiritual development of our middle and high school students, follow the link to the sign-up genius Youth Sunday School Teacher Sign Up. Any questions, please see Corinna Bowser ([corinnabowser@gmail.com](mailto:corinnabowser@gmail.com)). Together, we can help our youth grow in faith and purpose!

Look for communication about the youth going to Kensington Project on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**.

For more information about the OPC Youth Ministry contact us at [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org).

## 50 Years of Child Care

While some of you might not know **Connie Moran**, anyone who has brought their child to the nursery certainly remembers her. Connie has been working in the OPC nursery for the last 50 years – caring for generations of our littlest ones. OPC would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Connie for 50 years of care and devotion. Here's to many more years together!

## Children & Family Ministry

### THE SUNDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE IN OCTOBER

#### Children's Sunday School

Held on Sundays, October 13th, 20th, and 27th

Together, we will explore biblical stories, creative responses, contemplative practices, and a service project centered on God's invitation to **"Care for Creation."** Together, we will:

- **Appreciate God's Abundance.** Kids will learn ways to notice and recognize the presence of God throughout God's rich and diverse Creation.
- **Provide Stewardship.** Kids will explore their roles as individuals and community members in tending to and keeping the earth (Genesis 2:15).
- **Share and Restore.** Classes will discover ways kids are sharing the planet responsibly around the world, and partner with the Holy Spirit in healing and sustaining Creation.



Children's Sunday School invites kids to explore their faith and spiritual life among their peers. Classes are offered for children in three age groups to cultivate developmentally conscious learning communities. To participate in our **3–5**, **6–8**, and **9–11** year-old classes, please head to [tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC](https://tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC).

#### Offerings Held Every Sunday in October

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

#### A Note on Ministry Age Groups and Transitions

The transition from Children's to Youth Ministry is an exciting and significant discernment opportunity! But when exactly is the right time to cross this threshold? Everyone is a little bit different. Generally, the CFM recommends **11-year-olds in the 5th grade** utilize our **9–11-year-old Children's Sunday School class** for their capstone experience in the children's ministry. **6th graders who are 11** are welcome to remain in Children's Ministry or explore Youth Ministry.

We encourage open conversations between parents, kids, and ministry leaders to ensure a supportive and personalized transition consider their spiritual and emotional readiness, as well as social comfort, as indicators for knowing when to cross this threshold.

If you have any questions about your child's specific situation, please contact Anthony Carrella ([anthony@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:anthony@overbrookpresb.org)), Artia Benjamin, and Suchita Fiorillo ([youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org)) to set up a conversation.

#### 5-Min Participation Form

Participants with children 0–11 who join us regularly are asked to fill out the CFM Participation Form. It takes five minutes to register the whole family, and ensures leaders offer a safe and tailored experience each week. Forms can be filled out now by visiting [tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC](https://tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC).



## MULTIGENERATIONAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP IN OCTOBER

### Full-Day VBS at Overbrook Presbyterian! Thursday, October 3

Yep, you read that right! Mark your calendars for a special, full-day version of Vacation Bible School held in the fully restored lower level of OPC. Coinciding with Rosh Hashanah, this day will be filled with creative learning and play opportunities for children aged **3–11**. Limited space is available, particularly in our **9–11-year-old** group, so learn more and secure your spot at [tinyurl.com/Full-Day-VBS](https://tinyurl.com/Full-Day-VBS). Youth counselors **13+** are welcome to volunteer and will receive up to **10 hours** of community service credit. To volunteer, please register via the link above.



### Contemplative Caregiver Reflection Group

Are you a parent, grandparent, or caregiver seeking a monthly opportunity to explore the dimensions of caregiving? Starting in October, join fellow travelers on Wednesday evenings to connect with the Holy Spirit and each other through spiritual reading, contemplative practices, and creative response. Over a light meal, we'll co-create a safe and welcoming space to navigate the joys, challenges, and profound insights that emerge when caring for others. In 2024, we will pull insights from *Bless This Mess* by Rev. Molly Baskette and Ellen O'Donnell, Ph.D. In 2025, participants will explore a compilation of Henri Nouwen's writings published under the title *The Spirituality of Caregiving*. No matter where you are on your path, you're invited to be part of this community of fellow travelers as we learn from and with each other. Childcare is available so that all can participate and commit fully. If this opportunity speaks to you, we'd love you to express your interest. Reach out to Anthony Carrella and Molly Burke at [cfm@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:cfm@overbrookpresb.org) to learn more. All are welcome.



### RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

- **Ministry Updates** 📅
- **Forms and Documents** 📄
- **Serve and Offer** ❤️
- **Resources** that support spiritual life, theological education, and child development as your family deepens its journey in faith 📖
- **Contacts and Ministry Directory** 📁

We look forward to a month filled with growth, learning, and spiritual enrichment. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's participation, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings,

Anthony, Molly, and The Children and Family Ministry Team



## Ongoing Weekly Events

### Every Tuesday

- Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. 7:30 AM. Online. Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4>–Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

### Every Wednesday

- Centering Prayer. 9:30 AM. Temple Beth Hillel–Beth El.
- Bible Study. 10:30 AM. Temple Beth Hillel–Beth El.

### 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](mailto:music@overbrookpresb.org)).

## Committee Information

Committee Name	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music <a href="mailto:worship@overbrookpresb.org">worship@overbrookpresb.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 PM*	Pat Dillon
Deacons <a href="mailto:deacons@overbrookpresb.org">deacons@overbrookpresb.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:30 PM*	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach <a href="mailto:mission@overbrookpresb.org">mission@overbrookpresb.org</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 1:00 PM	Jeff Bowker
Finance <a href="mailto:finance@overbrookpresb.org">finance@overbrookpresb.org</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00 PM*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family Ministry (CFM) <a href="mailto:cfm@overbrookpresb.org">cfm@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Molly Andrews Burke
Personnel <a href="mailto:personnel@overbrookpresb.org">personnel@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Property <a href="mailto:property@overbrookpresb.org">property@overbrookpresb.org</a>	Last Wednesday 7:00 PM*	Jeff Bowker
Stewardship <a href="mailto:stewardship@overbrookpresb.org">stewardship@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Keedra Carroll
Congregational Life <a href="mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org">clc@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming <a href="mailto:welcoming@overbrookpresb.org">welcoming@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth Ministry <a href="mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org">youth@overbrookpresb.org</a>	TBD	Artia Benjamin Suchita Fiorillo
An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.		

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!**

10/1.....Elizabeth Bouzarth  
Johanna Gosfield

10/3.....Hannah Lazo  
Jackie Parker  
Diana Sigler

10/4.....Judy Moroz  
Claire Underwood

10/7.....Diane Thompson

10/8.....Emily Amerman

10/9.....Amanda Duckworth  
Colleen Granata

10/10.....Sunanda Charles-  
Brown

10/12.....Matthew Henry  
Serena Hunter  
Kim McDaniel

10/13.....Shanae Bryan  
Saronn Cummings  
Sierra Cummings  
Jack Marshall

10/14.....Lahni Smedley

10/16.....Lisa Faso  
Jane Rozmiarek

10/19.....Jackson Ziemba

10/20.....Melinda Rutan

10/24.....Marlin Newsome

10/25.....Park Mayne

10/27.....Nieve Clifford  
Chris Fay

10/29.....Henry Baker  
CJ von Andreae

10/31.....Virginia Russell  
Karl Thompson

*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](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org).*

**Prayer List**

Prayers of comfort and consolation for Kate Shackelford and all who mourn the loss of her brother, John Shackelford.

Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Denise Stewart as she undergoes knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Prayers for comfort and healing for Kendi Long following a horseback riding accident at college.

Prayers of compassion and comfort for Joan and Jim Moylan who are experiencing health challenges.

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

Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Jim McDaniel's mother, Doris McDaniel, who has entered hospice care at Wesley Inspired Living.

Prayers for comfort and peace for Brad Biedermann's mother, Colleen Granata, who is in hospice care at Saunders House.

Prayers for restoration of health for all who continue to be diagnosed with Covid.

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

Prayers for hope and peace for families in crisis.

Prayers of gratitude for the faith communities that continue to sustain Overbrook during our time of relocation.

Prayers for vision, wisdom, and stamina for all who are leading and supporting the revitalization and restoration efforts at Overbrook.

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